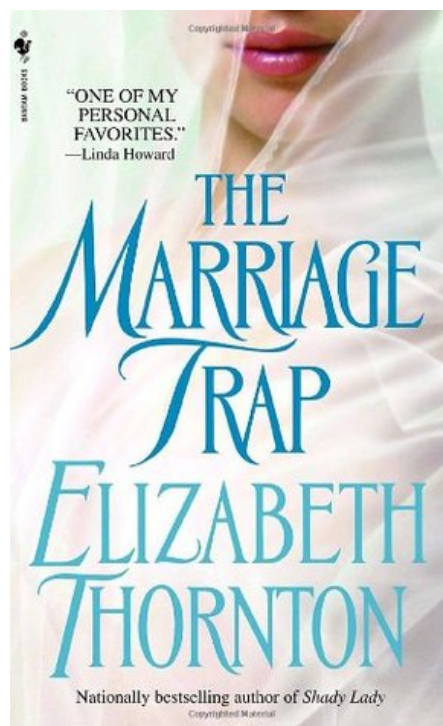




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Nationally bestselling author Elizabeth Thornton returns with a wickedly tempting new tale of scandal, intrigue, and daring proposals. . . .

From dueling at dawn to fighting at Waterloo, Jack Rigg, Earl of Raleigh, has seen his share of danger. But now he faces his greatest fear: wedlock by ambush. It began in Paris, when he rescued an alluring cardsharp named Aurora from a tavern brawl. In the safety of Jack's rooms they shared a passionate embrace. He never suspected their compromising encounter would change his life completely. . . .

The idea that a poor vicar's daughter should marry Jack Rigg might be amusing-if it weren't so imperative. When she last saw Jack, Ellie Hill was disguised as "Aurora," indulging her gift for gaming. Now she's in trouble with the law-and Jack is her alibi. She must hope he'll be more of a gentleman than he was to Aurora. But as they forge an unlikely and increasingly amorous alliance, someone with a deadly agenda wants to end their union before it begins.

The Marriage Trap Details

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Esther Tan says

it is amazing how much we trust and rely on others a lot, to the point where we don't wish to see what is right in front of us, or pretend some ignorance so that reality can match our fantasy

July says

Good Book

Meaghan says

intrigue and family drama. romance and love. great book.

Black Elephants says

It was a pretty good mystery that didn't necessarily come together at the end. Good hero and heroine dynamics in that they had equal agency for the most part.

Paula says

This is a first time author for me and it finishes up a themed challenge also.

This book is a suspense/romance. I thought it was well done and will read more by this author.

Ellie Hill is a companion to a wealthy couple's daughter. She dresses older than she really is and makes herself look dowdy to keep her job. She is the sole support for her brother Robbie after their parents die.

She is introduced to Jack Rigg at a party and the patrons are scandalized when the sought after bachelor asks her to dance. Little does he know that he practically grew up with Ellie when her vicar father tutored him as a child.

Later, after returning to London, Ellie is dressed and disguised as a very attractive woman and card shark. She is trying to win money to pay a debt her brother has incurred. After her escort leaves her alone, she ends up in Jack's room when he saves her from a riot. Now her name is tarnished and her brother is accused of murder.

Joan says

This was a great story, the characters were so interesting and strong willed. The story had lots of tension and fun back and forth with the "hero". This has been a fun series.

Laurie says

The romance seemed kind of incidental to solving the mystery, but it was still an enjoyable book overall. I need to look for the second and third book in the trilogy now.

Tabitha Rogillio Ducote says

It's a great book to get away from life for awhile. It's mainly romance with a mystery twist. By the end of the book I couldn't put it down

Jaye says

From the title, I thought it would be about a fun cute heroine planning to trap the hero into marriage. That was not the case. In fact, she didn't want to marry him at all!

The Plot:

Elle is a companion, who disguised herself (briefly at the beginning of the book) to look older and less attractive so she can find work and keep her job. She also supports her younger brother Robbie (who was just expelled from University and got into some other trouble throughout the book). She also have an alter ego called Aurora who is sexy and a gamester- she can apparently count cards. She met Jack, who rescued her from a riot that broke out (because of her, duh) and they kissed and parted. She was then accused of a crime, and he had to confirm her alibi which in turns made him offer for her hand. It also seems as if she and Jack knew each other from before. They eventually got married and the rest of the book became a mystery that evolves around clearing Robbie's name from trouble.

My Thoughts:

I sort of liked the book. My favorite part of the book were the supporting characters. I don't think I liked the Heroine very much due to the fact that she contradicts herself too much. She doesn't want to get married and was adement about it, but when her cousin shows up, in order to avoid an angry reaction from him, she jumped the gun and agreed to marry Jack. Another time when she went and rescued a housemaid from the ghetto part of town, she didn't bring anyone with her (when she grew up and lived in poor areas). She should've known better. And the part that bothered me the most was when she went to a hotel afterwards and spent tons of money (Jack's money, that is) a bit frivolously when months before she didn't have two shillings to rub together. If I can change something from the book, it would be her little hobby as as Aurora. There was really nothing beneficial to introducing that alter ego since she never became Aurora again even though Jack kept referencing to it like it's sexy or something. It's not- it's annoying. I would also recommend developing more emotions and feelings for both main characters. When reading a romance novel, I expect the topic of love to be brought up a couple of times, not twice. Once to say they don't believe it, and second to come to that realization at the end in two sentences.

My:

Read this book if you like a little suspense and mystery dabbled into your historical romance fiction.

Sexiness:

I find her Aurora intriguing and his attraction to her attractive.

"Action" Level:

The scenes leaves a lot to be desired. (hah!) Very vanilla actions.

Emotional:

Didn't care if they ended up together or not since they never really talked about love or cared much about it.

Frances says

This is another 3.5, but I read it through in one afternoon, which gives it a 4. It will still go in the book bus. Oh for a 10 star rating!

Cherry-Ann says

Oh...absolutely loved Ellie and Jack's story. What more could you want - mystery, romance, murder, kindness, surprise. A surprisingly lovely read.

Ana says

Entertaining but it didn't have anything in it to make it stand out. Still a good book though.

merilie Gonzales says

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The best book I've read in a long while. Well, okay re-read I have the paperback copy too. You'll love all the characters as much as I did. It's a historical romantic mystery like most of her books, something i absolutely love.

Gloria says

i love love love it. it wasn't like your regular romance novles

Sandra says

Loved it! Murder, mystery, romance -- The Marriage Trap has it all.
