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Eloisa James meets E. L. James in Lavinia Kent's deeply sensual Regency romance! Torn between duty and desire, London's most infamous madam fights for a future with the love of her life: an insatiable, ruggedly charming American sailor.

Emma Scanton's grandfather wants her to marry. Though he means well, he has no idea that his sweet, shy granddaughter leads a double life as the proprietress of Madame Rouge's. "Ruby" doesn't mean to disappoint her family—in fact, there's quite a bit about the job she would gladly leave behind—but she cannot bear the thought of losing her most beloved admirer: Captain Derek Price. What would she do without his muscular arms encircling her waist or his rough chin scraping her cheek? No, marriage is out of the question, for Ruby and for Emma.

Beckoned back to England to assume his role as heir to the family fortune, Derek will soon enter into a suitable marriage. But not without one last visit to see Madame Rouge. During the long months away, Derek could only think of Ruby: her luscious lips and cobalt eyes, the swell of her breasts against the bodice of her gown. Derek's rich, attractive fiancée, selected for him by his family, is perfectly lovely. But Derek wants the ravenous, ravishing Ruby . . . for far more than one night.

***Ravishing Ruby* is intended for mature audiences.**

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Ruthie Taylor says

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

This follows on from the novella Revealing Ruby, and it would serve the reader well to read it before this book. It is set many months after the first encounter between Derek Price and Ruby/Emma. I would recommend that you read all the books in order, as they build up the picture of Madame Rouge and her ways.

I really enjoyed this story as the plot developed - the first goodly proportion is hot and steamy, although it failed to move the story forward for me. Once Emma is given an ultimatum by her Grandfather, and with Captain Price also having some pressing issues, it is a fight to get the story turned around before the pages run out ... but Ms Kent knows what she is doing, and even the most cynical of us should enjoy how everything gets tidied up and moved forward. After a number of stories where Ruby is helping solve other people's issues, it was frustrating at times that she took so long to work out her own solution - but at the same time, it did make sense that she wouldn't see the wood for the trees when it came to how to resolve her future plans.

XxTainaxX says

Although the book is very sexy, which by the way is a plus for me, there was just something about Derek and Ruby that didn't really click. Ruby's occupation wasn't all that believable to me. At least under the circumstances that it was presented. Derek didn't seem to consider Ruby a serious possibility until the absolute last second and even then it was barely glossed over so I didn't truly buy in. If you don't expect a lot of character growth and just want to read sexy scenes, it's good.

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

Mariel Hoss says

ARC through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

The continuation of "Revealing Ruby" that hones the focus on the famous Madam Rouge or rather her ton alter-ego: Emma. So, please, read "Revealing Ruby" first so you can get the full effect and a lot of the backstory.

Ravishing Ruby begins 3 months after Revealing Ruby. The affair with Derek is over and he is gone. She misses him but continues to live her life as we have come to know it...with an added wrinkle...apparently Madam Rouge is an alter-ego...she is really a lady of the ton - Emma Scanlon whose "ton" life is still very

much under scrutiny.

Enter hard to please grandparents that demand she maintain respectability (by marrying well) or lose their "affection". With her inside knowledge of the depravities of most of the ton's "eligible" males, she finds that she is longing for her deep connection (though I was skeptical of this as most of Revealing Ruby was lust rather than love) with Derek.

Voila! Derek is back and looking to settle down with a respectable, biddable "ton" wife. Can you see where this is headed now?

So, despite of, or maybe because of the task before both of them, they keep falling into bed together (HOT, HOT, HOT) as a rebellion to what they must do only deepening their connection.

I think the problem for me is that it needed more development & buildup, beyond the bed olympics that seemed to be going on every fourth page. No don't get me wrong...those moments were VERY entertaining and fun to read...

Hot and sexy read.

Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

3 Ravishing Stars.

Finally a complete novel dedicated to the intriguing madam of the series, after giving readers a small taste in an earlier short novella. After so much buildup, there was a lot to live up to in this novel. Was it a success?

Ravishing? Yes.

Ruby? No.

I will admit, I have a love/hate affair with this series. There are elements I absolutely adore, while there are more I don't. I love historical romance, and prefer one that is more character&story-driven, versus insta-love/lust-driven. So keep that in mind during the following review.

In previous books, I loved the underlying story until it became a between-the-sheets-fest that buried the plot underneath the bed. Ravishing Ruby is lacking any and all development & buildup.

Ravishing Ruby begins 3 months after Revealing Ruby. Emma's pining away for Derek as she counsels one of her clients. I was actually interested in his particular story but knew it was just a lead in. In walks Derek, who throws himself because Ruby is touching the hand of said client.

From this point forward, it was most definitely page after page of **Ravishing Ruby**. 2 scenes before the 10% mark. Which leaves little time for the reader to connect to the characters, or understand why they're always 'connected' to each other. This is coming from a reader who also read Revealing Ruby. Unless I read it immediately prior, this story felt instantaneous with no build up. So fast that instead of hot, I felt whiplash.

Narration: Ruby/Emma's narration was more enjoyable to read, because she was more serious and developed in the beginning, then more juvenile and wishy-washy. While, at first, Derek had a one-track mind that left me feeling as he is was written one-dimensional. So I had a hard time buying their intense connection past the shallow lust, because Derek showed no interest in anything but Ruby's 'dumplings' & 'rear view'. Derek says several times over how Emma is not the wh*re Ruby portrays, yet all he sees in her is his sexual fantasies playing out and instant gratification.

Frankly, other than playing together, I felt nothing between these characters, even with a previous novella dedicated to them. As a reader, I was disconnected emotionally. As a female reader, my mind and emotions are connected to the heat source the author is trying to spark in me. With my mind not engaged and not connecting to the characters, none of it came together.

The underlying story itself felt drawn-out and bogged down with repetition. All conflict could have been resolved if the characters didn't drag their feet every step of the way except to the bedroom. The story was the passenger with the lust scenes as the driver.

Even with my critical review, I highly recommend Ravishing Ruby to fans of the Bound & Determined series, who love more smexy than story. If this type of read is your thing, guaranteed it will leave you flushed with delight.

Will I continue on with this series: No, it's obviously not to my taste. I need more. I just need... more than sex. More.

Samantha says

I liked this story which is why it gets 3 stars from me. Derek and Emma are interesting in the way they met, the way they interact and the way they can't stop themselves from desiring one another. Emma is unlike any noble born women I've ever read about and I found that refreshing. Derek was noble born and a captain which I liked.

I found the story was just likable. I didn't fall in love with the story or the characters but the novel was interesting enough to be able to hold my attention. I didn't struggle through the read and I didn't hate any of the characters. I liked the dynamic Derek and Emma gave off where they accepted all sides of one another and this is what ultimately led them to staying together. I suppose I wanted something more from the book.

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Dari awal deh ya, cerita tetang Ruby.. Emma kan anaknya Duke sapa gt gw lupa, tp emaknya ini anak merchant, Emak-Bapaknya ini saling jatuh cinta trs Emaknya rela gt aja ja

Angie Elle says

A full book for Ruby? Yes, please!

Stefania Rispo says

Essere figlia illegittima, e poi venire ripudiata per essere stata disonorata , non ha fermato Emma si è riscattata acquistando il bordello di Madame Noir , trasformandosi in settimana nella seducente Madame Rouge, ma solo la domenica ritorna ad essere la mite Emma quando va a trovare i nonni. Lo trasforma in un bordello di lusso dove vige l'ordine e regole ferree chi sgarra è fuori, solo quando alla sua porta entrerà il capitano Prince quelle stesse regole verranno sgarrate di continuo .

Heather andrews says

I like when a man can admit when he's wrong, Derek was one of those men, "yes." And then a pause. "I admit my anger got the best of me at first, for reasons that were separate from what happened—a man does not like to feel manipulated—but afterward I remembered your face and it didn't seem right. You have always been honest with me." I liked this book I really loved Derek.

Maria says

Ruby is Madame Rouge, owner and operator of a famous and, if you will, elegant pleasure house in London. She takes very good care of her girls and creates an atmosphere that ensures all her patrons have a memorable experience with class, comfort, and attention.

But Ruby is also Emma Scanton, the illegitimate daughter of a duke, raised by her tradesman grandparents in the countryside. She visits them whenever she can and they know nothing of her other life in London.

Captain Derek Price is an occasional patron of Madame Rouge's. The first time he appeared, Ruby broke her own rule and seduced him for herself and now, whenever he's in town, though rarely, he visits her. In addition to smoking hot sex, they have intense and often personal conversations. They share their pasts, their fears, and their hopes and dreams.

For my full review on my historical romance and history blog: <http://tinyurl.com/jy9gpno>

Linda says

Okay, so yes only three stars, why well because of the other books I have read from this series. This one moved the slowest, I just was not totally sucked in. That is not to say that the story and the characters were not good. I have been looking forward to this book, to Ruby's full story. In previous books we have had a glimpse or two of Ruby as a matchmaker and now it is her turn to fall in love, which she does, but getting to

the happy ending was a long road.

We met Capt Derek Price in the last book and Ruby (Emma Scanton) has broken her own rules as a madam and spent time with her customer on a personal basis and the chemistry between these two is off the charts. Months pass when Derek finally returns. And can not keep his hands to himself ; not that Ruby is complaining. Night after night Ruby (Emma) delivers a different fantasy ensnaring. And drawing Derek to her more and more, but Derek is a man with responsibilities and unfortunately those responsibilities have trapped him into an engagement with a women he does not desire. Derek spends much of his time apart from Ruby (Emma). Thinking of her, wanting to be with her and not even thinking of his soon to be Fiancé , but never considers that maybe the women he should be consider marrying is Emma not Anne.

Emma, has found herself in a position were running the house and taking care of her working girls is not satisfying anylonger. And her grandparents who she loves to visit on Sunday's are pushing her to marry. Her grandfather especially he has given her two weeks to find a suitable husband or not be allowed to visit any longer.

Faced with loosing her family or giving up her life as a Madame , something she has worked at hard to make successful and enjoys the freedom it affords. The only man e can think of that she would even consider is Derek. Until she finds out. He will be announcing his engagement shortly.

Given Ruby's family backround, she ends her relationship with Derek, another one of her rules , never be the other women, she grew up the child of the other women!

The road to happiness for these two is not easy, and in Derek's case the initial feeling of being set up once again, forced into something he does not want, or does he.

I know u have not been all to clear with this description but story is a bit drawn out and I do not want to give too much away . I will say that the time spent together between Ruby(Emma) and Derek. Is always a pretty spicy read!

Arc supplied via Netgalley for an honest review.

WTF Are You Reading? says

This story is made by the varied forms of sensual experience that Ruby and her leading man share. Because there is so much time spent building the legend and the lore of the great and worldly Ruby. The reality behind said legend is sadly left without adornment.

This relative mediocrity would prove refreshing in the face of Ruby's exploits, if Emma was more comfortable with Emma.

It seems as though Emma wants to be Ruby, more than she wants to be herself. Even though, given the money that she has made as Ruby. She has the power to live her life on her own terms.

Because she refuses to stand up for herself however, the fact that she must marry her leading man to unite the two halves of herself under the shelter of the auspices of convention and social respectability, is sadly a foregone conclusion.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

This is a great read if you are looking for some hot love scene. This is a historical romance but this is the romance of a proprietress of Madame Rouge'..a client she meets at the "house". This not the regular historical virgin heroine, but the story of the Madame. I had to read it in one sitting and found I wanted to know what happened to "Ruby" I hope you enjoy this book too!

Gigi says

Incredibly sexy!

'Ravishing Ruby,' continues where the novella 'Revealing Ruby,' left off. It is a very passionate and sexy read! It continues to reveal sides to Ruby that Captain Derek Price is pleasantly surprised and awed by. The passion and fire that ignites when these two are around one another is absolutely brilliant!

Maria11 says

This book was absolutely ridiculous. I skimmed about after 30% completed. The premise that a noble old Man's granddaughter runs a whorehouse and no one knows about it including him.? Really!? The hero what a piece of work liking it when a woman cries it turns him on more than anything? He then comes off all noble and is cheating on his fiancée the whole time. The descriptions of woman parts just made me laugh outloud! Yuk just yuk...Whiny heroine and gross hero...pass on it.

Received an ARC for an honest review.
