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Lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride. The Cynfell Brothers are the very embodiment of a sinful existence. But could the right woman change that?

Envy

Being the mistress of one of the most notorious rakes in London was never going to be easy, but Josephine believed she was strong enough. After all, she loved Dante Cynfell to distraction. He provided her with a comfortable home and all the art supplies she could ever need. After a short marriage that left her near destitute, the widow couldn't help but fall into his arms...and his bed.

But after four years of tolerating his drunken behaviour and late night calls, Josephine has had enough. Her paintings have caught the eye of a great patron of the arts. With promises of fame and fortune ringing in her ears, she realises being a mistress simply will not satisfy her anymore. She wants true love, marriage, and respectability.

When Josephine ends their arrangement, Dante is shocked. She had a comfortable home, his adoration...hell, even his faithfulness. What more could a beautiful woman want?

Marriage? Well, that's one thing Dante Cynfell doesn't plan to offer any woman—not even Josephine. He's witnessed too many miserable marriages. Why put the person you care about through such misery? Positive he can win her back, he sets out to remind her how good they are together. One thing is for sure, Dante will not give her up easily—especially to another man. Josephine is about to learn that an envious Cynfell man is not to be trifled with.

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Sarah (sarahandherbookshelves) says

3.5! I liked this better than the first. I liked that when the story had started the hero, Dante, and heroine, Josephine, had known each other for years before the story started so the love between them felt more believable. I also liked how Josephine had a goal and wanted a career with her art and she wanted to be more in her life!

Mary Stockwell says

Mundane

This story is rather mundane. There is no intrigue or excitement in the plot. I actually became disinterested and distracted.

Cara Group says

Again - I love this series - but they are novellas, so I'm flying through.

Jennifer Crutchfield says

Book two in series but can be read as standalone. Short sweet read with HEA. I love these novellas.

Debra Lavoie says

Period Romance with his Mistress

I have this story three stars because I thought there needed to be more action. Having said that, the story was nicely written and was a nice period piece. I enjoyed the two main characters. Romance readers will love this ebook. I was given this ebook and give my review freely.

Amanda says

Another historical romp

It was a good story. It could stand alone though it is better as a part two. I don't know how realistic it is for the heroine to be an artist in that era.

Linda Walters says

This is Book 2 in the Cynfell Brother Series and I was putting off reading it because of the mistress angle. But in a way that makes no sense does it since I knew that when I picked it? Surprisingly I liked it even better than I expected. In part I think because of both of the main characters and the fact that Josephine wasn't a homewrecker. It helped that they both had such affection for each other. Well, Josephine was in love with him. Dante didn't realize how much he cared for her and her friendship as well as their passion times in bed. It was a great wake-up call for him when she broke things off.

It caused Dane to grow up and find purpose and to work some things through about Josephine..Jo-Jo as he called her.

This book was a fast reading story, with fun, charm, struggles emotionally and a fine H.E.A.

I voluntarily read a copy of this book and this is my honest opinion of it.

Nicole Smith says

Widowed Josephine has been the mistress to Dante. They have enjoyed their relationship, but lately she feels the need to wanting more from life and Dante. Dante has taken for granted that Josephine would always be there, but what will he do when she breaks off their arrangement? Dante will go to great lengths to prove he can be the man for Josephine as long as marriage is off the table. When these two are together it is sinful, but lust can only go so far. Can the find the middle ground and get their HEA?

vamsally says

Curiously romantic

A rake and wastrel who is not one, a mistress who is also an artist...a curious combination somehow creates an enjoyable romance. This really is a typical historical romance with dash of steam with a sweet happy ending.

Devika Fernando says

Another well-written historical romance novel by Samantha Holt. Dante and Josephine both came alive and captured my interest, and it was wonderful to see more than physical sparks between them.

Elizabeth Bennet says

I love SH books. She just has this way of creating such a wonderful bond between the H/h. Dante Cynfell

sees no need to ever marry as long as he has Josephine Beaumont as his mistress why would he? Jo Jo met Dante and was flattered when he showed an interest in her. Before she knew however four years have past and she feels the only thing they share is a bed.

I respected that she wanted more for herself and even though Dante is completely faithful only to her there is no security in her future. She sets out to seal her own success but her heart won't let Dante go. Dante tries but can a leopard change his spots? While I liked the couple I just wasn't as pulled into this story as I have past reads by her. There is a love scene but one expects that with a SH book no matter how short she always seems capable of adding one within the story. Enjoy!

MsChris1161 says

SINFELL DEEDS is book two in Samantha Holt's Cynfell Brothers series. It features, the second eldest brother, Dante Cynfell and his relationship with his mistress, Josephine.

Josephine is a talented artist that loves Dante, but is tired of him taking her for granted. When her talent is recognized and promoted by a gentleman in the art world she see's the opportunity to break off her arrangement with Dante and take care of herself. He is genuinely surprised by her actions, having never realized she was unhappy. He tries to convince her to come back to him, but stubbornly refuses her request for marriage. Poor Dante learns how much this woman means to him and how much he needs her the hard way. He finally comes to his senses, swallows his pride, and works to become a man who deserves Jo... meaning he gives up his late nights out and ither rakehell ways.

Interesting story, not overly long or drawn out. Perfect for listening to on a short road trip as I did. I really appreciated that the narration was done by someone with a British accent. It added to the authenticity of the story. 4 stars

Pamela Jolly says

Super quick read. Second in a series, but easily a stand alone. Liked the first one, this was good too. I'm not fond of the mistress wants to marry now type of story, but as those go, this was exceptional. The mistress was very much in love with him, and he loved her, but as men may do, came to not appreciate her or recognize his feelings for her. And as almost all regency H's, was dead set against marriage. Their relationship actually develops more fully with their parting and the HEA is lovely.. (would have liked an epilogue!)

Cheryl Sanders says

Josephine, a widow, was Dante Cynfell's mistress for four years, until she grew tired of the late-night visits when he promised to arrive earlier and the drunken behavior. The little remarks she heard from other women about being his mistress bothered her too. They loved each other immensely but because of his parents, he was terrified of marriage and vowed to never marry. Will Josephine ever change Dante's mind about making her his wife?

Fabulous book! Well written without a dull moment from cover to cover. They have a beautiful relationship. She only wants to be a wife and no longer wishes to carry the silent stigma of being a mistress. Her character is so strong. It was wonderful watching her stand up for herself and blossom into the artist she was meant to be.

The story briefly but crucially touches on the very sensitive subject of postpartum depression during a time when they didn't know what it really was. There's a point in the story when everything falls into place and you know this is exactly why things happened the way they did. It's heartbreaking.

Received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Valerie Grissom says

Not as good as the first

I liked the first story better than this one. It was still a good tale just a little slower and less exciting.
