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HIS EMBRACE WILL BE HER ESCAPE ...

Lonely and overcome with grief after a painful loss in his past, Adam Westmore walks the ocean's edge in solitude.

Forced to marry a depraved prince, a desperate Evelyn Waye believes she has no choice but to throw herself from the jagged cliffs into the crashing surf below.

When Adam sees the enchanting woman in terrible danger, he rescues her from death and brings her back to his humble cottage. Hesitant to reveal his true identity as a distinguished lord, he nonetheless offers to protect her. And she needs protection, for the prince will find her --- and harm her.

Evelyn wants to trust the handsome stranger who saved her life, but her cursed beauty has made her suspicious of all men ... even one whose kindness disarms her, whose gentle touch inspires passion within her.

Soon Adam and Evelyn are consumed by desire ... a dangerous desire that puts their very lives in peril.

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Daneesha says

the guy in this book had a vow to his dead wife. i mean, it was ridiculous. he felt guilty for having feelings for another woman. this book also picks up where too great a temptation left off. that book has the main character's brother. those characters also appear here.

also, the heroine was so weak. she was no spitfire. i like them to have a little backbone.

Virginia Campbell says

I was very disappointed in the simplistic dialogue and lack of detail in TOO DANGEROUS TO DESIRE. The only interesting part of the story is the fact that the hero feels bound to teach his lady self-defense techniques. She is on the run from her wicked brother-in-law who murdered her sister. The larger font size pushes to number of pages to almost 400, but there is a lot of air between the front and back cover.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Reviewed for queuemyreview.com; book release Aug08

I've been on quite the historical kick lately. "Too Dangerous To Desire" by Alexandra Benedict is the follow-up to "Too Great A Temptation" which I enjoyed very much so I was happy to get a chance to hopefully check in with some of the same characters and see how they were getting along. And the male lead for this book promised to be one of those 'tortured heroes' we all love to love!

Adam is an interesting Alpha/Beta/Alpha character who can't quite decide what to do with the rest of his life. His wife was lost in a tragic accident at sea, but he blamed his brother, almost killed him in a fit of grief-stricken, deluded retaliation, and now at age 28, has secluded himself in a cottage by the sea...determined to live alone and unhappy, smothered with guilt. A tortured hero, indeed! Then one day as he's staring out to see, he notices a woman approaching the bluff. She calmly strips off her clothes, and JUMPS into the sea, sinking like a stone. Adam saves her. But apparently, she didn't want to be saved. Her beauty draws him, her secrets lure him, and her fragility makes him determined to keep her safe...even from himself.

Evie is her name. She's running from 'him'. 'Him' turns out to be the husband of her dead sister, Ella. Evie is sure 'he' killed Ella. 'He' is very rich and very influential, and has apparently returned for Evie, because of her beauty. Evie's father, a drunken degenerate, has sold her to 'him' so Evie decides to kill herself to get away. The pain and suffering in Adam's eyes calls to her, and she feels strangely safe with him, so she decides to stay anonymously in his cottage. She's just beginning to 'feel things' when she's with Adam when she is stolen away by 'his' henchmen. Adam knows he needs help, so he turns to his brother, the Duke, for assistance.

So there's the stage setting for a rousing good story. Only for me, the story wasn't. Here's a few of the reasons: Evie was a twit. Yes, hard life. Yes, her sister had snuck out letters describing (apparently in graphic, lurid detail) the horrors of the marriage bed (and her husband was quite the sadistic sicko). Yes, her father was a drunken lout. I can understand all that. What I don't get is...with all that, she suddenly and

inexplicably feels ‘things’ and ‘safety’ with Adam—after two or three days! Then Adam wants to help her learn to fight, either with swords or her fists. Evie doesn’t want to learn...it’s violent. Um, safety? After all Adam does for her, she waffles from trust to distrust like a flounder. Ugh. Several TSTL (too stupid to live) moments for her, over and over and over again. Maybe it should be too stupid to learn? And then there’s Adam. He’s 28 and determined never to have sex again to be ‘true’ to his dead wife! Ooooookay. It’s his fault she drowned after a storm at sea. Hello, feel godlike often? He refuses to reconcile with his brother after many gestures by: the brother, the brother’s wife, and his mother. Like that hairshirt? Comfy? And when they do have sex...no pain when she’s a virgin? Sure. And she’s now hot for it? Uh huh. The whole story just felt rather scripted to me. Same for the denouement, although there are a couple of surprises. And then Evie becomes a psyche expert towards the end, but can’t figure out her own fears? Enough!

So I did finish the book. I was glad to catch up on the lives of the characters from earlier books...but very disappointed with this story. It just had so much promise. I wanted Adam to be a grown-up and I wanted Evie to just grow up. I guess this isn’t a very glowing review for “Too Dangerous To Desire” by Alexandra Benedict. But I’ll still try her next novel as I’ve enjoyed at least two others by her in the past.

Til next time
JJ

LWB Marissa says

After the death of his wife, Adam Westmore has withdrawn himself from society and lives a solitary-minded life near the beach, alone with his memories and guilt. Then one day when he walks down the beach he sees this woman throw herself of the cliffs into the icy sea. Without hesitation he dives in the sea to save her and takes her home. Evelyn is running from her depraved fiancé who is forcing her to marry him, so Adam offers to protect her. This stunning beauty with exquisite eyes is stirring up all these feelings inside him, making him feel alive again. But he cannot act upon these feelings, for he will always be faithful to the vows he made on his wedding and isn’t it much too dangerous to desire the bride to be of a powerful and indignant man...

Convinced that the only way to escape her malicious fiancé is to perish, Evelyn Waye jumps of the cliffs into the water. When she wakes up she finds herself in a cottage with a strange, handsome man. He offers her his protection and she accepts for there is something about him that makes her want to stay. Due to her cursed beauty she is weary of men, but Adam is kind, gentle and the more time she spends with him the more she desires him. Still, Adam has his own demons to fight and can she truly trust a simple cottager to keep her safe from harm and the Prince of Darkness who hunts her...

I was really looking forward to read Too Dangerous to Desire, the third and final part in Alexandra Benedict’s Too trilogy. Adam was such a thrilling and startling character at the end of part one (Too Great A Temptation) that I was curious to know what would become of Adam. Would he finally find inner peace and gets his happily ever after? I was not disappointed, soon I was pleasantly diverted and deeply absorbed in this great story and it urged me to keep on reading till I finished the very last page.

This story begins with a prologue and this prologue immediately threw me back in the same sentiment and vibe I had while reading the first part of this trilogy. You get to read certain scenes from part one again, only these time you will read them from Adam’s point of view. Miss Benedict is rich in details and description and she has the writing abilities to create a very vivid picture in your mind’s eye. She combines this freely with a good flowing story line, rounded characters and a touching romance, giving the story a certain

emotional depth.

One of the things you will perceive when you read this book is the character development of the main couple, Adam and Evelyn. Especially Evelyn's character endures a transformation, at the beginning of this story she is scared and afraid for her life, she even thinks she is better off dead. Adam builds up her self-confidence, teaches her to overcome her fears and to take back control of her life. Adam is a caring and protective man who is consumed by the guilt he feels towards his late wife and his actions against his brother Damian. He has vowed to stay faithful to his wife and therefore lives in the past. He cannot accept the past, therefore he is not able to move on with his life. Adam and Evelyn will pull at all your heart strings for it is so easy to connect with them, their interactions are gripping and sensual.

Once again, as secondary characters we meet the Hawkins brothers. If you did not fall in love with them in part one, you sure will now! They are definitely alpha male material and so hilarious, it is good to know they have convinced Alexandra Benedict to give them their own series. I can't wait to read their stories as well. You also meet Damian and Belle again and they rock! Then there is the very depraved and obsessed Prince Vadik of Moravia, now he will certainly give you the creeps. This author sure knows how to create a cast of characters you will adore!

Alexandra Benedict has yet to write a story that I cannot appreciate. Too Dangerous to Desire is masterfully written, refreshing and a powerful read. It effortlessly blends romance, characters of debt, wit and action to perfection. This story is a real keeper and will enthrall even the most demanding romance reader. Alexandra Benedict's Too trilogy defines the best of what the historical genre has to offer!

Vina Raintree says

dimulai dari flashback nya adam dan istrinya yang kapal yg ditumpanginya diserang bajak laut black hawk dan setelah itu membuat istri nya meninggal.. adam pun bersumpah akan membunuh kakaknya yg telah membuatnya kembali dari perjalanan bulan madunya,,

lalu lanjut ke hari ini.. pas adam lagi galau inget kejadian istrinya dan bersumpah akan selalu mengingat tess.. pas itu dia ngeliat seorang gadis yg buka satu persatu bajunya dan mw bunuh diri loncat ke laut,, akhire adam nyelamatkan dan bawa gadis itu ke cottage. ngakunya namanya evvie dan takut serta curiga+polos bgt sama yg namanya cowok...

nah itu dimulailah hari hari sederhananya mereka.. evie mengerjakan cottagenya adam dengan sempurna.. disini perlahan lahan semuanya terbuka loh, tambah seru,.. dan ternyata akhirnya adam tau black hawk ituuu

Alicia says

AWFUL. One of the worst romance novels I have ever read. And I would know.

I think my hint should have been, when the nuclear medicine tech took one look at the cover and said, "My that looks lurid." Lurid indeed.

No plot. Minimal romance. Snuff themes. Just gross.
Don't waste your time. Find another pirate romance.

Leya says

Both the hero and the heroine have their problems to deal with, Adam with the tragic death of his wife and Evelyn with her upcoming wedding to a man she fears and despises, the man that killed her sister. Adam saves Evelyn from her suicide attempt and promises her to keep her safe from him. And if that means asking for help to do so, he will. Even if it's his brother...

I enjoyed it. It was a page turner, and very emotional. And with my luck it was the last book of series. I didn't realize that until I was half-way through, but I kept on reading it. I can't wait to discover the author's other books.
