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Lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride. The Cynfell brothers are the very embodiment of a sinful existence. But could the right woman change that?

Pride

The elusive youngest Cynfell is the only bachelor remaining. And Gideon intends to keep it that way. After having first-hand knowledge of just how fragile his parents' marriage was, he isn't interested in women for anything more than a brief dalliance.

However, Cleo Talbot is set to change that.

Friends from childhood, Gideon and Cleo had always enjoyed an easy relationship. Until she became engaged to a fool of a man. Gideon can't help it. He's enraged that she should lower herself to marrying the idiot.

Cleo is hardly pleased to be engaged to Niall Harper either. He's harmless enough, but after saying yes, regret kicks in quickly. Why did she let herself be pushed into such a match? Could ruination really be so bad? And why is Gideon suddenly so interested in her wedding plans?

When it becomes clear that her harmless fiancé is not so innocent after all, Gideon and Cleo must join forces to ensure she's not forced into marrying him. With the help of a person from Gideon's past—one that means he has to acknowledge the lie he's been living—and his brothers, can they bring the criminal to justice or will Gideon and Cleo be left with many regrets, knowing that perhaps they were more than good friends after all?

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Sandra R says

Good writing and I liked the story, but I don't think it captured me as much as the other in the series. It felt a little rushed and I wasn't as engaged with the characters as I usually am. However, I love all this author's books and she is an auto buy for me. 3.5 stars

Amanda says

Another good read

It was quite a conclusion to the seven brothers. I liked the action and the great escape but do wonder what is next.

Ree says

I haven't read all of the books in the series, but all I've read so far have been really good stories.

The brothers are a close-knit, loyal group and each story makes you love them a little more.

Gideon realises - quite late - how beautiful, and perfect for him his former childhood is. After learning that her fiancé is not the man they originally believed he was, he sets out to make sure he gets his girl.

I love friends-to-lovers stories, and I enjoyed that Ms. Holt manages to incorporate the 7 Deadly Sins in the plots with seeming ease.

Cynthia says

I have not read any other books in this series and did not feel lost but does make me want to read the rest. The author gives you a wonderful plot with wonderful characters that is filled with lies, danger, challenges, betrayal, emotional, intriguing, love that is just so sweet with a sinful enrich plot that you will fall in love with. The Cynfell family are a close knit family which support each other and are very loyal bunch. With all Gideon brothers being married he feels left out but he is in no hurry to tie the knot. He does have a dark secret which stands in his way and leaves him feeling more alone. Cleo has always been his friend since childhood they are very close. By the time Gideon decides Cleo is the right woman for him he find another has taken his place leaving him wondering how he can correct this wrong. As his jealous spins his temper raises leaving him trying to save the women he loves.

Cleo's parents wants her to get married but the only man she is interested in isn't interested in her. She becomes engaged to Niall making everything as they know it change and not for the better. Niall is not all the he seem he is a dangerous man which puts Cleo in danger leaving Gideon doing all he can to show her

the kind of man Niall is at the same time that Gideon his self is the right man for her. Once Cleo faces facts she works with Gideon to fight the danger she finds herself in and put an end to the marriage. This does work towards her favor making Gideon finally facing facts that she is and as always been the one for him.

I do think this would have been better if I had started with the first book in the series. I thought the author created very vivid scenes pulling the reader in keeping me very entertained. There were moments I held my breath as the danger comes leaving my heart pounding waiting to see just what else would happen. I enjoy the authors writing style the way she showed how important family really is. I enjoyed the buildup of the romance as well as the down fall of Niall. She pulls on your heart with the very touching love story from friends to more as she spins a compelling story of love and romance. The chemistry between these two is wonderful. What truly makes a wonderful romance is the bickering between the two. It was delightful and at times humorous. The character and the story is very believable the author create a wonderful time frame with true emotions and feeling. I was held spellbound from the first page until the end.

I was provided a complimentary copy of this book from Reading Deals so I could give an honest review

Pam Potter says

I enjoyed this book so much I am going back to read the rest of the series. You've got intrigue, mystery, unrequited love, protectiveness, etc. Then the hero shows up to save the day. Thank goodness the heroine knows how to save herself. This book moves pretty fast and I like that.

Thanks Samatha Holt for another great series I can get into.

I was provided with a complimentary copy of this book, through Reading Deals, so I could give an honest review.

Rozzie says

I have read several of Ms. Samantha Holt's stories enjoying each and every single one of them no matter if they were regency, Scottish fantasy, Viking, paranormal or even contemporary I knew I just had to read this novella. Okay granted I haven't read any of the other books in the Cynfell brothers stories and this is the last one in the series Ms. Holt has a way of writing that instantly draws you in and all the stories in the series can pretty much stand alone so even though I at first felt somewhat disconnected to the male protagonist I think this was mostly my fault since I haven't read any of the other books. Of course this will give me the incentive to go back and read all of them now.

Gideon Cynfell feeling the sting of his parent's discontent with each has avoided women and marriage for most of his life. Gideon always felt apart and disconnected from the rest of the Cynfell brothers even though all the Cynfell brothers were family and stuck together Gideon is still used to keeping to himself. Even though Gideon avoids all women there is one that he doesn't avoid Cleo Talbot, a girl that he has known throughout his whole life. Gideon is used to being her friend until she becomes engaged to a man that Gideon can't tolerate or trust. What is Gideon to do when he decides to save Cleo and his feelings become more than just a friend.

I really liked Gideon and as I stated before that I didn't really connect with him at first but as the novella progressed I did begin to understand him. I think I felt a little sorry for him considering his family situation even with all the brothers extolling some sort of sinful existence there was still something said for all of them

their closeness to one another and their bond as a family really made me take notice. Cleo was a lot of fun and I just totally loved her as an audacious beautiful strong heroine to Gideon's quiet brooding demeanor. I did love their fun friendly relationship and how it grew to so much more. Hopefully Ms. Holt writes about Gideon's parents since their interaction seem to have affected all the brothers. Even with it being a novella I felt the book had a complete story and there wasn't any loose ends left either but I missed a lot of the interactions between all of the brothers since I haven't read the rest of the Cynfell brothers stories which is more my fault than Ms. Holt's I still enjoyed the book rated it four stars and will definitely get more books from Ms. Holt!

Ann (Fanni Ann) says

I'm sad to say we have come to the end of an absolutely brilliant series.
This is the last brothers book and I was riveted from the first to last page.
I only wish that there were more brothers, maybe Samantha could work with a lost sister or we could have holiday specials.

Cindy Woods says

Sweet

This is the last book in a really good series! Too bad these brothers don't have cousins Holt can write about because I hate thus being the last book in the series. This wasn't my favorite, by far, but it's a nice, short story. I would recommend reading the entire series to appreciate this last book.

Devika Fernando says

Another rather short and fast-paced but thoroughly entertaining read from this series. I found it less 'steamy' but as emotional and captivating as the previous volumes. The bit of suspense made it all the more enjoyable to read.

Great to read in one go!

Mary Lou Hoffman says

Title: SINFUL SECRETS

Series: Cynfell Brothers #7

Category /Genre: Historical Romance

Grammar/editing: book received as an unedited ARC / errors excused

Recommended for: 18+ due to sexual content

Received from: Samantha Holt (in exchange for an honest review)

This is the seventh, and final, book in the Cynfell Brothers series. It does stand alone, but I still very much recommend reading them all and in the order of publication.

The seventh deadly sin is Pride – Gideon Cynfell. Gideon's pride has been hurt; some may even say his pride has been tortured and left him feeling alienated and alone. Poor Gideon; I wanted to just hug him and tell him that it's not as bad as he has built it up in his mind to be.

His best friend from childhood is Cleo. Growing up in the country with only boys as neighbors, she was allowed to be a bit of a tomboy until her debutante year. Now, on the verge of being heralded as a spinster, she has instead accepted the proposal of another childhood friend, Niall Harper. Niall seems like the world champion stick-in-the-mud, milquetoast bore of all time, but he has a secret that would bring more scandal to their marriage than being left as a spinster would do to Cleo and her family. Gideon has allowed pride to define him until now, but sometimes jealousy is more powerful and can be a positive force. Ultimately, he has to set aside pride and jealousy in order to secure Cleo's safety and his own.

I love how Samantha Holt writes such different characters. Each has such fully developed personalities. Just thinking the name Niall now gives me the slimy feeling – as it should from this character! Cleo and Gideon are just so right for one another in so many ways that it felt inevitable once he let go and allowed her light to shine on him.

On one hand, I am sad to say good-bye to the Cynfell family; on the other, I am looking forward to what great adventure will next spring from the mind and keyboard of Samantha Holt.

Sydney Walsh says

This story was just as amazing as all the others in this series. This is a standalone but I would read the others in this series to know all the information that is given in these books. It will just make it easier to follow this book's storyline. The love that is found between Gideon and Cleo is amazing. Gideon is the story we have all been waiting for. He is the youngest brother and has been in the books to keep you wanting to know all of their stories. The secret that he has will be something to learn. This secret is just another step for the Cynfell family. The tug of war for Cleo between Gideon and Niall is something to read.

Catnipnd says

I received a free copy of this book for my honest review.

Gideon is the last of the brothers who's felt he was an outsider after discovering a secret when he was young. He's decided he didn't want to get married and risk his heart. He finally notices his childhood friend when the third in the group makes a move for Cleo.

This book is the shortest of the series and seems to be the most rushed in the set; almost as though it was written to finish up the brothers' stories more than a story that needed to be told. Many of the tropes of romance books were used here with somewhat predictable results. A nice quick beach read but nothing really surprising here.

Charline Bonham says

Gideon has no use for marriage since watching his parents unhappy state. All his brothers are married but that not the only reason he feels left out. Cleo's parent want her to marry since she is past her season but the only one offering is not really the right choice but what can she do but accept him? By the time Gideon realizes how important she is to him, she is promised to another. Gideon has to work with his brothers to protect himself and Cleo. I was provided this ebook for an honest review.

Tanya Vought says

I adore this author and these brothers in this series!

Sinful Secrets is sweet, loving, filled with lies, fabulous friends and more that keep you glued to the pages until the very end.

You'll come to love the hero and he'll be your newest book boyfriend! I loved him with the heroine!

And the heroine.. I adored her with the hero!

Trust me, if you've loved other books in this series--you will devour and love this one too!!!

5 stars

Debra says**Always a wonderful treat**

It wonderful if only dreams cafes true which handsome brother would I pick. It would be a pick between Jillian a d Gideon. Oh well that being said enjoy reading the last story in this chapter of the brothers. But not the last book by this writer and for that I'm grateful. Who knows Malik was not so bad maybe she might give him a chance at love. Continue success Samantha and blessing to you and your family. DH from New York City
