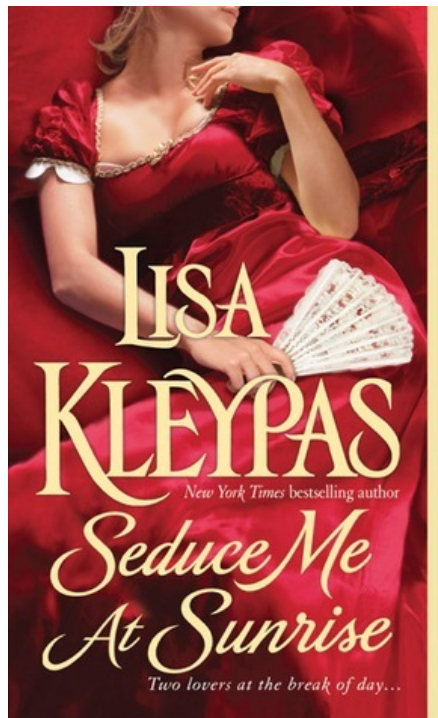




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He has tried hard to forget her.

Kev Merripen has longed for the beautiful, well-bred Winnifred Hathaway ever since her family rescued him from the brink of death when he was just a boy. But this handsome Gypsy is a man of mysterious origins—and he fears that the darkness of his past could crush delicate, luminous Win. So Kev refuses to submit to temptation... and before long Win is torn from him by a devastating twist of fate.

Can she remember the man he once was?

Then, Win returns to England... only to find that Kev has hardened into a man who will deny love at all costs. Meantime, an attractive, seductive suitor has set his sights on Win. It's now or never for Kev to make his move. But first, he must confront a dangerous secret about his destiny—or risk losing the only woman he has lived for...

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Kimberly Carrington-Fox says

Nuestra reseña en *A la cama con... un libro*

Qué poco esperaba de este libro y cuántos corazoncitos me salen ahora por los ojos

Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says

Generally, I'm not a fan of tortured heroes. Sure, I love my rakes and my deep, dark, brooding souls, but enough already, I hated *Wuthering Heights* the first time around, I don't want another Heathcliff in my reading repertoire. Heathcliff and Cathy can go die (har har har). This entire book is not a happy one, but it is so poignant and beautifully written that I have never regretted reading it or rereading it (for the 5th time).

Never let it be said that there is no well-done humor in Regency romance, but it is not to be found here. Go read your Julia Quinn if you want moments of uproarious laughter; this book is best read next to several boxes of Kleenex and a pint or two of Chubby Hubby or whatever happens to be your Ben & Jerry's of choice.

The main love interest in this book redefines the category of despairing hero, but he does it so well that even I, with my extremely limited tolerance for martyrdom and angst, can't help but love him. More than anything else, the writing shines. Lisa Kleypas has an art for writing characters, dialogue, and situation that touches your soul and breaks your heart.

...and I'm so sorry that sounded as trite as it did, that I couldn't have phrased that previous sentence in less flowery language, but I'm by no means as skilled a writer as Ms. Kleypas.

This is the second book in the Hathaway siblings series, and by far my favorite book of the five. Win is an invalid. She has been sick her entire life; I always thought of her in my mind as very similar to *Little Women's* Beth, had Beth gotten a chance to grow up, fall in love, and develop the complexity of character that comes with age. She is beautiful, kind, seemingly perfect. I hate perfect characters. I love Win.

She only *seems* flawless..."**outsiders tended to view Win as an ice maiden, neat and unruffled and cerebral...But outsiders knew nothing of the sly wit and warmth that lurked beneath her perfect surface. Outsiders hadn't seen Win teaching Poppy the steps to a quadrille until they had both collapsed to the floor in giggles. Or frog-hunting with Beatrix, her apron filled with leaping amphibians.**" She has spirit, she has warmth, she adores her family and loves the man society dictates she should not. She is frail in body but strong in spirit, and Win is a fighter. She fights for her health, she lived when she should have died from illness, and she works at painful rehabilitation so she can have the life she wants...and just as importantly, whom she wants.

Merripen (also known as Kev) is a Rom, a Gypsy, an outcast. He and Cam (from Hathaway book #1)...I hesitate to call them friends, given their barely concealed tolerance of each other, are unusual in that they are Romanies living and helping a family of poor gentry. As Gypsies, they're considered even lowlier than the lowest of the poor, give the racism and prejudice that their people have faced throughout history, and that is no exception in this Regency setting. Win and Merripen have been friends since childhood, and their feelings have deepened and intensified as they grow into adulthood. Win readily declares and shows her love for

Merripen, while he steadfastly refuses to enter into a relationship with her. Merripen is loyal above all, he is so grateful to the Hathaways for taking him in as an abused child, but there is one whom he holds dearest..."**and then there was Win, for whom Kev would have died a thousand times over. He would never degrade Win with his touch, or dare to assume a place in her life other than as a protector.**"

He worships her. Loves her with all his heart, all his soul. It wrenches him apart to see her hurt or in pain. It breaks his heart that he cannot have her. He sees her as the most precious thing in the world that he cannot have, for her own good.

I just made Merripen sound like such a sainted jerk of a martyr, didn't I? He is...and he is so unflinchingly mulish in his self-denial of Win that I just wanted to slap him sometimes...but then he turns around and says something like this: "**All the fires of hell could burn for a thousand years and it wouldn't equal what I feel for you in one minute of the day. I love you so much there is no pleasure in it. Nothing but torment. Because if I could dilute what I feel for you to the millionth part, it would still be enough to kill you. And even if it drives me mad, I would rather see you live in the arms of that cold, soulless bastard than die in mine.**"

...get me a fan, please. I'm burning up here. Whew.

This book just simmers in the very best way. The tension and heat is barely contained between the two characters, both of whom are so desperately in love. This is by far my favorite of Lisa Kleypas' works, and as exalted a place as she holds on my bookshelf, I do not put that lightly.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

Ms. Kleypas has managed to impress me yet again. She writes some of the most beautiful, most romantic love stories I've ever read. And this one is up there on my list of premier Lisa Kleypas novels. *Seduce Me at Sunrise* has one of those love affairs that is so intense and enduring, how could I possibly not love it? Kev Merripen fell in love with Win Hathaway even before he saw her. The Hathaways took him in when he was found badly injured and left for dead, despite him being a Gypsy. They nursed him back to health and treated him with a kindness that was foreign to him. And that is how he met Win. He felt her presence and it drew him to her. He willed her to come into his sickroom, and when she did, he grabbed her and didn't want to let her go. Over the years, not an ounce of his intense, violent love for her changed, even though Merripen did not think he was good enough for her. He was raised by his tribe to be the most ruthless, the most violent fighter. Gentleness was literally beaten out of him. But nothing could take away the love he had for Win.

Win loved Merripen at first sight as well. He was like a wild, beautiful creature that claimed her heart. When she fell ill with scarlet fever, for years she believed she could not possibly have a normal life. Yet the hope of being with Merripen in all the ways a woman can be with a man encouraged her to get her health improved. Two years later, she returns, hoping to get Merripen to see that they belong together. Yet he resists, even though the force of his love makes him want to kill any man that might claim her.

To be honest, Merripen was frustrating me. He was giving out some serious mixed signals. I felt bad for Win, because she decided to move on with her life, but he wouldn't let any man near her. And then he does something that was pretty wrong, in my opinion. I was holding my breath, hoping he'd come through and he didn't. I wanted to get out my shovel to hit him over the head then and there. But Ms. Kleypas allowed me to see the motivations and the anguish inside of Merripen. Why he would push away the thing he wanted/needed most in the whole world. Because he wanted what was best for her. And seeing Merripen's motivations coming out of love allowed me to forgive him.

This book was so beautiful in the intense love between this couple. I wanted to savor the scenes of them interacting, the words exchanged. Merripen might think he is a brute who is unworthy of Win, but his actions always spoke differently. There was no question he would die and go to Hell many times for Win. That kind of love cannot help but appeal to me, being the die-hard romantic that I am.

I liked both characters a lot. Even though some of their actions frustrated me, Merripen moreso. He was really a product of his terrible childhood, but he managed to rise above that, and become a good, productive, caring person (although he didn't see himself that way). Win had a sweetness about her. Her belief in the trueness of the love between her and Merripen was a guiding force. Her sweet, loving nature was a cornerstone in the Hathaway family. One of the things I love about the Hathaway series is how the brother and sisters are all shown to be so unique, and committed to each other, even if they don't always get along. Merripen and Cam fit in so perfectly, like the last two pieces of a puzzle (along with the intriguing Miss Marks, the governess who gets along with Leo Hathaway like cats and dogs. Hmm???? What's going on there??).

As usual, Ms. Kleypas beautifully describes the scenery, the characters, and the settings. The luscious descriptions of everything makes me want to get sucked into the book so I can experience it all first hand. Her love scenes are so intense and descriptive in a way that is very sensual without being vulgar. They are earthy, yet elevated at the same time. You feel the love connection between the characters.

I liked how this story was very much a family story, in addition to being about the relationship between Merripen and Win. The Hathaways are such a fun, interesting family to read about. They seem to take everything in stride, and continue to add more people the fold without any fuss. I'm excited to read about Poppy, Beatrix, and Leo's happy endings. I must say I am overjoyed to see Leo starting to pick up the pieces of his life and moving on with some purpose. I think that Miss Marks will give him something to focus on, along with his renewed interest in architecture. In this story, we get to see the relationship between Leo and Merripen; how Leo is able to help Merripen see that giving up what he wants most in the world might be a foolish move on his part, because love is too precious to waste. If anyone knows what it's like to lose one's love, it's Leo. It was funny how the Hathaways treated Win and Merripen like they were a foregone conclusion, even though Merripen is slow on the uptake about it.

It was also enjoyable to see the love affair/marriage of Cam and Amelia continue. What a great couple. They have the kind of marriage you wish for. Amelia is a singular woman, who I find strong but gentle at the same time. She's quite the mother hen, taking care of her brood, including husband, brother and sisters, and Merripen, who is like a brother to her. Cam is such an interesting character. I could vividly see him and picture the sometimes outrageous things he would say and think. It's very interesting to see how he and Merripen interact and what the repercussions are of their association.

Once again, I have read another Kleypas that I can easily give five stars. Her writing is always great, but she gets even better with each new book. I admire that she does her research to treat the historical Victorian setting with respect, and managed to weave in the fascinating Romany culture so well in this story. This might be a love story, but it is also a great fiction book with different nuances that make it enjoyable on many levels. But the one aspect that sent me to the moon when I was reading it, was the intense, enduring, burning-hot love between Merripen and Win. You know that fifty years from when this book ends, they will be just as much in love, if not moreso. That's romance to this reader.

Auntee says

I'm on a winning streak with these Lisa Kleypas books--5 **Wallflowers** books and now 2 **Hathaways**--and all were FABULOUS! I know I'm pretty easy to please, but I am *loving* every word of these two series!

There's oodles of great reviews for this book, so I'll just give some of my thoughts...

OMG, the 'gypsy' Kev Merripen has got to be the all-time *most stubborn* hero in all of Romanceland! His I'm-not-good-enough-for-you and I-don't-deserve-you attitude drove me *bonkers* so many times in this book! I think I counted three eye-rolls that I gave him throughout the book. Every time he made a move on Win Hathaway, the heroine, and then pushed her away I wanted to smack him! He drove that poor girl crazy! And nobody or nothing could get through to him. He was determined to keep himself closed up, feelings all bottled up, desires under control, letting fear rule him...he drove me crazy but my heart ached for him. He has probably one of the most pitiful back stories I've ever read for a romance hero, it's no wonder he was such an emotional island. I loved the scene where Win's brother Leo *finally* got through to him--Leo, of all people!--it brought a few tears to my eyes. And then the 'kidnapping' that followed? Breathtaking, romantic, sexy...What a payoff LK gives the reader for sticking with the story!

I loved seeing all the Hathaways again (although I swear Beatrix still acts *way* too young for an 18 year old!), loved to see that Leo was on the road to recovery, loved seeing *Cam!* and Amelia together, loved the little visit to Annabelle and Simon Hunt's ball, I even loved Dodger the ferret! I was intrigued by the introduction of a new character--Miss Marks, the sisters' governess--and I loved the effect she had on Leo!

I really enjoyed Win as a heroine. I loved how she went away for 2 years to a clinic to regain her health--I admired her desire to live life to the fullest and not take any day for granted after she got better. I loved how she was not afraid to come right out with her feelings for Kev, even though he fought his own feelings tooth and nail. When they were together they just *smoldered*--the desire they felt for each other was just so palpable. LK continually teased the reader by throwing them together and then pulling them apart--so frustrating! I thought the introduction of a rival for Win's affections would surely cause Kev to finally *do something* but...(*sigh*). The scene where Kev was discovered nearly 'compromising' Win, and then not admitting it, nearly broke *my* heart along with Win's. After that I thought, "he's never going to allow himself to get what he wants."

I enjoyed the subplot of the connection between Cam and Kev. With those matching tattoos their relationship was hardly a surprise, but I liked how it all played out. It was a little surprising in the end though when the details of their early lives were revealed. Things certainly turned around for Kev in a way I never expected!

The scene that surprised me most was when Cam's life was on the line--I didn't see that coming, although I knew immediately how it happened and who did it to him. It did serve its purpose though and brought Cam and Kev closer together, although it did give me a few anxious moments!

And lastly, the heat between Win and Kev. We may have had to wait a while before they finally got together (oh, the abduction!), but it was well worth it! Chapters 17 and 18 made up for all the teasing and torture that LK puts the reader through. The love scenes were smokin' hot, and whenever Kev would utter those Romany phrases...sigh...

So I was very, very pleased with this book. Loved all the characters, no slow parts, plenty of sexual tension leading to some *very* hot sex, and a big, fat happy ending. Not much more I can ask for. 5 stars

Kev...

Marisa Sauco says

«Te amo —pensó mirando a Win—. Amo cada parte de ti, cada pensamiento y cada palabra. La compleja y fascinante mezcla de todas las cosas que eres. Te amo de mil maneras diferentes. (...) Te amo por ser la respuesta a todas las preguntas de mi corazón».

Kev, Win y otras formas de morir de amor. ♥?

Shawna says

5++ stars – Historical Romance

Forever together and yet always apart.....

WOW, just WOW! I absolutely *loved* this! **Seduce Me At Sunrise** is a beautiful, evocative, sensual, moving, and lush romance of forbidden love, powerful yearning, and long-denied desire between two star-crossed souls. Although dark, cold, hardened, mysterious gypsy Kev Merripen and sweet, fair, innocent, well-bred Winnifred Hathaway might appear to be opposites, they've shared an intrinsic bond and deep love for each other since childhood. And yet the soul mates seemed destined to be kept forever apart by various twists of fate, including family tragedy, Win's illness, differences in social status, a curse, a persistent, respectable rival suitor after Win's hand, scandal, but mainly because of Kev's stubborn, anguished refusal to allow himself to be with the one and only woman his heart beats for.

It's a powerful, touching, and achingly poignant romance of two lovers yearning for each other who must confront and heal the past, face their fears, and fight destiny to finally be together, forever.

These are my favorite Kev Merripen quotes:

"All the fires of hell could burn for a thousand years and it wouldn't equal what I feel for you in one minute of the day. I love you so much there is no pleasure in it. Nothing but torment. Because if I could dilute what I feel for you to the millionth part, it would still be enough to kill you. And even if it drives me mad, I would rather see you live in the arms of that cold, soulless bastard than die in mine."

I love you, he thought, looking at Win. I love every part of you, every thought and word...the entire complex, fascinating bundle of all the things you are. I want you with ten different kinds of need at once. I love all the seasons of you, the way you are now, the thought of how much more beautiful you'll be in the decades to come. I love you for being the answer to every question my heart could ask.

And it seemed so easy, once he capitulated. It seemed natural and right. Kev wasn't certain if he was surrendering to Win or to his own passion for her. Only that there was no more holding back. He would take her. And he would give her everything he had, every part of his soul, even the broken pieces.

Alp says

Honestly, historical Romance is not the kind of book I normally read because I have no luck with this genre every now and then. But there is an exception when it comes to Lisa Kleypas. Her HR books never fail me, I really enjoyed most of them, especially this one!

I'm so happy I picked up this book. It was a great story, no wonder everyone I know loved it. I can wholeheartedly say that *Seduce Me At Sunrise* was practically perfect in every way. It not only lived up to my expectations but it also obliterated all of them! This was such a surprise because it was the first HR book that made me love every single line of it! As soon as I started reading, it grabbed me right from the very beginning and never let go until the end.

This was a love story of Kev Merripen and Winnifred Hathaway. Kev was a Romany Gypsy who was taken in by the Hathaways when he was badly injured and was left for dead by his tribe. While he was lying in bed, slowly recovering from his injuries, he heard Win's voice and was immediately drawn to her even before he met her.

"May I come in?" He heard a girl ask softly.

The curse died on Kev's lips. His senses were overwhelmed. He closed his eyes, breathing, waiting.

It's you. You're here.

At last.

And the moment they met, he instantly fell in love with her. But somehow Kev always felt that he was different from the Hathaways although they treated him like one of the family members. Kev thought he was not good enough for Win so he never showed his feelings and physical affection towards her, and treated her like sister at all times. Meanwhile Win knew that she loved him and yearned for his love since the day she first met him. She would prove to him that she had the right to decide what to do with her own life, and she was strong and so ready to be with him.

And in the end, I was impressed with their sweet HEA and a very beautiful ending.

"I believe in two people loving each other." A smile curved his lips. "Finding pleasure in ordinary moments. Walking together. Arguing over things like the timing of an egg, or how to manage the servants, or the size of the butcher's bill. Going to bed each night, and waking up together each morning." Lifting his head, he cradled the side of her face in his hand. "I've always started every day by going to the window for a glimpse of the sky. But now I won't have to."

"Why not?" she asked softly.

"Because I'll see the blue of your eyes instead."

By the way, this was a beautiful story that gave me the meaning of love—lovers' love and family's love. The moment I finished this book, I was so happy, felt like flying!

I LOVED IT!

Hollis says

This review can also be found at Romantic Historical Reviews.

Being relatively new to the historical romance genre, and thus totally overwhelmed by the selection and substantial backlists of all the Must Read Authors, it's taken a few years for me to get caught up on some of the books that are absolute staples and longtime favourites of so many readers. Which is why you see so many 'retro reviews' with my name on them! Naturally, many of those favorites come from the pen of Lisa Kleypas. I devoured her *Wallflowers* series back in 2016 and promised myself a more leisurely pace for future spinoff series, wanting to savour them, even though I had so many to catch up on. Which brings us to 2018 and my journey through *The Hathaways* series.

Seduce Me at Sunrise is actually the second installment and though I read the first one – **Mine Till Midnight** – a few months ago, I was thrown right back into the thick of things with this family. And that's where this series shines: the Hathaway siblings.

With four sisters and their brother, the Hathaway children had a somewhat irregular upbringing as their family was fond of debate and discussion and were both accepting and liberal as well as scholarly. So liberal, in fact, that after discovering a young Romany boy left for dead near their property, their father ensured that not only was he nursed back to health but he was also allowed to stay to live and be part of their family. Not quite a ward, not quite a servant, but somewhere in between; much like how he was both Gypsy and tribeless, cast out, and caught between two worlds.

Young, mistreated, and prone to lashing out, Merripen nonetheless finds himself powerfully drawn to Winnifred, second eldest daughter, and as the years pass his love for her only grows stronger. After the death of their parents, the Hathaways have a further string of misfortune when scarlet fever lays both Win and her brother Leo low, almost killing them, and the event leaves Win forever frail with compromised lung capacity. Merripen is devoted to her, careful with her, protective, but after years of being treated like glass, when she confronts him with her feelings for him, and he cannot return them because he feels so unworthy of her (not that he tells her this, of course), she decides she will no longer be trapped by her illness and goes to France to seek a cure.

Two years later and Winnifred has her health, a suitor in the form of the doctor who has returned to England with her to court her, and still Merripen resists their connection even in the face of competition and Winnifred's improved state. He pushes and pulls her, unable to resist, lashing out when he gives in to her, and the back and forth is both frustrating and yet redeemed by Kleypas having Winnifred acknowledge the situation instead of just being swept along by the man's behaviour, like so many HR heroines often are. And while I occasionally fluttered at Merripen's epic intense love that still made it impossible for him to be with her – which is where my flutters turned to aggravated flails – the real strength of the story is in the family and secondary characters.

We have a shifting POV in **Seduce Me at Sunrise**; Cam – book one's hero, who happens to be another gypsy with an unusual connection to Merripen, has a part to play, and we are also blessed with Leo's POV. Both men are full of witty, hilarious, charming dialogue and observations, and combined they are an absolute delight. The whole family is, really, but these two really had me going at times. And the total sweetness of seeing the tender moments between Cam and Amelia after their hard-earned HEA in **Mine Till Midnight** were just.. gah, feels. Additional feels were provided by the appearance of characters the *Wallflowers* series; I so loved seeing Simon and Annabelle again and hope the author continues to sprinkle previous couples

throughout the upcoming books.

Kleypas has always balanced angst with humour, and kept the emotional current strong despite that, and this story is no different. I really did love Win and Merripen together.. but only when they were together (and whew, were they ever hot together, too, my goodness!) Merripen gives the stack of broody heroes I've loved in the past a run for their money with how tightly he suppresses everything, made worse by the intensity with which he feels it all, and that was hard to read. I really enjoyed the lighter moments during the first half, though, which made it much easier to bear. But Win is strong, she's no doormat of a heroine, and that helped, too.

I also loved how the author takes time to really explore the Romany culture and make that a relevant feature, not just window dressing, and it definitely plays a strong part in this book with one, two, maybe even three surprising revelations along the way.

This second book in this much-loved series was very enjoyable and there is so much plot laid for the remaining siblings that it's impossible not to want to dive right into book three. If you haven't read this series yet, but haven't read the **Wallflowers** yet either, then don't! Start with the **Wallflowers** and then make your way to *The Hathaways*. You won't regret it.

NiCoLeTa E. says

In the first book, i liked the Hathaways!!!

In the second book i can finally say that i adore them!!!

This different and eccentric bounce manage to find the way to my heart and i can assure you that i'm almost obsessed with every single one of them...

First of all, i like the way everyone of them feels about all the other members of the family.

They love each other and they care for each other.

They don't judge anybody and they don't care for other's opinion about them...

And i like that they don't feel ashamed about the fact that two Gypsy are members of their family...

On the contrary, they are very proud of them and that is the most wonderful thing in this book...

The boundaries between them are strong and deep...

I liked very much that in this book we saw Amelia and Cam to be happy and married...

And i liked the low profile Poppy and even more the crazy little Beatrix and all those crazy pets of her... In the first book was a lizard, now was Dodger!!! Hahahaha... You have to meet Dodger no matter what... You will love him!!!

And finally, i have to tell you that i liked Leo. Funny, ugh???

In the first book, i swore that i will hate him for a lifetime... but Leo had changed. And he was very funny and kind and witty...

I really wonder what will happen between him and Miss Marks, the companion of the younger Hathaways who seems to hate him as much as i did in the first book...

But enough with that!!! Today i will focus on Winnifrent Hathaway and the mysterious Kev Merripen...

As we saw in the first book, Win was sick and she never fully recovered from her disease...

Merripen was with Hathaways since he was a kid. They have found him almost dead and they took him in

their house...

Merripen was a Gypsy but the Hathaways never distinguished him from the rest members of the family. From the first moment, between Win and Kev forged a unique bond...

A love so great and big that hovered unfulfilled between them...

Win didn't want anybody else to be on her side and Kev was loving her so much that he was scared that he could destroy her...

When Amelia and Cam got married, the Hathaways had more money so they decided to send Win away in a hospital to France for her to fully recover from the disease that tormented her.

Kev felt his heart breaking that he had to be away from her, but when Win declared her feelings for him, he didn't do anything to stop her from leaving...

Now two years later, Win returns healthy and determined to have a real life with Kev by her side.

But Kev refused to let his fears aside and he insists to stay away from her. But at the same time he can not stay away from her and that fact drives Win crazy!!!

You see, Kev had a really hard life as a kid and he was afraid that he could hurt Win without wanting it and that make him to keep his distance from her.

But there was and that doctor that he was claimed Win also and that made Kev to lose his temper many times!!!

I really loved this story...

It was very powerfull, full of love and passion, full of pure feelings...

Kev Merripen and Win Hathaway were meant to be together...

Their course was big and difficult, but they finally manage to find the happiness that they deserve to have...

Kev was a really difficult and wild character but with Win by his side was a different man...

I also liked that i finally found the connection between Cam and Kev and i really liked that they found each other... I think that was something that they both needed to have...

And, now i can not wait to find out everything about all the other Hathaways!!!

I think that i'm addicted!!!

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

4 stars!

“Hell was not a pit of fire and brimstone. Hell was waking up alone, the sheets wet with your tears and your seed, knowing the woman you had dreamed of would never come back to you.”

Lisa Kleypas delivers every single time!!! Book 2 in The Hathaways series lived up to my expectations, and believe me they were high. After reading the first book, this was the couple I was dying to read about. I loved Merripen and Win, they had such a beautiful and angsty story!

You know how you pick up a book and read the first page? Normally I set the book down, but with this book, I read the first page and could not tear my eyes away. I've never experienced anything like it! This book literally had me hooked from the beginning and I devoured it whole.

This is a story of unrequited love, and a story of fear of love. It was more Hathaway centric than the first book was, that one seemed to be half Wallflower series and half Hathaway. While I like being in the Wallflower world, I am loving getting to know the Hathaways and all the side characters whose books I will be reading ASAP!

I know I am late to the Lisa Kleypas train, but if you are even a wee bit curious, pick up one of her books now!

"The worst part about loving someone, Merripen, is that there will always be things you can't protect her from. Things beyond your control. You finally realize there is something worse than dying... and that is having something happen to her. You have to live with that fear always. But you have to take the bad part, if you want the good part."

Kev looked at him bleakly. "What's the good part?"

A smile touched Cam's lips. "All the rest of it is the good part," he said, and went."

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Navessa says

I can't properly review this. Here are some of my feelings:

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UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

The more Lisa Kleypas novels I read, the more I really wish for a time machine. But only if I was able choose which heroes I could visit. Kev would be first on my list... well, in the top 10, anyway. What a wonderful, amazing, incredibly tortured soul he possessed. I really found no fault in him at all because all of his actions and reactions were based in the reality of the child he was and the man he became. Everything he did, no matter the emotional or physical pain it caused him was truly was for Win's own good. This is the kind of male I love. The man who, despite all the bad things in their pasts, still manage to be a good, honest, caring person.

There really are not words to express how much I loved this book! Kev stole the show, but I loved Win and her persistence. She wasn't flighty or self absorbed or easy deterred. She knew what and who she wanted, and did what had to be done to reach her goal. Though I can't say that I blamed her for momentarily

considering dumping Kev after what he did – or more appropriately, did NOT do – and marrying Dr. Harrow; after all, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, right? But through it all there was never any doubt about who she wanted to be with.

I just adore the way Ms. Kleypas develops her characters throughout each novel. That makes it so that by the time we actually get to that person's book, we already know so much about them which allows more page time for their story and not character development. I always find myself anxious to read the next book because I'm already attached to that person.

I was quite pleased to have found myself even more attached to Cam and Amelia, who I felt played a really small role in their own book. After reading *Seduce Me At Sunrise* I now feel a much deeper connection to the pair. For me, their relationship, their *happily ever after* is now complete – I believe in it.

I'm happy with the way this book ended. **Slight Spoiler Ahead:** With Kev and Cam finding that they are blooded relatives, and finding out about their ancestry, they now have a real family. No longer on the outside, looking in. True, Cam married and inherited the Hathaways, but to have someone sharing the same origin, the same background, the same blood... I'm very happy for them both. I think it was very fitting for Kev to have inherited the lands and the title, knowing that he, with his integrity and honor, would care for his step mother, step sisters and most importantly, the estate tenants.

As always, I can't wait to read the next installment in the series, *Tempt Me At Twilight*.

Bindi Boo says

3.75 stars

Second chance romance with A LOT of push and pull from the hero only because he feels the heroine deserves so much better. If you've got the patience for that, you will enjoy this sweet historical read.

Elizabeth says

~4.5 Stars~

"Your heart is mine, he thought savagely. It belongs to me."

Seduce Me at Sunrise is the second book in The Hathaways Series. Win Hathaway and Kev Merripen have spent many years secretly longing to be together. Win has battled illness and Kev has served her family faithfully for years. When Win is healed and ready to settle down and start a family, she longs to be with Kev. After years of trying to hide from the demons of his past, Kev is unwilling to give Win the love he so desperately wants to give her. He feels as if he is not good enough for her. But when Win captures the attention of another suitor, Kev must decide if he is willing to let her go forever or take her and make her his.

"He would give in to it, to her, without trying to qualify or control anything."

Told in multiple POV, **Seduce Me at Sunrise** is another stunning blend of romance, passion, and exploration of the dynamics of my new favorite Historical family! The connection between Kev and Win is raw and intense. Kev is a damaged hero who loves Win with everything and yet, his fears continue to hold him back. Lisa Kleypas has a gift for transporting her readers back in time. The setting, the characters, and the emotions come to life with every turn of the page. With complex characters, picturesque setting, and romance, **Seduce Me at Sunrise** is one that should not be missed.

Overall, I cannot rave enough about this series. I have fallen in love with the Hathaway family and I can honestly say I don't think I will ever get enough. Kev and Win is another beautiful addition to this family saga. And now on to the next Hathaway story!

*****The Hathaways*****

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 All or Nothing Stars

*****Spoilers*****

"If you marry me, you'll never be a lady of position." "There is no better position for me than being your wife."-Kev and Win

OMG I loved Kev and Win's book!!!! I loved everything about their story. Going into this book I knew it was going to be angsty and it was. But it wasn't so angsty that it was torture to read. The push/pull of Kev and Win's relationship was emotional and gripping and made it all the more sweet when they got together. I can see now just from reading two books that Lisa Kleypas is an amazing writer. I am now a devoted fan-girl. She has completely captivated me with this charming, quirky family.

Kev loved her. Not in the way that novelists and poets described. Nothing so tame. He loved her beyond earth, heaven, or hell. Every moment out of her company was agony; every moment with her was the only peace he had ever known. Every touch of her hands left an imprint that ate down to his soul.-Kev

Since my illness I have had the strength to do very little except to love [Win had written], but that I have done, and I still do, in full measure. I am sorry for the way I shocked you the morning I left, but I do not regret the sentiments I expressed. I am running after you, and life, in desperate pursuit. My dream is that someday you will both turn and let me catch you. That dream carries me through every night. I long to tell you so many things, but I am not free yet. I hope to be well enough someday to shock you again, with far more pleasing results.-Win

Kev had a rough start in life. Abused and used for the human version of a fight dog as a child. Kev was never shown love or kindness. Rough around the edges he loved Win with a passion bordering on obsession. He would do anything for her but be with her. He was afraid he wasn't good for her. That he would hurt her. That he wouldn't be able to give her a good life. So he tortured them both by fighting their relationship. So much so that he almost lost her to another man. Kev was surly, hard working, and loyal. Though he had been with the Hathaways since he was left for dead as a child he still held himself apart from them. He loved all the Hathaways, but he was a loner and didn't feel like a part of the family. He had a vulnerable side that when shown melted me and had me forgiving all his stupid moments. I loved Kev!

"I have nothing to offer you," he finally said in a guttural voice. "Nothing." Win's lips had turned dry. She moistened them, and tried to speak through a thrill of anxious trembling. "You have yourself," she whispered. "You don't know me. You think you do, but you don't. The things I've done, the things I'm capable of- you and your family, all you know of life comes from books. If you understood anything-" "Make me understand. Tell me what is so terrible that you must keep pushing me away." He shook his head. "Then stop torturing the both of us," she said unsteadily. "Leave me, or let me go." "I can't," he snapped. "I can't, damn you." -Kev and Win

"All the fires of hell could burn for a thousand years and it wouldn't equal what I feel for you in one minute of the day. I love you so much there is no pleasure in it. Nothing but torment. Because if I could dilute what I feel for you to the millionth part, it would still be enough to kill you. And even if it drives me mad, I would rather see you live in the arms of that cold, soulless bastard than die in mine." -Kev

Win was amazing. I was worried going into this book that she would be a doormat character. Boy I couldn't have been more wrong. She had pride, integrity, and passion. She went for what she wanted. Spoke her feelings with a sweet honesty but she didn't let Kev break her. When he told her they couldn't be together she didn't fall to pieces. She told him, fine your loss I will live my life to the fullest. I really loved that about her. She didn't just beg after him she was going to move on. She was a fighter. She had been deathly ill and for years thought she would never have a life so even though she loved Kev she was not going to give up her second chance at life. She wasn't sassy but she had a quiet peace and strength that wasn't in your face but still stood out. One of my favorite heroines to date!!

"I've been give a rare opportunity... a second chance at life. And I intend to make the most of it. I'm not going to waste my love on a man who doesn't want or need it. I won't bother you again." -Win

"How could I touch you with these hands?" he asked, his tone shredded with anguish. "How could you stand to let me? God, if you knew all the things I've done-" "I love your hands," she murmured. "I'm not good enough for you. But no one is. And most men, good or bad, have limits to what they would do, even for someone they love. I have none. No God, no moral code, no faith in anything. Except you. You're my religion. I would do anything you asked. I would fight, steal, kill for you. I would-" -Kev and Win

What I really loved about this book was that though it was about Kev, Win and their beautifully intense love story it was also about the whole Hathaway gang. I loved getting more Cam and Amelia. And OMG their baby news! I liked getting to see Poppy, and Bea out in society. What I really loved was Kev, Cam and Leo's brother bonding. Leo has really come a long way since the first book. He was really turning his life around in this book. I loved the bickering between Leo and the governess Miss Marks. I really can't wait to get Miss Marks back story. I was losing my shit when my poor Cam was poisoned and almost died! My favorite part of the book was when Kev kidnaps Win as part of the Roma courting and takes her away to ravish her. Talk

about hot! The ending Wow it was so damn sweet. I was melting all over the epilogue. It was beautiful!!!

"Do you believe in happy-ever-after?" she persisted, gasping a little as he gave her a playful nip. "As in the children's tales? No." "You don't?" He shook his head. "I believe in two people loving each other." A smile curved his lips. "Finding pleasure in ordinary moments. Walking together. Arguing over things like the timing of an egg, or how to manage the servants, or the size of the butcher's bill. Going to bed each night, and waking up together each morning." -Win and Kev

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