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**Love and justice...**

When Drew Foster is released from prison, he doesn't much care about salvaging his soiled reputation. Though he's working undercover, everyone in Victorian London believes him guilty of the Jack the Ripper murders and that his brother paid for his "innocence."

Despite her genteel upbringing, Anna Jacobs is intent on finishing medical school and becoming a physician. Society's ridicule has never bothered her, but when her brother, the Yard's best detective, is scorned for letting Drew go, she confronts the one man who can set the record straight at a ball. She certainly doesn't count on the rogue being dashing and handsome, nor on him stealing a passionate kiss.

Anna's brazen contempt for his dangerous reputation captivates Drew, but he is harboring secrets that make him unfit to court any proper woman. As he finds himself an outsider among his colleagues at Scotland Yard, the feisty beauty offers up her medical knowledge to assist him on the case. But when the real killer returns to London to continue his reign of terror, can Anna find safety in Drew's arms?

## **The Temptations of Anna Jacobs Details**

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### Susan (susayq ~) says

A romance with Jack the Ripper as a character!

I can honestly say I didn't think I'd ever put "romance" and "Jack the Ripper" together in a sentence, but this book does just that. After Drew Foster is released from jail for being accused of being Jack the Ripper, he starts working in the case. This is where he meets Anna Jacobs. They are quite the pair. Neither have much faith in themselves, but they are drawn together and fall in love while trying to identify the killer.

I really liked this, but was disappointed they didn't uncover Jack. But if he was never identified in real life, I guess they couldn't do that here lol

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### Nanou says

ouais ben lui aussi ça va être un...

Drew ♥ Drew ♥

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### Lisa says

Wow! Where to start! Murder, investigations, imitation, redemption, and love.

Andrew Foster, younger brother of the Duke of Carrington, becomes an Inspector for Scotland Yard to help find and capture Jack the Ripper. He is observant, smart, handsome and looking for redemption. He has used self-pity and alcohol to escape his life and it has left him open to be used by the killer. Now he needs to fight back with his mind and the help of Anna.

Anna Jacobs, sister of Viscount Wickersham and Simon Jacobs- an Inspector for Scotland Yard, is in medical school. She is tops in her class, intelligent, independent and hoping to open a hospital for the poor. She has always lived to the beat of a different drum and is not interested in being part of the ton. She is hoping for a man to love her and accept her medical training. Anna has always been a sounding board for Simon and his theories, but has never been included in his investigations.

As Andrew learns on the job how to be an Inspector he starts to ask Anna questions and advise from a medical standpoint. They share notes and thoughts on the murders that are happening around London. As they probe deeper into the murders the attraction they feel for each other gets stronger. Jack the Ripper gets frustrated and has to take steps to reestablish control of London. Anna and Drew find love and acceptance with each other and their declarations are sweet and charmingly done. This is the second book in this series and I could not put it down. The hints and clues had me smiling and anxious for the next book. Once again,

Ms DeHart has created a story that while surrounded by gruesome murders is filled with strong characters that you cheer for and feel their pain and triumphs.

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### ♥Rachel♥ says

I was drawn to **The Temptations of Anna Jacobs** when I saw that gorgeous cover and then read it was a romance/mystery set in Victorian England! Add in Jack the Ripper (yes, I'm deranged!) and I was immediately sold!

Annabelle Jacobs is not the typical Victorian woman. She is going to medical school and has made her education her priority, much to her mother's dismay. Her mother thinks she should focus on finding a suitable husband and feels that her chosen studies chases away any desirable prospects. Still, her mother won't oppose her choice especially when Anna was encouraged by her father to take this path. While Anna would love to have a husband and family eventually, it's not her primary concern. Of course now that she's not looking Anna meets Drew, a scoundrel who spent time in jail after being wrongfully accused of the Ripper murders and her heart is a lost cause.

After discovering his origins, Drew had spent a lot of time wallowing in self-pity, drinking himself into oblivion and womanizing to forget the pain of betrayal he felt from his father and mother. His careless behavior made him the perfect scapegoat and The Ripper took full advantage by setting him up. Thankfully, the frame up didn't stick. Seeing that Drew was in The Ripper's haunts and close enough to be set up, Scotland Yard drafts him to help catch the killer. When he meets Anna, the spirited medical student, Drew is immediately taken with her pluck and determination. When The Ripper strikes again Anna's medical knowledge and counsel proves to be a valuable asset in solving the crimes. The more Drew is around Anna the more he can't resist his growing attraction, but he feels unworthy with his questionable past.

Anna was a character I immediately bonded with. She had sass and spunk and I admired her courage going against the norms of the time by pursuing a medical degree. She may not have attracted the conventional male who would've been threatened by Anna's aspirations, but Drew found her talents and focus enticing! I just love a man who is confident enough to love a strong woman!

Drew pulled himself out of a nasty situation with the help of his best friend and the support of his brother. Some could've used the situation as an excuse to sink further into self pity, but Drew counted himself fortunate and didn't piss away his second chance. His connection to Anna is powerful because they're attracted to each other both mentally and physically. They fight and succumb to their desires in the middle of trying to solve the grisly murders taking place. Danger and desire combine for some very steamy scenes; definitely scandalous for the time, but oh-so-delicious! It was nice that in spite of some road blocks to their romance there were never any ridiculous or frustrating actions. Yay for maturity in romance!

I don't know about you, but I've always been drawn in by any documentary or story based on Jack the Ripper. The horrific nature of the crimes and the fact that he got away with them fascinates and disturbs me. I think any mystery buff feels like there must be a way to figure his identity out! In this story, the mystery surrounding Jack the Ripper is part of an ongoing story arc for the series, so while a part was solved, the identity of The Ripper is still not revealed. The mystery began in the previous installment *The Secrets of Mia Danvers*, but you don't have to read it to appreciate and enjoy this story. With that said, I would like to go back and read the first one. Ms. DeHart sucked me with her thrilling story and I can't wait to read the next! I

NEED to know who this fictionalized Ripper is!

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### **Ki says**

Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh oh my gosh Oh my gosh!!! I've been waiting for this book ever since I finished the first book and waited even more through all of her other releases for Entangled and..... Oh my gosh, I can't believe it's finally here!!!

So, we left off at the end of the previous book with no murderer. But we got a glimpse of who it was. Well, sort of. The murderer is able to move among the ton and the noble with ease~ So that's super chilling.

And as we all know, Drew is the brother that was accused of the murders!

But of course, why is he the hero in this book if he was sent to accused to be sent to the gallows? Maybe because he's the brother of Alex, the Eighth Duke of Carrington, the previous hero. And of course because he was sent free on a mission by Investigator Simon Jacobs! Whom we found, because of his actions was shipped off to somewhere in Scotland.

So Drew is set free on a mission to find this killer knowing full well that everyone will be against him, thinking him as the killer. More the better to use that as his cover to figure out who's framing him!

But of course troubles comes he's way and trouble comes in the form of Anna Jacobs, Simon's sister! She believes him not the killer, but something much more, a drunkard arrogant prig! And it was his fault for getting her brother sent off to who knows where in Scotland to be punished for not catching the "Ripper"!

Of course things get hectic and their attraction to each other is fast and steamy! But then the killings is always there throwing Anna and Jacobs together to solve the case.

Both of them are super sweet together and I just couldn't keep from smiling. Sure they bantered but it was super fun to watch and learn that both of them didn't judge each other nor care much for what society had termed them.

Sure Drew was dumb enough to get pinned for the murder but he's turning around and trying to get his life on track. Most definitely his drinking which I was super happy that he was coming to terms that he had a drinking problem. And I loved that he cared about what Anna thought and how she saw things so they made for a very fun couple to follow through this dark and thrill seeking ride.

One thing I had troubles with was the title that Anna kept referring to Drew. Lord Carrington. Shouldn't Lord Carrington be referred to his brother the "Duke of Carrington"? That really bothered me sadly. But I do have an advanced copy so hopefully it was caught and edited.

But I super loved this and was hooked right from....well, ever since I finished the first book so I'm biased! LOL

But I really do recommend this and I hope you get ready for the last book in this thrilling ride for when we finally capture the Ripper!!!

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Rating: 5 out 5

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## Cruth says

**Author:** Robyn DeHart

**First published:** 2014

**Length:** 3462 locations

**Setting:** London, 1889

**Sex:** Explicit but not frequent.

**Hero:** Bastard son of Duke. Alcoholic. Accused of being Jack the Ripper.

**Heroine:** Studying to be a physician. Curvy.

**Includes:** excerpt from The Secrets of Mia Danvers by Robyn DeHart.

An interesting exploration of alcoholism, women entering the medical profession, Jack the Ripper and fighting for an HEA.

On the downside, I wasn't overly happy with the ending. Not that I expected the Ripper mystery to be resolved, more that the HFN on that story was rushed and rather anti-climactic.

A lot to like, and better developed characters, but... It seems to me to just miss the mark.

I am *excited* by this series.

I am *intrigued* by the concept.

But I am *disappointed* in the execution.

### **Jack the Ripper:**

DeHart weaves a lot of the Jack the Ripper story into her books.

During Drew's investigation he examines the files for Mary Ann Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes and Mary Jane Kelly. They were known as the canonical five victims.

When an author is able to competently weave truth into her stories (as DeHart does) it gives the reader a solid foundation on which to *believe*. The blurring of truth and fiction draws us in and is one of my favourite aspects of historical fiction - the what-ifs and little bits of trivia.

### **Dangerous Liasons:**

The Secrets of Mia Danvers - Nicholas Daventry and Georgia Wells

The Temptations of Anna Jacobs - Pascal LaMartine and Elizabeth Bowes

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## **Amy Alvis says**

This is book 2 in the Dangerous Liaisons series.

Drew Foster has just bee released from prison for a crime he didn't commit. Unfortunately, others are not very forgiving and he finds himself on the receiving end of several fists. Lucky for him, his friend Simon Jacobs and his sister see the confrontation and run off his attackers.

The siblings take Drew back to Simon's home where Anna, a medical student, treats his wounds. Just before Drew leaves, Anna overhears part of a conversation and assumes that he refused to help Simon with his latest case. Later in the week she confronts Drew at a ball, but soon learns she was mistaken. With Anna's medical knowledge, Drew realizes that she would be helpful to the investigation. Since Simon has been sent out of London, the two form an unlikely partnership.

The case keeps the tow of them working together and they soon can't fight their attraction for each other. But Drew keeps a part of himself back because of the secrets he is keeping. What will Anna do when Drew's secrets are finally revealed?

I loved book 2 in Robyn DeHart's Dangerous Liaisons series. The mystery started in book 1 (The Secrets of Mia Danvers) and continued with this story. Even though the mystery is based on a real life crime (Jack the Ripper), I was still very much intrigued to see where DeHart would take it. Not knowing much about the actual cases, I found myself doing a little extra reading to see the facts of the Ripper case (you can find actual pictures, so it is not for the squeamish!)

Having been introduced to Drew in the first book, I was curious to see where his story would go. He was a wastrel that didn't seem to care what happened to himself. His wake-up call was his time spend in prison. When Simon asks him to help with the Ripper case, he finally sees that he has a purpose in his life.

Anna is the perfect woman for him. As an unconventional woman (she is studying to be a doctor after all), it doesn't change her opinion of Drew when she learns his secret. Someone with more traditional values and notions of propriety would not have looked beyond Drew's history to see what a great guy he was. Drew is equally perfect for Anna. Probably because he didn't spend much time in society, he didn't feel that being a woman doctor was inappropriate. These two were a very well matched pair.

Since the murders were not solved, I'm hoping that DeHart continues with the series. I'd love for the next book to be about Simon!

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## **Kusanagi says**

Si le tome 2 était bien mais plutôt classique encore (même avec la partie thriller "dans la tête de Jack l'Eventreur) ce tome 2 gagne carrément un niveau, en mélangeant habilement romance et thriller historique.

Pour le côté romance nous avons d'un côté Andrew "Drew" Foster, petit frère du précédent héros et qui a longtemps caché une blessure d'enfance dans une attitude de débauché passant son temps à jouer et s'enivrer... sauf que son alcoolisme a failli lui coûter la vie, puisque l'Éventreur avait fait de lui un coupable idéal de précédents meurtres .... C'est ainsi que Drew se retrouve libre, abstinente et bien décidé à trouver le coupable.

Et pour cela il va demander de l'aide à Anna Jacobs, sœur de l'inspecteur en charge de l'enquête et malgré sa position de lady de la bonne société, élève en médecine. Bien évidemment vous vous doutez que cette union purement professionnelle au début débouche très vite sur autre chose...

J'aime beaucoup Drew depuis le tome 1 et le voir lutter contre son addiction à l'alcool le rend encore plus sympathique. J'aime encore plus Anna, qui rêve d'être médecin, malgré les craintes de sa mère (qui l'aime mais qui craint qu'elle ne trouve pas de mari or à l'époque tout le monde sait bien que l'avenir d'une femme ce n'est que le mariage....) et j'aime leur interaction et l'intelligence des deux protagonistes.

J'aime aussi les personnages secondaires, comme la mère d'Anna, dont on ressent les craintes légitimes pour sa fille dans cette société victorienne. Et le docteur en charge de la formation des jeunes filles à l'école de médecine, le docteur Harrison, qui milite pour des femmes médecins suite à une tragédie personnelle.

Mais la partie qui m'a le plus plu finalement, c'est le fait que comme personnages on aie aussi le/les tueurs et qu'on soit dans leur tête parfois.... ça ajoute une pointe, je ne dirais pas d'angoisse, mais de sensation à la lecture. Cela ajoute aussi une part sombre à cette romance car malheureusement des innocents meurent et il n'y a pas de beaux héros romantiques, même un débauché réformé pour les sauver....

Et puis surtout à la fin, et ça j'ai beaucoup aimé même si pas forcément adhéré, le héros fait un choix moralement discutable... et disons que l'auteur ne s'en sort pas par une pirouette en forme de "chevalier blanc". Alors oui, c'est fait pour sauver sa bien-aimé et la fin romantique de l'histoire est respectée.... mais j'aime que les héros ne soient pas tout blancs, ça change (il y a presque une petite côté Luther en fait dans cette fin)

En tout cas même si on a une liste de suspects potentiels, on ne sait toujours pas sur qui l'auteur va faire porter le chapeau des crimes de l'Éventreur.... et j'ai hâte qu'elle écrive le tome 3 (en me doutant un peu de qui vont être les héros/héroïnes... ^^ )

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## **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Posted on What I'm Reading

In *The Temptations of Anna Jacobs*, we are still continuing the hunt for Jack the Ripper. However, we are a few steps closer by the end of the story. In *The Secrets of Mia Dancers*, we see Drew getting wrongly accused for the Ripper's crimes. At the beginning of *The Temptations of Anna Jacobs*, Drew gets enlisted to help solve the crimes. Anna's brother gets called away to Scotland and Drew is pretty much on his own, but

enquires the help of Anna.

All right The Temptations of Anna Jacobs, is a great continuation of the Dangerous Liaisons series. Yes, we get more information about the Ripper. By the end of the story, we get two names of the possible identity of Jack the Ripper. I know exciting. However, that isn't all. No my dears, we end up a copy cat who wants to be great than the man. Not only do we get to know these characters in-depth, but we also get to know Drew and Anna a little more. I did like the secondary love story in the book between Anna's mom and her professor. That was sweet add to the story. I liked how Anna's instructor helped the mother understand the good her daughter could do the world.

Yes, The Temptations of Anna Jacobs helps take a few steps forward to solving the mystery and it has a sweet love story in there too. I actually love how Anna and Drew work well together on getting closer to the Ripper. Now I wonder what will happen in the next book. Will we be able to find out the true identity of the Ripper? Hmm.

Overall, a pretty good mystery read. However, I will recommend to read the first book before diving into The Temptations of Anna Jacobs, because the story does build from the first book.

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### **Julie says**

The Temptations of Anna Jacobs ( Dangerous Liaisons # 2) by Robyn DeHart is a 2014 Intermix publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the author and publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Anna is going against society by attending a school devoted to teaching women to become doctors. Her mother is horrified and terrified Anna will never find a husband if this continues. When Anna's brother, a detective for Scotland Yard, releases Drew Foster from prison despite his being the number one suspect in the grisly "Jack the Ripper" murders, he is lambasted publicly. What the people don't know is , Drew is actually working undercover. He hopes to clean himself up and stay sober and clear his name. When he continues to find himself in Anna's company, the two realize an attraction is growing rapidly between them. Drew will enlist Anna to help him catch the killer when he finds the Yard is not much help to his investigation.

Despite the few stolen kisses and the physical attraction to one another, Drew makes it clear he and Anna can not have a long term proper relationship. Anna is a not a woman to be deterred however, and Drew will find himself unable to resist the temptation.

The focus here is split between the Ripper investigation and the romance between Anna and Drew. Anna's determination to become a doctor is a daily fight against her mother who attempts to dissuade her at every turn. This part was funny because the plot to have Anna's teacher influence her to give up her dreams really backfires. I enjoyed the banter between Anna and Drew and they will make the perfect couple, if they survive the Ripper murders.

I love a good mystery and when it is combined with my favorite romance genre it's a win- win. In this case there were a few times when the story stuttered a little and the back and forth between the ripper's thoughts, Drew and Anna's dangerous pursuit and the romance switched back and forth too quickly and I had a hard time really sinking my teeth into this one. I enjoyed the book for the most part and anytime we have a female protagonist in historical fiction that goes against society and helps to open doors for women to stand on their own two feet without needing a man to provide their basic needs for them is to be applauded. I loved Drew's

human side as he struggles to fight off the urge to drink and the temptations are everywhere. He shows us he is very determined to be a productive citizen and make a difference even though it will be a hard fought battle. I think maybe this was just a really massive undertaking and at times it just didn't flow evenly. As I have stated before, it is nearly impossible to include a Jack the Ripper story line and avoid graphic violence but the author did a great job in keeping that area under control. The book does have a darker tone because of the subject matter. Although the book has a few issues, I appreciate the story line having more depth and taking on more serious subjects than many historical romance novels recently. I think it's time to move past the fluff and get back to a more realistic view of what life was really like in this period of time . It doesn't have to be all dark and heavy and melodramatic, but often when I read Regency romance novels I sometimes feel like I am reading the same book over and over. Parties, gowns, balls, polite society and spoiled Dukes and Earls can only amuse for so long. Overall I give this one 3.5 stars ( rounded to 4)

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### **Farrah says**

With sweet romance and thrilling mystery, The Temptations of Anna Jacobs was a fantastic historical romance read. I really liked this book. It kept me on the edge of my seat and I really enjoyed reading it. Loved it!

Anna was a lovely heroine. She was very smart, strong, and determined not to let society's disapproval sway her from what she wanted. I appreciated that she was unwilling to let rumors dictate how she perceived a person (like with Drew's reputation as the Ripper). She was a great heroine and I really liked her.

Drew was also wonderful. He was really trying to redeem himself in this book. After being drunk for most of his adult life, keeping bad company, and being so muddle minded that he allowed the murders to be pinned on him, he wasn't going to go back to all that. He set out to redeem himself and he definitely did. He proved himself as a clever, determined, and worthy gentleman. And, he was so sweet and adorable. I thought he was a perfectly flawed hero.

The romance was great. Anna and Drew were very sweet together. I liked how Anna didn't judge Drew for his past or his reputation, and Drew understood Anna's wish to be a doctor. There was some steaminess between them, though their romance was mostly sweet. I thought they were a lovely couple.

The plot was fast paced and I was hooked the entire way through. There were tons of thrills that kept me on the edge of my seat, as Anna and Drew tried to find the Ripper. I really enjoyed the story and the ending was lovely.

The Temptation of Anna Jacobs was a fantastic historical romance. I loved this book. The romance was sweet, the mystery was thrilling, and I enjoyed every bit of it. Romance lovers, this book is a must read.

\*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

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### **Mei says**

In this one I had problems with the title too. Why "The Temptation of Anna Jacobs"? It would have to be

titled “The Temptation of Drew Foster”! It was he that was tempted and not Anna!!

But the book is still good and very enjoyable. The story is interesting and Drew was much more likable here than in the previous book where he was a very unpleasant and crude drunk.

In this book we see his redemption and his will to change his life. He’s grown. He’s a man here instead a whimpering boy. I liked it very much.

His problem is that he struggles to accept the fact of his birth. It was only his problem – his half-brother Alex, the duke from the previous book, loves him and accepts him completely, Anna doesn’t find it very important, Mia neither. At the end he accepts it too!

But he had to do with the odious step-mother. I could understand her anger, but it is not Drew’s fault. It’s her husband’s fault and she should have not vented her anger on the son. So I still hated her!

As in the previous book, the heroine, Anna, was awesome. I like strong heroines and in these books we have them in spades! That’s great!!! She’s intelligent and completely aware that what she wants to do with her life is not something the society will appreciate, but she has on her side an accepting (although reluctantly) and loving mother, a great professor who appreciates her intelligence, a loving brother who values her mind.

I do hope Robyn DeHart will write another book in this series since I’m curious to read Simon’s story! :)

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### **Mary - Buried Under Romance says**

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**Suspenseful, but with less romance than I anticipated (it's categorized as historical romance but is more like historical romantic suspense).**

Before I began to read this, I thought this book was just another historical romance with intrigue. That thought was quickly dashed as I realized the intensity of events in this book. Jack the Ripper was a real historical figure who cruelly killed a number of women, and was never caught. And he is the impetus that drives and endangers our dear Anna and Drew’s relationship.

While this is categorized as a historical romance, I feel it fits the genre of Romantic Suspense much better. Indeed, Anna and Drew are both characters with secrets - Drew with his having been framed for murder, and Anna with her ambitions to be a doctor. A very unique pairing, to be sure, yet not unexpected, since only a strong woman like Anna could understand the burden of shadows that Drew carries on his back. At the same time, while I liked the progression of Anna and Drew’s romance, I feel that it took backstage to the suspense element, making this more of a suspense novel. The handling of Jack the Ripper’s mentality and behavior was done especially well, and the few scenes in which his maniacal thoughts were heard as he destroyed another victim made me shudder in truth.

As this is book 2 of the series, and as the real Jack the Ripper was never caught, I do wonder how this series will resolve itself. For those of you who think that the villain is brought his comeuppance at the end of this book, let me assure you that it does not happen, and I believe that was known to readers of this series. What does happen though, is an intriguing mix of horror, suspense, mystery, and love between two struggling and

tormented characters, whose very lives are held over a precipice as they try to deal with their growing affection with each other, all the while worrying over Jack's next victim - who might just be Anna. This all makes for a very intense novel, and Robyn Dehart writes the tension (of all kinds) so well that I felt in need of nourishment right after reading this.

I would recommend this book to all readers looking for a plot-driven, intense story with romance, and also to read book 1 of this series - *The Secrets of Mia Danvers* - first, to better follow the mystery of cracking Jack. I look forward to the final book of the trilogy, and its secretive resolution.

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## Christal says

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**The Temptations of Anna Jacobs** picks up where the previous book, *The Secrets of Mia Danvers*, left off. I am really enjoying this series though I felt the first book was a little bit stronger than this one. I loved the leads, Anna and Drew, more than I expected to and thought the twist with The Ripper's identity was well-done, but the ending was a bit rushed. This is still one of the few historical romance series that I intend to continue to follow and recommend to others.

Drew Foster is the brother to the Duke of Carrington and was framed for The Ripper murders in the previous book. He has since been cleared of the charges, but his reputation remains in tatters. He begins working undercover with Simon Jacobs of Scotland Yard to help in the apprehension of the real murderer. When Simon is sent away for training, Drew turns to his sister, Anna Jacobs, for help with some details concerning the murders. Anna is a medical student and at the top of her class. She tends to say exactly what she is thinking and so doesn't have suitors banging down her door. She is content in her studies and doesn't think she will ever meet anyone that will appreciate her as an intellectual match... until she meets Drew Foster. As the two delve deeper and deeper into the investigation, they find some very surprising facts about the most recent murders. Can they stop him before he kills again? And why does Drew keep pulling away from the willing Anna?

I wasn't quite as struck with Anna right off the bat as I was with Anna. She did grow on me very quickly though and I found her to be a perfect heroine for **The Temptations of Anna Jacobs**. She was very smart and observant, as well as being forward-thinking about women's rights. She was a true pioneer for her time and yet still believable as a lady of means. She had the upbringing to carry herself in social situations, but also has the intellect to hold her own in any conversation.

Though I didn't care for Drew in the first book, I loved him here. His characterization was very vivid and I expected him to waltz off the page at any moment. I enjoyed seeing his struggle for sobriety and his dedication to bettering himself. He was very clever once he laid off the scotch and was quite the charmer. He has a very painful secret that he carries with him and it taints his interactions with Anna, but I was glad to see them both come to terms with it by the end.

Anna (in my head I hear this as Ah-na, like the character from *Frozen*, not An-na) and Drew were a scorching hot couple. They stood up for one another and really couldn't care less what other people thought of them together. They complimented one another intellectually and emotionally while sharing some very

hot physical scenes. I would say that **The Temptations of Anna Jacobs** was quite a bit sexier than its predecessor.

The mystery of The Ripper continued in this book and there was added layer of a possible copy-cat killer. Anna and Drew work together to compare the old and new crime scenes and find any differences. While we still don't 100% know the identity of The Ripper, some very strong hints were given in this book so that the reader can guess his identity, but the characters are still in the dark. It seems like the next book should be able to wrap this plotline up easily and I am wondering if it will be from Anna's brother's perspective.

**The Temptations of Anna Jacobs** continues the delightful mix of historical, romance, and mystery established in the first book. I enjoyed seeing the development between Anna and Drew, but felt like the end was a little rushed. There was a lot of focus on the elements keeping them apart, but then they just seemed to be swept away suddenly and the two were together. It didn't ruin my enjoyment of this book though, and I still highly recommend the *Dangerous Liaisons* series for romance and historical readers alike.

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### **Hannah says**

he Temptations of Anna Jacobs by Robyn DeHart is for the lack of a better word... WOW. A historical romance based around the Jack the Ripper murders. Follow up to The Secrets of Mia Danvers this second book picks up where it left off, but don't let that deter you it is a great book and every thing you need to know is revisited without leaving you with the feeling that you're missing something.

Anna Jacobs wants nothing more than to be a doctor, and not even her mother meddling and nagging will make her change her mind. Shunning societies strict rules and decorum Anna has studied hard to be one of the best in her class. Her brother, Scotland Yard Inspector Simon Jacobs, is in charge of the Jack the Ripper case and despite the arrest he has made he isn't convinced that he got the right person. When another murder takes place while the suspect is in prison he releases Andrew Foster with a deal that Andrew, who was targeted as scapegoat, is to help track down the real Jack the Ripper.

Andrew "Drew" Foster is the younger brother of the Duke of Carrington and he spent the last years of his life in a drunken stupor and with a case of in the wrong place at the wrong time he ended up arrested for the heinous murders done by Jack the Ripper. His time in prison not only sobered him up but put his life in perspective. When Simon approached him with the offer to be a unofficial Inspector with Scotland Yard and help search for the real killer. Drew jumps at the chance fully aware that society will shun him but it's his chance to clear his name and start a new life for himself.

Simon is sent up to Scotland and has left Drew with his second, Inspector Bernard Jefferies, to work the case. With more murders piling up Drew sees an inconsistency in the most recent murders, needing a second opinion and just looking for another reason to Anna again he asks her to look at the notes and the bodies. Anna is glad to help and despite their rocky introduction Anna knows she can trust him, if her brother didn't think him innocent then she wouldn't either. Together Anna and Drew work the clues and do some Victorian CSI type experimentation to find out about the recent murders.

Drew is humbled by Anna's unwavering trust in him, she knows him better than anyone else but only knowing who is now not the drunk rake he was before, and he loves her for it. Anna is mistaken when she

make the judgment that Drew is just like everyone else in his thinking that women shouldn't be doctors, but instead he supports her and encourages her and even includes her in his investigation. The one thing Anna didn't want was to fall in love and get married before she was ready but with Drew she know he would never ask her to give anything up.

Drew and Anna are a lovely couple, two people who are so perfect for each other. The Jack the Ripper storyline is front line in the story with Drew and Anna's romance playing a second fiddle and even a side romance between Anna's teacher and mother. A great mystery with an open end (not a cliffhanger) hopefully that will lead to Simon's story. A definite must read even if you haven't read the first book in the series.

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