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When her doting father dies, Lady Kendra Townsend is given a choice: marry the horrid man of her cold, money-grubbing uncle's choosing or leave England to risk a new life in America with unknown relatives. Armed with the faith that God has a plan for her, Kendra boards a cargo ship and meets American sea captain Dorian Colburn. But the captain has been wounded by a woman before and guards his independent life. A swashbuckling man doesn't need an English heiress to make him slow down, feel again, or be challenged with questions about his faith—or so he thinks. It is not until Dorian must save Kendra from the dark forces surrounding her that he decides she may be worth the risk.

## Pirate of My Heart Details

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### **Katie says**

First posted on my blog, Book Reviews by Lady Katy.

With only a small introduction to Jamie Carie's work in the past (I reviewed her book, The Snowflake), I was looking forward to reading more by her. I admit I was a bit disappointed in Pirate of My Heart—I felt it wasn't one of Jamie's best works. From reading The Snowflake, I know that this author has talent not only in her writing style, but in making the scene, setting, and plot believable and come alive. Sadly, I found those areas lacking somewhat in this newest release, Pirate of My Heart.

While both Kendra and Dorian were endearing characters that I did grow to care for by the end of the book, they weren't as in-depth as I generally like to see in the books I read. I did enjoy reading their story and how they slowly began to acknowledge that they were falling in love. Jamie did do a great job at making the reader dislike Angelene—I could not stand that girl! She needed a good slap on the face to wake her up to reality, and I wouldn't have minded giving it to her if I could.

There are many twists to the plot in Pirate of My Heart that really surprised me. Normally, a historical romance like this ends at the wedding, and the couple lives 'happily ever after'...but such is not the case for Kendra and Dorian! I really liked how it showed their rocky start together and yet how they overcame their differences. At the beginning of the book I felt the story was a bit rushed, but once Kendra was on her way to America, it slowed down considerably.

As I mentioned, the writing left a bit to be desired. I'd experienced Jamie Carie bring Alaska to life through The Snowflake, so was surprised and a tad disappointed in this book. But it wasn't all a letdown, as Jamie's historical knowledge shone through in her vivid description of the time period, clothing, and life style.

I'm sure fans of Jamie Carie's work will be thrilled to read this new addition to her books. Jamie does a wonderful job at keeping her plots unique; bring you a fresh and exciting adventure every time she comes out with a new book. While I admit Pirate of My Heart wasn't my favorite, I will still be keeping an eye on Jamie Carie's books in the future.

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### **Melissa says**

Jamie's books are always a fun read. This is a clean Christian themed book. I like that we get to know the couple well and they get to know one another, there is instant attraction but the love story develops well. There is always some danger and good movement in her stories and this one was fun to read. Her endings always last a long time, every time I think the book is ending and it keeps going. This could be a good or a bad thing, but in this book it was well done.

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### **??Trea says**

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**GALLEY. HOWEVER, I DID NOT READ IT PRIOR TO THE BOOK BEING ARCHIVED AND REMOVED FROM MY KINDLE, SO I CHECKED A COPY OUT FROM MY LOCAL LIBRARY AND READ IT THAT WAY. I VOLUNTARILY OFFER MY HONEST REVIEW OF THE BOOK, THOUGH IT IS NOT EXPECTED OF ME! RECEIPT OF THIS BOOK IN THIS MANNER DOES NOT AFFECT MY OPINION OF THE BOOK OR THE CONTENT OF MY REVIEW!**

I've moved away from Historical Romances in recent years, but since they came up for a challenge for me this month, I decided to look this one back up and give it a go. Sadly, it was a disappointing read for me.

The book had an interesting premise, but they wound up in the insta-love trope entirely too quickly, so that soured me on the whole story. They also constantly jumped to conclusions, which made me feel as if they didn't trust each other. The plot was jumpy, and everything felt underdeveloped overall.

I doubt I will read more by this author.

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### **Amber Stokes says**

Pirate of My Heart is another exciting story full of danger and romance from the pen of Jamie Carie! Since reading her beautiful debut novel Snow Angel, I have come to expect great things from this author, and her latest is no exception! The love stories she shares are unique and thrilling.

This book offers an extra helping of surprise, as the cover and the title of the book can be a bit deceiving. There are some pirates, there is a ship, and the heroine is both spunky and stylish. However, the hero is not a pirate and most of the account takes place on land. But I'll let you find out for yourself how the title of the book works, because it's a sweet story!

From evil plots (and lots of dastardly villains) to tender romance sweeping from England and across the Atlantic to America, this is a fast-paced read that's difficult to step away from for very long. But what really makes this book meaningful is its emphasis on understanding in a relationship. It can be costly to jump to conclusions and to hide one's feelings and thoughts. And this is shown not only in the relationship between the hero and the heroine, but between a person and God.

If you start to read its pages, you might discover that--like a pirate--this book has stolen your time as you become captive to the story. But if you're like me, you won't mind a bit.

\*With thanks to B&H Publishing and NetGalley for the opportunity to read this book.\*

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### **Ausjenny says**

This is my first book from Jamie and it won't be my last. As I have mentioned before I do love history and this era is one I enjoy. It is set after the revolutionary war when America is still in its infancy. Kendra is a great character who had a loving father, when her uncle comes on the scene he gives her two choices go to America or marry a man she doesn't love. She chooses America. Dorian is the captain of the ship that

transports Kendra to America and I have to say I do enjoy drama on the high seas. Dorian isn't happy having a passenger and particularly a female. Once in America all is not as it seems either. Dorian delivers Kendra to her relatives in America but its not the last he will see of her. This book deals with issues of trust, acceptance, assumptions. This is a riveting read and although I was sick while reading I couldn't wait to read more as soon as I was feeling up to reading. If not for illness I would have read this a lot faster. I was sad to finish the book I wanted more.

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### **Courtney says**

Pirate of my heart is a captivating story filled with romance and adventure around every corner!! Jamie Carie has become an author that I truly love and Pirate of My Heart was probably one of my favorites that she has written!

The cover to Pirate of My Heart was a little deceiving because I had this idea in my head before I even read it that the main character was going to be a pirate and they were going to fall in love, etc etc. When in fact the main character is not a pirate at all, but just a captain of his own ship. However, they do run into pirates briefly and there is meaning behind the title (I won't give that part away) so it all works out good!

In Pirate of My Heart the main character Lady Kendra has her life turned upside-down when tragedy strikes her family and after some consideration and prayer she decides that heading to America is the right choice for her! On her trip to America she meets the wild American rogue Captain Dorian and sparks start flying!

I thoroughly enjoyed the banter between Dorian and Kendra!! They would just have the greatest comebacks and wit and I found myself just enthralled in their story! Jamie Carie is a talented writer of dialogue and I loved it!!

I really admired Lady Kendra. She was strong in her faith and her attitude with every situation she faced was honorable. There was a moment in the book where she could have easily decided to fall the level of one of the characters but instead she decides to honor God with her words and decisions! This book would make a great book club discussion!!

Pirate of My Heart was a book that I had been keeping my eye on for release for a long while because I've read other books by Carie and have really enjoyed them. If I could say one negative thing about this book it would be that some of the scenes ended too quickly. One minute there is a tense moment and the next second it's over with and I would have enjoyed a bit more detail. I also think the same about the ending, while I felt the ending was great and I was satisfied, I just felt like there could have been more to the story!! Overall though, none of this really deterred me from LOVING this book and I'm glad I have it and I will be reading more by this great author!!

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### **Erin says**

I love pirate stories, especially if the girl happens to be the adventurer.. as soon as I saw the title of this book, I was interested in reading the rest of the story. Unfortunately I was very disappointed. I felt the plot line was un-clear, the story seemed to jump from point to point, rather than flow.

Not to mention, the one encounter with pirates was very.... boring to say the least. I felt that the story was a bit predictable, the mother was dead, and with in a couple of pages, the father had passed on, the Uncle turned evil, and the main character is shipped off, meets her true love on board said ship...but decides to continue onto her (surprise!) evil relatives.

To be honest I had to force myself to continue reading the book, as after a certain point it wasn't a "good read" anymore.

I wish there was a little more depth to the story, something to make me connect with the character and want her to succeed.

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### **Julie Graves says**

When Lady Kendra's father dies she is left in the care of her scheming Uncle. He insists that she marry the man of his choosing or go to America to live with an Aunt and Uncle that she has never met. Choosing what she hopes is the lesser of two evils Kendra boards the Angelina to set sail for America.

Captain Dorian Colburn is not very happy about taking on a passenger. He is even less happy when he finds that his new passenger is a woman. From the moment Kendra and Dorian meet sparks fly. He is determined to never let another woman into his heart. But there is something about Kendra that touches his very soul.

When Kendra reaches her Aunt and Uncle she is surprised to see how low they have become since settling in America. From being nobility in England to poor farmers in America, all because of her Uncle's penchant for gambling everything away.

From the moment Kendra arrives this Uncle too plots to marry her off to a scoundrel. What he doesn't count on is the interference of Dorian and his family who live close by.

Pirate Of My Heart is an exciting romance filled with romantic tension and suspense. Also, who can resist the amazing cover of the book? I would have picked it up just for that, but thanks to B&H Publishers I received my copy free. It is well worth the read!

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### **Angelica McDonald says**

When I first saw the trailer of this book, I was automatically hooked to read it! I got it on sale at a Christian book store and was super excited to dive in. By the time I got to the third chapter I was ready to move on to another book. I think it was because the characters just fell in love too quickly for me. It had a good message within the plot, yet I wish it was more. Maybe if it was more about pirates or on the ocean I would have been more interested in the book. I really expected more. But I really love this author and I love her style and tone of writing.

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### **Katrina says**

You know its a good book when you stay up & pull an all-nighter because the first few chapters are absolutely flawless & breath taking. Just as when Dorian & Kendra first meet each other, I knew I was a goner & I had to finish this book then & there.

Kendra isn't your typical frivolous girl of the 18th century. She is independent, witty, & strong willed. But she has a bad habit of assuming things.

Dorian shares the same flaw, jumping to conclusions. He also has a bad past with marriage & women, causing him to fight against his feelings for Kendra throughout the book. But he is charming, adventurous, mischievous, & dashing, not to mention he's a captain. Then again, any handsome man that calls me love is a keeper.

The story had two arcs, the romance arc & the mystery arc, with the mystery being the stronger of the two. I saw part of the outcome in the beginning, but it was still enjoyable nonetheless, but I do wish there was more of the romance. I love most about their relationship with each other is that it has a fiery start, they both can't stand each other & tease the other constantly, though never meaning it. They challenge each other & are never boring, & when something difficult does arise they eventually find their way back together to sort it out as a pair.

The lesson to all those females out there that do this (& the occasional few men who assume), assume stuff or hear gossip from other jealous women, is to stop jumping to conclusions & just ask him if its true or not. The best relationships have the best communication. It'll save you a lot of trouble in the long run & spare your relationship if you just ask & talk it out.

I only hope I'm as lucky to find the man for me like Kendra did. I won't get over this book for a good couple of months, the downsides of reading romance novels, you fall in love with fictional characters & then feel like they've died. Sucks sometimes.

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### **Rebecca says**

Such a good story. The author swept you into her story and kept you hooked until the end.

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### **Holly Renee says**

Pirate of My Heart is a riveting tale filled with charm, adventure, comedy, and romance!

After the death of Lady Kendra Townsend's father, she is left in the care of her ruthless uncle. He gives her the choice to marry the man he chooses for her or leave England to live with relatives she has never met, in the land called America. Believing God has a plan, she boards a cargo ship to start a new life. On the voyage, she meets American sea captain Dorian Colburn. Dorian felt an attraction to the Englishwoman the second she stepped on the ship . . . but he's not about to let some heiress slow him down from his sea adventures. He's been wounded by women before and he enjoys his single life. When Kendra is threatened, will he change his mind and take a risk on her?

Pirate of My Heart is a charming story that sparks with romantic tension. Jamie Carie creates delightful characters full of wit and humor. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the hero and heroine spar with each other. Even when they aren't arguing, their humor and quick wit around one another is just as amusing. There are moments in this story that are priceless!

The writing in this novel is absolutely stunning and brilliant. Jamie Carie pens clever descriptions of characters and their moods.

The historical approach in this novel is also very accurate from the early English point of view. It is in this historical accuracy that we find the title of the novel. While the cover, title, and back-cover description may lead one to believe this story is about pirates, the truth is that pirates make a brief appearance in this story. While at first I felt as though the misleading information should have decreased my rating, I truly found the reason behind the title too clever and endearing to do so.

I found an instance when I disagreed with one of the heroine's decisions. That being said, this story is not about me or anyone else. It's about this character. Though the author gives us good enough motivation to justify the decision, from a biblical perspective, it's not one I'd feel comfortable with if a real-life friend made that same choice. I do, however, believe the varying feelings on this decision would make an excellent discussion in book clubs!

This is the first book I've ever read by Jamie Carie. After reading Pirate of My Heart, not only do I look forward to her next title, but I'm ready to go out and purchase all her other books. I loved every moment of this novel and highly recommend Pirate of My Heart.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from B & H Publishing, via NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Rachelle Cobb says**

#### **What I Loved**

#### **Isn't that cover spectacular?**

I'm a sucker for great covers and pirate stories (I owe that to MaryLu Tyndall and her swashbuckling stories) so when I read Katie's review of Pirate of My Heart, it went on my Christmas list. I finished the book in about a day and overall, found it a very interesting read. With locations as widespread as Yorktown, America, a merchant ship, and Arundel, England, Pirate of My Heart paints an enticing picture of America and England just after the Revolutionary War.

I immediately liked Kendra and Dorian, who come across as very sincere. I laughed at how they "fell in love at first sight" -- my, oh, my did the sparks fly. It was hysterical at times and heartwarming at others.

The element of intrigue and danger was definitely there (another thing I'm a big fan of). Though I felt like Kendra and Dorian were headstrong, reckless, and hasty half the time, they complimented each other well and the spiritual lessons they learned in this story are relevant and encouraging.

### What I Didn't Like As Much

I have to agree with Katie that this is probably not Jamie Carie's best work. The beginning starts off very slowly and I had a hard time getting into it.

I found the scene breaks very confusing as sometimes the point-of-view changed at the end of a page and I got whiplash trying to figure out which character's head I was in. (And one time head-hopping was going on and I was very confused.) Also I felt like one character with villainous potential wasn't entirely developed. Finally, the ending left me with some unanswered questions.

Overall, this was an entertaining read that has convinced me I need to check out more of Jamie Carie's books.

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### **MaryLu Tyndall says**

A fun, exciting read! Even though it's not about pirates as the cover and title would indicate, it is well worth your time. Adventurous, heart-warming, and romantic.. complete with a lovely heroine who you pull for with all your heart, a manly, honorable hero who takes your breath away and a sinister villian trying to destroy their lives.

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### **Angelc says**

I had high hopes for this book, the cover looks so exciting, and the title sounds like a great adventure as well. However, this book read more like an outline or very first draft of an exciting story. The plot and characters were pretty interesting, but they just weren't developed. Everything happened really abruptly, without a lot of explanation. Also, the book was written in an elementary fashion, there wasn't a lot happening below the surface.

The plot that held my attention the most had to do with Angelene (I've never seen the name spelled this way before), the other woman vying for Dorian's attentions. I liked seeing Kendra's jealousy come out, and right fully so, haha! But it was never taken too far, you could always tell Dorian saw Angelene only as a hassle

and never as any threat to his relationship with Kendra.

This book has the bare bones of a good story, but needs to be developed a lot more to make it great.

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