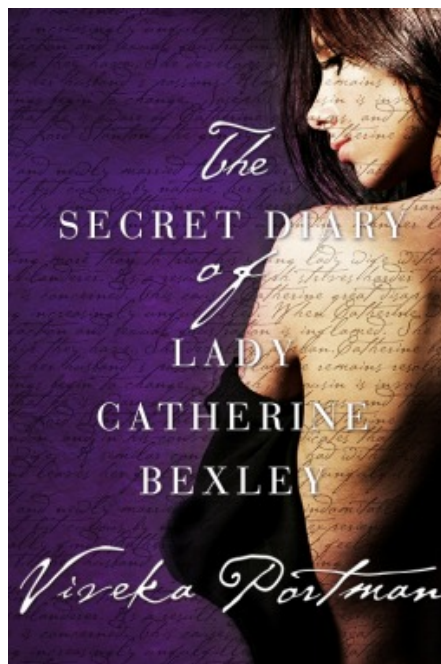




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Lady Catherine Bexley is new to marriage and the marriage bed, but surely there must be more to it than this? Her husband is proper and perfunctory — treating her with careful respect but leaving her aching for more.

When she witnesses a gentleman disciplining a maid at a house party, the ache explodes into ravenous desire. She finds herself no longer willing to wait for her husband's stiff and passionless attentions — and soon develops a naughty plan to finally get what she wants.

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Laura Carson says

3 1/2 stars

****This book was given to me through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review****

" I find it amusing that the purity of thought I had once hoped to find in professing my thoughts in this diary has not been achieved. In my humble opinion, purity is an overrated characteristic and one that should be banned from marriage altogether."

What a fun naughty little read. This isn't your average regency story. This is a story of a young woman of 19, Lady Catherine Bexley, discovering the life of a married lady and finding herself wanting more. She wishes for passion instead of proper. Upon her frustration she decides to take to writing in a diary to extract these thoughts and desires from her mind, taking us on a sexy journey that you won't regret.

Betty says

This is well written, short and rather sexy. Lady Catherine is nineteen years old and has married a man that is in his late forties. He had a rather rakish father and has sworn not to be like him. Unfortunately his new wife finds a lot of sexual frustration being married to an older man who wishes to treat her as his lady wife rather than a lover. Catherine has a lot to learn and a hard road to travel to get her fondest wish.

Vanessa Booke says

A short, but deliciously sensual read. Lady Catherine Bexley is newly married and wanting more than she has in the bedroom between her husband and her. And she'll do just about anything to get it. Overall, I found The Secret Diary Of Lady Catherine Bexley extremely well written and true to the Regency era. Although it was a very short read, Portman does a wonderful job creating well thought-out characters. I look forward to reading more from Ms. Portman.

Kendra says

For a full review:

<http://justaddchampagne.blogspot.ca/2...>

Ahh, the good ol' tale of the man being to respectful while the lady just wants to get railed. Sorry for the crudeness.

Written in a diary style narrated by Catherine Bexley.

Catherine is new to marriage, and at that time this means being a virgin. Her husband, much older (but that's besides the point) is the epitome of being too gentlemanly, he performs his marriage bed duties, getting off but leaving poor ol' Catherine wanting more. She even questions that maybe women aren't meant to have an orgasm and is meant to feel this longing. (thank god that's not true).

Anyways, at a party Catherine stumbles upon a very illicit act that involves spanking and the not so respectful treatment that her hubby has been given her. She isn't scared away, she in fact is turned on by this act and now finds it to be her mission to get her husband to perform what she saw.

She tries to seduce him, and he being the gentlemen (aka prude in my books) doesn't get it. She also feels she can't straight up and ask him, as that would be very unlady like. Being a 19 year old, newly married she isn't aware of the protocol of it either. And surely you have to be respectful to whatever your husband wants!

Finally, the poor girl gets what she wants! (sorry for the spoiler) But it was a happy day.

I enjoyed this one. I couldn't help but feel bad for women back in the day. I'm sure this happened all too much. The women was there just to take the man and sire a child. No desire. No satisfaction. Just being used.

Again, its a novella so it is a quick and easy read, but the author does a good job bringing you in. There are no cliffhangers, no unanswered questions but good ol' historical fiction erotica. I do recommend these if you want a short little entertaining read. They aren't going to make you all hot and antsy mind you.

Lauren K says

The Diary of Lady Catherine is a short historical erotica story by Australian author Viveka Portman. I downloaded a copy via netgalley as I wanted something quick and easy to read on my kindle and I was not disappointed!

Set in England the story is told through Lady Catherine's diary entries as she tries to make sense of her growing sexual desires while trying to remain an upstanding lady in the eyes of her new husband.

Their first sexual encounter is a little uncomfortable, an unemotional encounter with the sole purpose of siring an heir. Her husband is not particularly enticing in this moment and Lady Catherine is left feeling dissatisfied and confused. Is this what married life will be like always, she wonders? As her sexual desires intensify she becomes more bold in making her needs known and though her husband is obviously tempted he fears if he gives into his lust he will become like his father.

When Lady Catherine stumbles across a scandalous liaison between a Lord and a maid and witnesses an act she can only dream of, she learns of the potential that lies in the bedroom that her marriage shies away from. She decides she must seduce her husband in order to have her womanly needs met.

I was pleasantly surprised by this story. It's a little obscene at times but set against the backdrop of the

historical era and the role of a lady, I quite enjoyed the contrast. The unfiltered diary entries allowed the protagonist to talk about her desires and fears and I quite liked her. The Diary of Lady Catherine is a quick, saucy read and one of the better erotica shorts that I've read thus far.

Maria says

I liked the premise, but I didn't like the story telling device as diary entries with a few worked in real-time scenes. The diary entries made me realize how young she was and had a really whiny voice, but the real-time scenes were much more intriguing and ultimately were what made me continue reading.

Sam Still Reading says

Sometimes, all you want in a book is something to transport you away from your day-to-day life and engross you in another world. Although that sounds like a simple achievement, it's not always easy to accomplish. The Secret Diary of Lady Catherine Bexley does this very well – it gathers you up in a rustle of skirts and deposits you into her Regency world.

From the very start, the reader has the complete trust of Lady Catherine Bexley, newly married and already frustrated. Why frustrated you ask? Catherine (I think we can go by first name terms here as she is so frank in her diary) expects more from the marriage bed and she's not getting it from her husband. Aha, one of those stories you might be thinking, arrow hovering over the X button. But wait – while the book is candidly about sex in an upper class lady, it's never dirty or seedy. Lady Bexley retains her grace while describing her urges and her plots to get her husband to notice her as a woman. Does she succeed or does she turn to someone else? It's a fast novella, so you can easily read this in one sitting and find out her fate.

The focus of this book is predominantly on the Bexleys and their intimate relationship, so there's not a great deal of setting. It's important to remember that you are reading Catherine's diary, where she reveals more about herself than to any human. This is an excellent plot device in my opinion for breaking through the social restrictions at the time and revealing that women, no matter the setting, have similar issues. The historical setting also allows for a bit of a naughty feel, that the reader is going behind closed doors. It's a fun, sexy romp with plenty of action, perfect for those wanting to have a dip into a steamy historical world.

<http://samstillreading.wordpress.com>

Sam says

Absolutely delightful. This story was deliciously satisfying and I am quite glad to have read it. Following along as Lady Catherine tried to get her husband to stop being so proper in all aspects of married life was excellent, even if at times I found myself as frustrated as Catherine when Joseph would pull away and apologize for actions that were not very gentlemanly. My only criticism is that this story is only 60 pages and I would have very much enjoyed a great deal more. So I can say that I am eagerly awaiting the second story, to be released December 1st.

Laura Greenwood says

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of The Secret Diary of Lady Catherine Blexley from Netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

At 19, Catherine is young and innocent when it comes to matters of the marriage bed, though she is excited about what the night might entail. But when her husband does his duty and nothing else, she is left frustrated and confused. At a garden party she accidentally views a maid and her Lord engaging in activities she has only dreamed of, further igniting her desire for her husband, and yet he still remains distant. Can Catherine change his mind and inject passion into their relationship?

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The Secret Diary of Lady Catherine Blexley contains some scenes of a sexual nature and is not suitable for younger readers. I would also like to apologise in advance for any references that I make to Portman's other book, The Wicked Confessions of Lady Cecelia Stanton, which I read before this one, but because of the publishing date the review is coming afterwards.

The era in which this book is set is that of arranged and potentially loveless marriages, and as Catherine points out early in the story, she did not meet her husband until the day of their wedding, it is believable therefore that a young bride may want at least some passion from her marriage, as is the case with Catherine. I thought that it was quite realistic for a young woman just discovering her sexuality, to feel so shy and almost ashamed of voicing her desires, making Catherine's demeanor believable.

Her husband on the other hand was a bit of an idiot, then again any man who, for some reason, ignores a woman that wants him to be passionate in bed, must have a screw or two loose. I guess in a way this was a story of discovery for the both of them, as they both had to learn to come together.

Both of Portman's books were quick, easy reads, that were enjoyable and entertaining.

Charles Spiegel says

Fun, kinda sexy, a certain amount of torturous failure-to-communicate.

Blondie says

I really liked this novella. It is the perfect short story with enough plot to make it interesting but not so much that at the end I felt like I needed more. Very entertaining and solid writing.

I could picture a young innocent in those days with their extreme beliefs about gently bread young ladies. This story is about the journey of the newly married Lady Catherine Blexley and what she has to do to find

pleasure in their marriage bed.

I would recommend this book to those who love historical erotic romance and are looking for a quick light read.

I received this book through Net Galley for an honest review.

RoloPoloBookBlog says

The Secret Diary of Lady Catherine Bexley by Viveka Portman

Source: ARC from Netgally/Escape Publishing

Rating: 5/5 stars

Lady Catherine Bexley has a problem; her handsome new husband can't seem to please her sexually. Though she is certainly a lady and irreproachable in her breeding, grace, and manners, even Catherine, at just nineteen years old, understands that what happened with her husband on her wedding night was far, far from satisfying. Furthermore, Lady Catherine is bound and determined that she will not under any circumstances allow her husband to live under the delusion that his perfunctory ministrations are going to cut it.

Lord Joseph Bexley has a problem; his new wife is astoundingly beautiful, young, and lusty and he wants nothing more than to take her in every way imaginable but that would defy his life-long vow to never, ever become like his philandering, scoundrel of a father. Joseph is obsessed with always treating his wife like the lady she is even if it means never giving in to his desires for her. Unfortunately for the good Lord Bexley (and fortunately for Catherine!), everyone has a different opinion on the matter.

After stumbling across an illicit rendezvous at a party, Catherine determines she not only wants to heat up her nights but she wants to experiment with her husband as well. Catherine begins to hatch a plan to seduce her husband in the pages of her diary and as she notes all the naughty she wants to try in the pages of her dear diary, she also struggles with maintaining her ladylike appearances with her husband. Above all else, Catherine doesn't want to displease and/or disappoint her husband in her efforts to please them both sexually. Fortunately for both Lady and Lord Bexley (and the reader!) an unforeseen and completely inappropriate event breaks down the walls between them and the sexcapades can begin. ?

The Bottom Line: I am thrilled to have Viveka Portman and her brand of naughty coming out on the market. The Secret Diary satisfies my love of both naughty novellas and period pieces and contains two characters I was instantly interested in. Catherine is sweet, sexy and ladylike and I love her diary entries; she is completely unashamed of her desires though has to find a way to satisfy those desires within her time and place. Lord Bexley initially comes off as a bit cold but once you know more about his background and the reasons for his standoffishness, he grows on you. When he finally decides to let loose, he wraps you around his little finger ? While the story is completely wrapped up and there is no cliffhanger, I am hoping The Secret Diary of Lady Catherine Bexley is just the first in a long series of regency romances by Viveka Portman.

Tara says

I have read a few period pieces and I am completely romanticized by the whole era. Granted, none that I

have read thus far are on this level.

This is a sexy read. It's not smutty or sleazy. I was immediately drawn in and latched on to our MC Lady Catherine. I felt her curiosity and need for understanding. The use of the first person narrative is genius. We are getting a bird's eye view of her life as a newly married girl trying to find her way into womanhood, through her diary passages.

This is a very quick read. It took me about 2 hours to complete. There is no cliff hanger and the author did a wonderful job pulling the story full circle. We even get a little tease into another character's diary with an excerpt from book 2 (The Wicked Confessions of Lady Cecilia Stanton – due out Dec 1, 2013).

After reading about Lady Catherine, I want to know more about this time and what naughty shenanigans are going on behind closed doors. It's like we can be voyeurs without the stigma of being a 'peeping tom'.

<https://www.facebook.com/just1morecha...>

Heather says

I'm very conflicted about this novella. On the one hand, it uses the plot device of a newly married couple in the Regency period, which was a bit different, as was the first-person journal narrative. It had plenty of heat which I'd expect of an erotic story but still had enough plot to be plausible.

On the other hand, despite being well-researched I found Lady Catherine very difficult to believe - she seemed too worldly to be a true lady of the time period. Further, her husband's reasons for giving her poor "relations," as I'll call them, are spurious at best. One is not all gentleman or all despot - it's a continuum, and Lord Bexley could have lived happily in the middle. In addition, there were *so many* mentions of her "water" that it was a bit off putting.

I got this book for free; it was a very quick, spicy read. Worth the price I paid for it, any way.

Kaetrin says

A nice surprise.

This novella stands for the proposition that (sometimes at least) it is worth reading stories you might not ordinarily pick up because it was a nice surprise. The blurb didn't quite catch my attention but I decided to give it a whirl anyway because: reasons and I found myself engaged and entertained for its 60ish pages. As the title suggests, the story is told in the form of diary entries and cover the first couple of months in Lady Catherine's marriage to Lord Joseph Bexley.

She is 19 and he's 48 but she's very attracted to him (even though she hadn't met him before the wedding) and he seems always to be genuinely interested in her wellbeing and relatively attentive. She has to school him in exactly how to fulfill her needs – his father was a womanising wastrel and he's determined to treat Catherine like a lady always and not give in to his more “animalistic” needs. He actually seems like a pretty nice guy, if a bit stuffy. Help for Catherine comes from two surprising sources but she also stands for herself, which I appreciated.

It's difficult to categorise because it was an erotic short with a hint of romance – but frankly, much of the romance is implied, or possibly, self determined (that is, they decide it will be so). Still, I enjoyed it and

that's the main thing.
