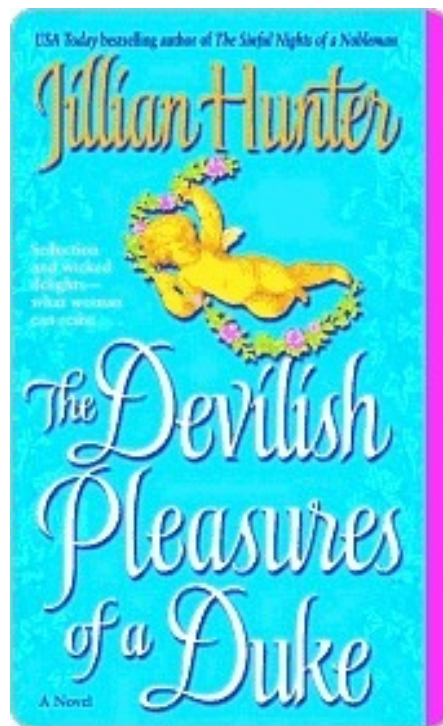




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Award-winning author Jillian Hunter spins a captivating new tale of sweet mystery, reckless temptation, and scandalous desire.

Adrian Ruxley may be a ruggedly charming rogue, but he's not a man to stand idly by while a lady is accosted—even at a wedding organized by the lady herself, Emma Boscastle, instructress in the social graces at her London academy for young gentlewomen. Adrian confronts the offender, a scuffle ensues, and now this smooth-talking heir is left to recuperate under Emma's very roof, delighted to see the deep concern in her lovely face. She has a charm no scoundrel can resist.

Emma is scandalized by her own behavior—seduced by a handsome stranger, indeed! How will she be able to hide her indiscretion from the perceptive Boscastle siblings? The divine passion that Adrian has unleashed, and the sensual delights he has shown her, have suddenly turned Emma's days at the fledgling academy into a display of impropriety and her nights into a velvet abyss of sensual abandon. But as their intimacy reveals Adrian's turbulent secrets, Emma is inspired to her most ambitious endeavor: redeeming a rake.

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Cs says

The only thing I have to say about this book is that they kept referring to the hero as the Duke, however, his father was still alive the entire book meaning he was NOT the Duke.

Juliewheatcox.Net says

This one did not have the spark that the previous in the series had. Even though Emma was a stickler for following society's rules, it would have spiced up the story if she had loosened up at least within the confines of the family.

Kit says

After the last two Boscastle books were so so, Emma's story was especially delightful. Reminiscent of other family series where one sibling is the straight laced slightly imperious one-it's Emma for the Boscastles. She is widowed and lives to care for others. Here comes Adrian (who we met in Chloe's story) and he is all things that she is not. Adrian is so much fun to read as he woos Emma and figures out a way to see her when at every turn the Boscastle Brothers interfere. It's the women of the family that come to her aid and it's sooo romantic and funny.

Silvia says

so far the best Boscastle book.

Stephanie Burkhart says

Hunter weaves a tale of romantic abandon with "The Devilish Pleasure of a Duke." Emma Boscastle, the dainty dictator of the Boscastle family, thought she'd never get married again until she meets Adrian Ruxley, a charming rake. The last of the Boscastle sibling series, the book pulls the entire Boscastle clan together in their quest to help Emma find love.

The book opens with Emma attending a wedding. When she spies Viscount Wolverton, Adrian Ruxley, trying to sneak comfits off the cake, she confronts him. They exchange witty banter and part ways, leaving a silent, yet powerful connection between them. Unfortunately for Emma, a potential suitor pushes his hand too far with her after Adrian leaves. Thankfully, before the suitor can get aggressive, Adrian reappears and intervenes. Too late for Adrian, he's assaulted and injured. Emma's heart goes out to him for defending her.

Adrian recovers under Emma's roof from his head injury. He's smitten with Emma. During his recovery, he shares passionate kisses and tender embraces with Emma, who is equally smitten with him. Despite herself, Emma realizes she's falling in love with the handsome rogue.

Adrian recovers and wants to court Emma openly. He makes several attempts to talk to her in private, seeking her consent. It's a valiant quest that is thwarted at every turn by Emma's overprotective brothers, who see to it Emma and Adrian are given no time alone. They're worried Adrian might not have honorable intentions toward Emma, yet they don't think to ask him.

Frustrated, Adrian strikes a deal to sneak into Emma's room with the help of one of the girls from her academy. Adrian finally makes his intentions known to Emma in private - he wants to marry her. She accepts. They make love. Afterwards, Adrian discovers he can't escape - Emma's brothers are blocking all the exits. The Boscastle women rally together and help sneak Adrian out of Emma's room to the chagrin of their beleaguered mates.

The next day, Adrian goes to Grayson, Emma's brother, and asks for her hand in marriage. Grayson allows it, and Adrian and Emma are married.

Adrian is summoned by his father, the Duke of Scarfield, to go home. The Duke wants to make amends for treating Adrian so poorly in the past. Adrian reluctantly goes, encouraged by Emma. At Scarfield, Adrian is reconciled with his father, thanks to Emma's support. Emma agrees to stay with Adrian in Scarfield and gives her etiquette school in London.

This is the sixth book in the Boscastle series, and I've enjoyed all of them. The story is fast paced. The plot is straight forward, with no real holes. It was nice to see the Boscastle women, Jane, Julia, Chloe, Eloise, and Jocelyn again, even if it was fleetingly. If anything, the story suffers from a lack of conflict after Adrian and Emma come together as a couple. Emma's meddling brothers struggle to keep the lovers apart, which doesn't ring true to their passionate natures.

The dialogue is sharp and authentic, and maybe a little a risqué from previous novels. Hunter's love scenes are graphic, yet tasteful. Adrian distinguishes himself as romantic lead with his sweet, unashamed pursuit of Emma.

"The Devilish Pleasures of a Duke," is a sinful romp that the reader will devour with a long lasting smile.

Desi says

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Me gustó!!

Los Diabólicos Placeres de un Duque

Argumento:

Adrian Ruxley podrá ser un encantador libertino que hechiza hasta las moscas, pero no es un hombre dado a permanecer quieto mientras una dama es acosada, ni siquiera en una boda organizada por la dama en cuestión, Emma Boscastle, profesora de buenos modales en su academia de Londres para jóvenes damas. Adrian se enfrenta al ofensor, se produce un altercado, y ahora este adúlador se encuentra recuperándose

bajo el techo de Emma, encantado de la profunda preocupación que refleja su encantador rostro. Ella tiene un encanto que ningún libertino puede resistir.

Emma está escandalizada con su propio comportamiento, seducida por un desconocido, atractivo ciertamente, eso sí. ¿Cómo podrá ocultar su indiscreción de la mirada de sus perceptivos hermanos? La pasión que Adrian ha despertado, y los sensuales placeres que le ha mostrado, han convertido los días de Emma en la academia en una exhibición impropia y sus noches en un audaz abismo de sensualidad. Pero cuando su intimidad revela los turbulentos secretos de Adrian, Emma quiere afrontar su más ambicioso plan: reformar a un libertino.

Sue says

I didn't believe the romance. At all. And that's a pretty big miss for a romance novel. I think that my "2" rating is generous.

Jessi says

Emma Bocastle is a proper woman, especially since she's trying to live down and control her infamous family. However, at a wedding, her current flame accosts her and she is saved by Adrian Ruxley who is then injured. He is attracted to the prim widow and welcomes the chance to be closer to her (though he wishes he wasn't so injured. Neither thinks they want anything more than an affair but circumstances (aka their families, hers being overprotective and his father (a duke) wanting to acknowledge the son he once threw out) interfere.

Not as good as some of the other Bocastle books but not bad.

Clarissa says

Reading this book is like reading while on cold medicine, only I'm not. Is it art? I don't think so - looks like it's just a rush job, an author's notes and a few intact scenes, published with a minimum of polish.

Sophie [at] Book Suburbia says

How i loved this book. Emma Boscastle is what i would call a "proper nice". You learn about her thru all the previous Boscastle books and u find really hard NOT to like her... She has all the best elements a woman character needs to be complete, and with a match like Adrian, i think she could not be placed in a higher rank. I love how her brothers act towards Adrian. It kinda remind me my own brothers in high school....lol. But i must say tho, that 3/4 towards the end, i felt as she wanted to finish this book. Everythig happened so fast, so suddenly, i think she wouldve extended it a bit only to make sense put o some minimal things... But as always, the book is impecable! You did it again Mrs. Hunter :)

JennB says

There were flashes of a good story in this, but they were drowned out by all the cheesy bodice ripper stereotypes (seriously, at one point he ripped her bodice off). I'm all for some physical expressions of loving but turgid penis, engorged penis and weeping clefts...no, just no.

In the end, I couldn't read this all in one go and finished it with hopes that I there would be more substance as it went on...nope.

Abby says

So excited to get Adrien's story -- and Emma is the perfect foil. They are the epitome of that couple who is so perfectly implausible that they're perfectly right. Emma "the Dainty Dictator" Boscastle gets the tables turned on her by her family as she enters into a steamy affair with Adrien. I also liked how the language changed in the sex scenes: more rough and crass than the usual flowery euphemisms. That just wouldn't have cut it for the passion Emma and Adrien shared.

We also get a little more from Gabriel and some more on Charlotte as well, both of whom I'm hoping get their own story soon.

Swee says

I found this rather dull. The writing seemed a tad affected—liberal use of complicated words where simpler synonyms would have done a better job—the hero and heroine were boring, etc. Just not my cup of tea.

Jody says

While attending a wedding with some of the girls from her academy, Emma flirts with a friend of her brothers and steals candy flowers off the cake for Adrian. Emma finds the man she is considering marrying accosting a servant, he turns to her and starts trying to convince her to ignore this and that they will be married. While he is literally twisting her arm, Adrian comes to the rescue and is injured in the process (hit over the head with a chair by a footman). Taken to Emma's brothers house to recover, things heat up between Emma and Adrian. Finally Adrian departs from the premises, but can not keep Emma off his mind. He tries several times to meet her again privately but her brothers have caught wind of their attraction. Until a decision can be made if they will allow the situation to continue, the brothers do everything in there power to keep the "lovers" apart. They did not take into consideration Harriet, the girl that Emma found and has decided to allow her into her academy to make her a lady. Harriet helps Adrian sneak in and the wives, sisters, and female cousins help him sneak out before a scandal happens. The next morning Adrian approaches the oldest brother to ask properly for Emma. Emma finally convinces Adrian to go home to see his ailing father.

Laura V. says

¡Emma, qué manera de romper años y años de decoro y buen comportamiento!

Me encantó porque con los Boscastle siempre hay una sonrisa asegurada. Emma, la máxima figura del buen comportamiento, cae totalmente derretida a los pies del pícaro diablillo de Adrian y no hay forma de detenerlos. ¿O sí? Diversión asegurada con los demonios Boscastle tratando de cuidar de su hermana mayor y detener un escándalo ¿o provocar uno?

Es una trama super sencilla, no tienen ni un problema de pareja, ninguna dificultad, ningún obstáculo (cosa que ME-EN-CAN-TA), se gustan, bien, van por ello y al grano, sin vueltas (PERFECTO). Adrian es un demonio perdido, Emma no es tan fría como se podría creer, y juntos se la pasan bien, se divierten, sonríen (mucho) y me pareció una unión digna del clan Boscastle.

Con ganas de leer más sobre Harriet, Charlotte, Gabriel...
