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Greyson Thorpe, Viscount Merrick, wants respectability above all else. Knowing the fastest way to achieve that state comes through marriage, he challenges Hammond Everett, the Duke of Donetic to a card game. After winning the match, the duke agrees to exchange his daughter's hand in marriage for the forgiveness of his debts.

Willimena Abigail Everett had no desire to marry after experiencing the violent nature of men at her father's hand. When Viscount Merrick arrives, she has no choice other than to obey her father and marry him. Will she be able to set aside her previous beliefs about men and judge her husband by his own merits?

After obtaining good social standing, Greyson sends his bride to the country; however, he finds himself missing her. Following her to the estate, he discovers she had been living a double life. Will he discover her secrets and control his burning desire for her at the same time?

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Cindy Woods says

Stupid story

This has to be the most inane, ridiculous story Of have ever read in an adult romance novel. What insanity! The plot is so full of holes it could be Swiss cheese! From beginning to end it is dumb! I always try to finish a book, even if it is bad, in order to give it a chance...to maybe find some redeeming feature in the book.....There is none! The characters are unbelievably presented as is the premise for their actions. Don't waste time reading this silly, silly book.

Kirsten says

This book is deeper than your usual historic romance. Wilhemina Abigail and her mom are the frequent victims of the Duke's wrath. He beats them mercilessly, so Abigail has no desire to marry. She wears "armor" to change her shape and hides her red hair under black powder. She tries to get her father to beat her instead of her mom. The brother Braiden somehow knows nothing of this side of his dad....We will see Braiden again in the next series especially in To Catch a Duke.

Well anyway, the Duke of Donic loses a big stake to Greyson, Lord Merrick, who is actually illegitimate. Greyson tells the Duke he will give him back the lost lands IF He arranges for Abigail to marry him and helps him get accepted into society. Abigail goes along in fear of her dad, and finds that her husband is not an abuser. But it gets complicated....and when Abigail plays the servant it gets more complicated. This book is much deeper as I mentioned and grapples with more complex emotions. In the end, it is predictable though.

∅???? [Punya Reviews...] says

I won an ebook of His Perfect Game from Jenn Langston as a part of a blog tour and I'd like to thank her for it.

Diane says

Good story

Although frustrated with the deception and lack of sharing between the main characters i found myself invested in the outcome.

Kara Watson says

Loved, loved, loved this book! Greyson is a real hero. I found myself dying for him to fall in love and for

Abigail to trust him. Well written and I can't wait for Jonathan's book!

C.D. Hersh says

The cover for the book only hints at the coming story but does it very beautifully. You get a preview of what Abigail and Greyson's romance will become.

Jenn Langston has embroidered a story filled with many colors and twists that will keep you thinking about the story when you are not reading. You hope the characters don't move on without you when your daily life makes you put the book aside.

From the opening sentence you are involved with Viscount Merrick's, Greyson Thorpe, quest for what he thinks is more valuable to him than all the estates in England. Only he had not counted on the Lady Willimena Abigail Everett's desire not to be wed or owned by a man. Their tormented backgrounds and self planned lives are thrown together in an evolving tale of the human spirit to survive and overcome all obstacles.

To find out who will triumph in the end can only be determined by reading the book. Only know this, love prevails in the end.

We had the privilege of an ARC to read before publication.

Susan says

Jen Langston doesn't shy away from touchy subjects. She turns them into beautifully written, thoughtful, and entertaining stories. While abuse and illegitimacy are not the usual basis for a romance, His Perfect Game does just that. And does it well. Giving us engaging and fully developed characters. I'm happy to recommend this book. I received an ARC copy of His Perfect Game in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Tina Susedik says

I received an ARC of His Perfect Game for an honest review. I enjoyed the book very much. While some readers may be turned off by the abuse Willimina Everett and her mother receive at the hands of her father, Jenn Langston does a credible job of portraying the effects of abuse, a hidden issue in all eras. All Willimina wants is to be left alone and save her mother.

Greyson Thorpe is illegitimate, something that is the same as being the devil himself during this time period. While finding a way to legitimize himself, he also finds love and helps save Willimina and her mother.

I have not read the first book in this series, but after reading His Perfect Game, His Perfect Bride is now on my "To Be Read List."

MaryD says

With all the descriptions of her father's cruelty to Abigail, I fully expected Greyson to discover the abuse early on. I know he had no desire to get to know his wife, but still.....

The impact of abuse was very well done and unfortunately at that time women were looked on as chattels with no rights of their own. Neither Abigail nor her mother had any recourse to the horror of their life under Abigail's father.

Even with that, this book kept me reading way into the night.

Jennifer says

It's not often that I decide to read the second book of a series when the first installment was a resounding disappointment. However there was a sample of the second book at the end of the first and I was intrigued. Not only was the writing much better, but the characters were less stupid. And since it's free with my Kindle Unlimited subscription, I decided that I'd give it a go.

Colour me surprised. I don't think that the book was all that more historically accurate than the first, but the characters were much better. Their stories, one overwhelmingly sad and the other decidedly unhappy, were compelling. I cared about them and wanted them to find happiness, which is more than I could have said for the MCs of the first book. The characterization and dialogue were leagues better than the first book and I was glad I gave author/series another chance.

I did find myself a bit annoyed with both the MCs, due to the fact that both of them were too scared to make themselves truly vulnerable. The h was a too cowed with fear of her husband and the H too resigned to the fact that no one could really love him. The lies, secrets and angst dragged on for way too long and made me a little mad.

Overall, I did enjoy this book. The h's story was really sad and while her spinelessness was frustrating, I could understand why she was the way she was. I liked the fact that the H didn't give up on the h that easily. Sure, he thought about it, but kept convincing himself to keep on trying. What I didn't like was his thoughts about his previous mistress. One star for the engaging writing and another star for an H who didn't automatically fall back into bed with someone else the moment his wife gave him grief. I can't bring myself to give any more stars due to all the lies and angst. It did drag on for more than half the book.

Emmly Jane says

This one knocked it out of the park! Abigail fights for an existence in a harsh world lead by an abusive father. When she is married, she understandably anticipates the same level of cruelty. Instead, she finds her new husband to be distant yet kind, thrusting her into uncharted territory as she learns to trust. The reserved Greyson is so intrigued by his mysterious wife that he must solve the puzzle and win her love. Definitely recommend to anyone who enjoys historical romance.

Linda Hays-Gibbs says

Title: His Perfect Game

Author: Jenn Langston

Genre: Historical Romance

Review Rating: Five Stars

Reviewer: Linda Hays-Gibbs

Greyson Thorpe, Viscount Merrick was a gambler and a bastard, but his father loved him and left him his heir. The problem was he wanted to be accepted by London society as his title should. He was a great card player so he decided to gamble with a respected Duke for his support in society. He had to pauper the Duke and strike a deal to return his estates and IOUs for respectability. It took Greyson over a year to maneuver the Duke into this position but he finally succeeded. The Duke had a daughter and a marriage with her would seal his fate into society.

Hammond Everett, Duke of Donetic was the perfect mark for Greyson. The game went well and they agreed. Greyson would marry his daughter and he would get his estates back.

Willimena Abigail Everett was the Dukes daughter and punching bag. He beat her at least once a week and her mother knew too. The supposed grand Duke was an unholy horrible man. Abigail wore extra padding and armor to keep her father from making her marry for all men were brutes. She also wore black powder on her hair since a child because he hated red hair and would become enraged when he saw it.

This is an interesting scenario a she is abused by her fathering and assured by her mother that she will be abused in marriage.

Abigail become throughly confused by her suitor and tries to continue her masquerade into their marriage. It is confusing to her new husband too.

Abigail has a lot if hang ups that are hard for her to overcome. Greyson is a vet patient man and realizes she needs time but becomes frustrated several times with Abigail's persistence.

Their personalities are suited though you wonder if Greyson is winning or losing at times. He has a hard time trying to prove his love.

You find yourself rooting for Greyson and praying that Abigail can overcome her father's abuse. The people in this story are very real to you. I know of people in this day and time that have similar hang ups. This only increases your sympathy for them both.

This is tragic and funny and throughly enjoyable.

I gave it five stars for the personalities of the characters and the determination of the hero. Thank God for heroes.

Linda Hays-Gibbs

Becky Lower says

This wonderful novel has all the trappings of what you expect from a Regency—a duke who is in debt, an illegitimate son seeking a way into Society's good graces, a gaming establishment, and a redheaded beauty.

His Perfect Game showcases the injustices of the world in the 19th century. Women were mere pawns in the

chess game that was English society. Men without titles were not worthy of notice, regardless of how noble they really were. And marriages, estates and titles could be won or lost on the turn of a card.

There is no gambling with this book. It's good.

Crazychriss889 says

YES!!!!

Gimme more!!

I simply loved everything about this novel.

The characters were just soo awesome. I could totally understand them.

He was proud, not really sure about her feelings (or his :D).

She was just so locked in her old self, not self-confident, always on the edge.

I think their background stories just fit so well. Without them, I would have been confused and wouldn't have understood their actions but with them? I really felt with them and could understand their reasoning.

Writing style?

Awesome. Really sucked me in. Felt like I was living back then.

Plot?

It was a bit disappointing that it was so similar to the plot of the first novel, especially towards the ending.

But I still loved it. The twists and turns and of course the suspense. Although I must admit the whole suspense thingy wasn't that suspensy.

What was a bit of a problem for me too was this whole dressing thing but it fit.

C.T. Collier says

When we first meet Langston's clever heroine Abigail (Lady Willemina) she's doing her best to cope with relentless physical abuse by her father. Her chance for escape comes when she is the prize won by Greyson Viscount Merrick in a gambling bet. Greyson is illegitimate and needs the right spouse (Abigail) to be accepted into society. Although Abigail was not chosen for her charms, she and Greyson are attracted to each other.

Mistrust and distrust abound in this story and present formidable obstacles to the love that persists and grows. I was continually surprised by the ways, even under the most difficult of circumstances, the growing attraction between Abigail and Greyson takes hold and triumphs.

Abigail's plight highlights the inequality of the sexes in the era and the powerlessness of women. I confess I was repulsed by the abuses of power, the underhandedness, and the appalling treatment of women throughout the story. Fortunately, the ending is positive and is a very skillful overturning and knitting together of the themes of the book. Langston knows her historical period and is a clever storyteller.

