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Miriam says

Ever read a book that is rife with touches of destiny that you wonder, "How many more signs do these people need?!"

That's James and Emma's story. The encounter on the road, the encounter at Emma's employer, the encounter at Emma's home... Third time's the charm, or so the saying goes, although the charm, the magic, between James and Emma happened along the way and grew with every encounter they shared.

I had to admire Emma's persistence in helping James, even if he was slightly (okay, maybe a lot) ungrateful because it "cost" him. In the end, I don't think it cost him anything because he gained so much. And I did enjoy James's begrudging acceptance of Emma and her actions. Not everyone makes decisions they are proud of, but they are necessary. Caring for her family in the only way she knew how was admirable, honorable, and selfless. Despite the hard times her family had fallen on, she remained ever the lady.

There were points in this story when I felt the misconceptions they held for one another were almost overwhelming. It took quite a bit of time for them to see past those to the man and woman underneath. Was it worth it? Hm... Yes, I think so. I'm not a regency era aficionado but one consistency I've found in similar reads is an inflated ego and entitlement amongst nobility. Not all, but most. Discovering who lies under all that pompousness is always a surprise. There is, sometimes, more than meets the eye because, let me be honest, there's that one character who is exactly what you see. There's nothing beautiful under all that ugliness.

I enjoyed this story. It's a rough go from enemies to lovers but it was worth reading about. I don't think James and Emma would have appreciated each other like they did if they hadn't had such a tough beginning. From instant dislike to slowly falling in love, this is what a great historical romance is for me. It's what I expect. What I want. I got all of that and a happy ending that was predictable but well-deserved.

Received from publisher for an honest review

Caitlyn Lynch says

Emma d'Ibert, scion of an ancient noble family now fallen on hard times, must reinvent herself as governess Miss Hibbert in order to earn her living. On her way to take up her post, she has an encounter with a gentleman which leaves him concussed and not even knowing his own name.

When he recovers himself, Viscount James Tidworth curses the very existence of the interfering woman who caused the delay and cost him his chance at happiness. Encountering her working as a governess at a friend's home, he vows to make her suffer, but soon realises there is more to the intriguing Miss Hibbert than meets the eye.

This is a well-written story full of interesting little details. There is a lovely section detailing Bath as it must have been in the Regency era in the latter part of the book I found fascinating, and historically I'd say this is definitely one of the more accurately written Regency romances I've come across.

That said, I had Questions which weren't ever really answered by the narrative, like how exactly Emma's

family had lost their money? Her father was a sensible man who didn't gamble, her brother was training to be a doctor, and they were still in possession of a valuable family manor and the properties surrounding it. Renting the house out and living in a smaller property should recover their fortunes, but it never seemed to occur to anyone. And while I liked Emma, James behaved on any number of occasions like an immature ass. Determining to cause a servant to be fired because of an inconvenience and not listening to Emma when she tried to explain things to him made him look petulant and spoiled. While he eventually got over himself and grovelled for his offences - and there was someone whose behaviour was much worse, to compare him to - I still struggled to warm to James and think him worthy of Emma.

Four stars for a well-written novel with a charming heroine, but a hero who got just a little bit on my nerves.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book for review through NetGalley.

KriisGaia says

Emma d'Ibert is on her way to her first post as a governess. In *Vanquishing the Viscount*, her parents' money is gone, and she needs to reduce expenses and earn an income. So she takes a position and disguises her name to hopefully avoid any scandal to her family.

While on her way to her new life, a rider on horseback hits the cart in which she is traveling. His horse runs off and he is left in the dirt.

He doesn't remember his name or where he is going. Against the gentleman's objections, Emma insists on taking him to a local inn to rest and regain his senses before he goes on his way.

The gentleman, James Markham, Viscount Tidworth, is not a happy man. The interfering young woman in the cart may have seriously interrupted his plans.

He has only just remembered his name, but he knows that he has to get to his destination right away. He finally remembers the destination and that it is imperative he get there soon or he will lose the hand of Belinda Carslake, the woman he wishes to marry.

James is concerned that he may be too late to declare his desire to make Belinda his wife. All because of an interfering young woman. If he ever sees her again he will not be happy.

Saved By The Accident

The characters created by the author were rich and interesting to read. I like how they had dimension and depth. There was more going on in the two main characters lives than just the interaction between themselves.

I found it interesting that the author chose to have the charitable work the purview of the male character. Most of the Regency books I have read leave charitable pursuits almost exclusively to females. Too often the men contribute only with cash or moral support.

This was a fun read, and I hope for more from the author.

Reviewed for LnkToMi iRead in response to a complimentary copy of the book provided by the publisher in hopes of an honest review.

Stacy Reid says

Loved this read. Full review to come.

Katrina Berry says

Vanquishing the Viscount by Elizabeth Keysian is Book 3 of the Wayward in Wessex Series.

Ms. Keysian has quickly become one of my favorite authors with her beautifully written stories that incorporate detailed world-building, captivating characters with amazing chemistry, and an interesting storyline that will keep you turning those pages. Vanquishing the Viscount is an A+ read!

Please note that an ARC was generously provided in exchange for an honest review of which this is both honest and completely voluntary.

Gwessie Tee says

Naughtiness 2

Absolutely love this book, another fantastic read, definitely recommend it, this is not the first of Elizabeths books I've read but I can honestly say at this point I know if Elizabeth has written it I will definitely love it without even knowing the synopsis.

As always I will not give spoilers, the hero and heroine definitely have you rooting for them as well as a there being someone who needs neutering for the future generations sanity, you will know who as you read it. This book has lots of twists and turns aswell as characters to love I do hope we see more of our heroine and her family soon.

Thank you Elizabeth for writing this awesome book and for the honour of reading it ♥

Brenda says

Publisher's Description:

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desire for revenge...and his baffling attraction to her.

My Thoughts:

This is another wonderfully written and engaging title by Elizabeth Keysian . All of the books in this series have small insignificant ties but all are meant to be standalone reads.

If you haven't read any of this author's books I encourage you to do so.

When Viscount Tidworth falls from his horse. This unfortunate delay causes him to be too late in his proposal to the lady he intends to make his wife. She has just minutes before his arrival accepted the suit of another.

His accident in his rush to propose to the young lady was not Emma's fault but he blames her for the delay anyway.

Emma and the Viscount are almost instantly attracted to each other, but Tidworth feels she is the reason he isn't now engaged to the enchanting lady of his choice. They part without the knowledge of one another's names but they soon meet again under much different circumstances.

Will Tidworth be the forgiving sort and let his attraction for this mysterious young woman grow or will his new knowledge of who she actually is be the death of anything between them?

I enjoyed the story and the characters in this newest edition of the Wayward in Wessex series.

Both the storyline and characters are well developed and engaging.

I gave this book 4.5 of 5.0 stars for storyline and characterization and a sensual rating of 3 of 5 flames. All real intimacy is behind closed door scenes ending with a kiss and the door being closed.

I received a complimentary digital ARC of this book from both the author and publisher. This in no way affected my opinion of this book which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Angela says

Ms. Keysian's books are full of quirky and sweet moments and great characters. Her books are easy reads that engage your imagination. This book also has loads of misunderstandings and makes every moment special. The slow to build romance was engaging and delightful. Wonderful read.

I received a complimentary copy from the publisher through NetGalley.

Cris Conquers says

When Emma's family finds themselves in a dire financial situation she takes on a position as a governess, concealing her identity as a member of the aristocracy to keep the creditors at bay. On the road to her new home she encounters Viscount Tidworth, who having been thrown from his horse has temporarily lost his memory. Despite his argument that he's totally fine and in a rush to be on his way, Emma's conscience won't allow her to abandon him on the road and she ensures that he takes some time to rest at a local inn to recover from his accident. This delay causes him to miss out on a chance to claim the woman he believes he loves, which understandably leaves him cursing that managing, meddling, mystery woman's name. Which, as you can imagine, makes things very interesting when he discovers she's become the new governess for his friend's siblings.

VANQUISHING THE VISCOUNT was a delight to read. It's so much fun watching Emma and Tidworth banter and test each other's boundaries as they get to know one another. They both have a lot of

preconceived notions about each other and make some assumptions without getting all the information. I feel like their having to work through these roadblocks and learn how to open up to each other kept things interesting and made this such a sweet and intimate romance. Getting to the nitty-gritty of both of their insecurities and fears and seeing them learn how to work through them as a couple made me feel like I really got to know who these characters were, not just on a superficial level.

I have such a crush on Tidworth. When he first encounters Emma, much like her I expected him to be very confident and lordly – a gorgeous, rich man who knows he's wanted and thinks he can get away with anything. But in actuality, Tidworth shows himself to be an incredibly kind, forgiving, charitable person who is mostly focused on trying to help those less fortunate. He's like a literal angel. I don't know how he manages to be so sweet and wonderful without seeming like a goodie two-shoes, but he does! Oh, wait...yes, I do. He's also sexy and passionate and puts Emma's needs above everything else. A loving man who is respectful and cares about consent in a time and society where no one else seems to care about a woman's mind and needs – hot damn! Although Tidworth could easily have been just another sexy-and-he-knows-it entitled lord here I think I love him all the more for his sweet, understated nature. He's not the kind of guy who needs to be in control to assert his masculinity. And there's something so incredibly sexy about that which I totally didn't expect.

If you love historical romances and are looking for characters who have much more depth than you would expect, VANQUISHING THE VISCOUNT is not to be missed. This sweet, funny and sexy read will have you throwing aside your preconceived notions and falling completely in love.

Disclosure: I received an advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. All thoughts and opinions shared are my own.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Vanquishing the Viscount by Elizabeth Keysian is book Three in The Wayward in Wessex series. This is the story of Emma Hibbert and James, Viscount Tidworth. I have read the other books in this series (and loved them!) but feel this is easily a standalone book.

Emma's noble family have fallen on hard times and she has chosen to take a job as a governess to help out. But along the way she ends up saving James who is anything but grateful. James was headed to propose to a woman but due to the delay he missed his chance with her and she engaged to someone else. James fully hold Emma as the responsible party for why he isn't now engaged to his lady love. James and Emma meet up again where Emma has taken a job as a governess and they have more words of upset to each other. Later Emma is called back home where she learns things have gotten worse and of course James turns up again. This was a slow burn to great romance story. I always know I will enjoy a book by Ms. Keysian so I was excited to see this one for sure!

Candace Nagy says

I have become a big fan of Elizabeth Keysian, she never ceases to amaze me. There is just something heartwarming and entirely special about the way she tells a story. This story is no exception. The writing is splendid and I can capture every emotion as it's written, it's absolutely magnetic. Her characters always have a realness to them that leaves me mesmerized. I adored James and Emma, they have great chemistry and I was so charmed by them. I could NOT put this book down, until I read it from start to finish. Definitely a book you can get lost in.

Mari Cardenas ~ Bayou Book Junkie says

3.75 Stars

While Vanquishing the Viscount is book 3 in the Wayward in Essex series, it can be read as a standalone.

Emma takes a position as a governess to help her family, she's fairly independent and determined and more than a bit stubborn. While I didn't really hate her, I was fed up with the whole not trusting another handsome man because of a bad prior experience. It got old very fast. Another thing that made me want to strangle her was when James proposed to buy her family's home and turn it into a house for military veterans, she was fairly happy about it (as she should) until he said he'd need to modify the house and the gardens so the vets would be able to navigate through them. Then all her concerns for helping her parents flew out of the window because she didn't want James to change the house, a house mind you where she wouldn't live any longer. She wasn't awful, but she was a bit too Mary Sue-ish in some instances for my taste.

Then we have James, aka Viscount Tidworth, who was so ungrateful when Emma and her coachman helped him out because he'd be late to propose to the woman he intended to marry and then was set on revenge against Emma because the lady accepted another proposal before he got to her house. I have to admit, I liked him a bit more than Emma. He was very into helping others and that endeared him to me.

James and Emma had good chemistry, even if the path to their HEA was plagued with misunderstandings and prejudice and while I wasn't certain I liked either of them at different points in the story, they seemed well-suited for each other.

The story was entertaining and I found it well-written, even if there were a few things that didn't work for me, I'm sure others will find it enjoyable.

*** Copy provided to the reviewer via NetGalley for my reading pleasure, a review wasn't a requirement. ***

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Viscount Tidworth should be grateful to Emma Hibbert when she comes to his rescue after an accident. Unfortunately though, her trying to help him cost him the chance to ask for the hand of the woman he planned to marry. Unwilling to let her interference go, he's determined to get revenge. However, when he discovers what Emma is hiding, will he let what she did go and fight for a future with the woman he's coming to love or will he lose his shot at happy ever after because he can't let what she did go?

This is the first book I've read by Ms. Keysian and what an absolutely fabulous read it was due to two wonderful main characters that had me hooked from the moment they meet; the dialogue was entertaining because Viscount Tidworth sees Emma as the enemy after what she does; and the obstacles these two face to be together had me cheering for this couple to overcome them because they're good together. Will the hero realize that Emma did him a favour by missing the opportunity that he did? Will the hero be able to convince Emma to take a chance on him?

With the main characters, I loved every moment they conversed because Emma is a real mystery to the hero, especially when she reveals information about her past that makes him more and more intrigued by her. Moreover, the heroine was resilient, courageous and I liked how she would do anything for family, which is proven by the position she's taken so she can help her family. I also liked how much of a challenge she provides the hero in the way she stands up to him when he acts all high and mighty and believes he's right. While the hero, he's confident, resilient and I liked his determination to win the heroine over once he realizes how much the heroine is coming to mean to him. I also liked how protective the hero was of the heroine, which is proven by the challenge he makes to a friend because the heroine deserves love, family and happiness in her life.

Overall, Ms. Keysian has delivered a really good read in this book where the chemistry between this couple was strong; the romance was cute and had me loving these two together; and the ending had me loving how things worked out for the best for these two, as the hero isn't about to let the heroine get away. Then again, I liked how the heroine wasn't about to let the hero get away either. Really, these two are perfect for each other. However, it was the epilogue that wrapped this story up perfectly, as readers discover the surprise the hero has for the heroine and how happy he's made her by what he's done. I would recommend *Vanquishing the Viscount* by Elizabeth Keysian, if you enjoy Historical Romance, the enemy to lovers trope, or books by authors Stacy Reid, Lenora Bell, Lily Maxton and Gina Conkle.

Suze Lavender says

When Emma rescues a man who's fallen off his horse he isn't grateful, instead he's unkind and moody. Emma thinks she'll never see the rude man again, but when she's just started working at her new position as a governess they meet once more. James is a viscount and a friend of the family she's working for. Emma doesn't want anyone of the ton to know she's working, because then they'll find out about her family's financial problems. She's changed her name, but James figures out who she is and he's angry with her, will Emma be able to convince him to keep her secret?

Because of James's fall he missed his chance to ask the woman he loves to marry him. Someone else beat him to it and now he's heartbroken. James blames Emma for his misery. He can make life tricky for her, because of everything he found out about her family, but she also fascinates him. What will win, the desire to get to know her better or plotting his revenge? He has the power to ruin Emma, but is he really that cruel or will he listen to his heart?

Vanquishing the Viscount is an entertaining romantic story. Emma is kindhearted and always wants to look after others. She is a fierce intelligent woman and can take care of herself. I admired her fabulous spirit. Her parents are in trouble and she tries to help them in any way she can. She's there for those who are in need. Because of her caring nature the woman of James's dreams says yes to another man's proposal. James is heartbroken and doesn't want to like Emma, he'd rather hate her, but that isn't as easy as he thinks. Sparks fly between them and she fascinates him more than he wants to admit, which makes the story fun and engaging and kept me interested from beginning to end.

Elizabeth Keysian's writing style has a lovely easy flow. I love the way she makes the time she writes about come to life. Her vivid description of her settings, her characters' appearances and the rules and intrigues of the ton are making her story a joy to read. I read *Vanquishing the Viscount* in one sitting, it's charming, sweet and captivating and I couldn't put it down. I really liked this wonderful book with its amazing sweet ending.

Frankie Reviews says

This is book three in the Wayward Wessex series, I read the previous book and thoroughly enjoyed it. This is a well written, fun and enjoyable read by a very talented author.

While on her way to take up a position as a governess, Emma comes across a man who has fallen from his horse. Being a decent woman, Emma stops to help, but in doing so ruin everything. For she is from a very distinguished family who have fallen on hard times and the man she has helped figures out her secret and is none other than friends with the very family she is going to work for.

The reason Emma has changed her name and taken the job is because her once high and mighty family are now struggling, they are having serious financial problems – which can be understood as this can happen to anyone, but we all know that during this era it was scandalous and something to sneer at. Emma is a good woman who wants to do the best she can for her family. But finding arrogant and rude Viscount Tidmouth changes everything especially as they both know that James could make life very difficult.

James was on his way to finally ask the woman he loves to marry him, but due to his fall and the woman who has secret's making him go mad with irritation and lastly lust, James misses the chance. He is heartbroken and angry, which is a deadly combination for a man who think's a tad too highly of himself and thinks' that he is in the right all the time.

Eventually as with all romances after getting past various obstacles James and Emma do start seeing each other in a completely different light to how they met. I do like a enemies to lovers story and this is a lovely story. Emma is a fabulous character, she is a woman who just wants to do right by her family, by the man on the road. She has a good heart she isn't a spoiled little miss, which made this a very refreshing story.

As much as I did like James in the end, at times I did find him a little irritating at times through the story. There were times when I was thinking "what the hell is Emma, fawning over this guy for?" or "she can do so much better than this self-righteous cold guy". I was pleasantly surprised by how James changed through the story. I don't think he is the strongest of heroes I have met, but he's likable. But I did like their bantering, with was witty and made me grin with pleasure when she got one over him ?

I really like Keysian's writing, I have found her to be witty, stylish and fun. This is an engaging, interesting and richly detailed story, tender, sexy and full-bodied. Very recommended!