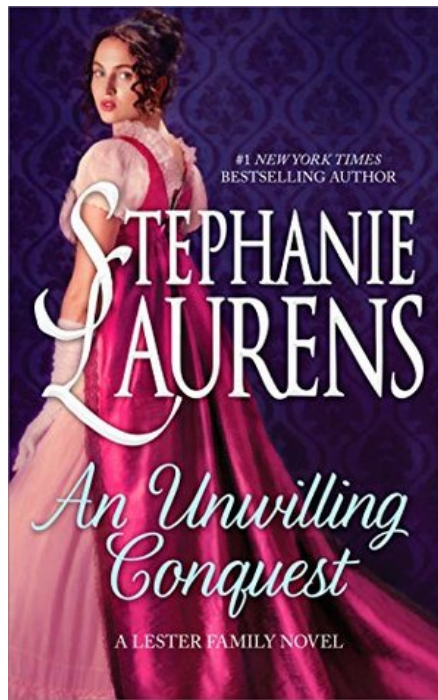




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A favorite Regency romance from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stephanie Laurens...

Self-proclaimed rake Harry Lester has no intention of being ensnared by the trap of marriage. With a large inheritance to his name, Harry knows that he'd best start running from London's matchmaking mothers and widows. But when he encounters Mrs. Lucinda Babbacombe, a beautiful, independent widow, he cannot quell his desire for her. Before he knows it, Harry finds himself prisoner in the most passionate of traps.

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Rachel Rogers says

Tedious. I kept wanting to put this down but had invested so much into it that I wanted to keep going. The middle of the book was a waste. The beginning and end saved it as much as could be for me. If it had stuck with either romance or suspense it would have been better - the mixture has been done much better by others. Harry's insistence to NOT tell Lucinda what was going on or even what had happened at the end irks me.

Netha says

buku ke 3 dari lester family saga
selain cynster series aq paling suka lester ini apalagi bukunya cuman 3 jadi ga pusing2 amat hunting novel2nya hehehehehe

bercerita ttg harry lester, putera ke 2 keluarga Lester & my fave.

Harry, saat hendak ke newsmarket menolong kereta yg mengalami kecelakaan.
didalamnya adl Mrs. Lucinda Babbacombe & puteri tirinya heather (xixixixixii namanya lucu).
tidak menyetujui pilihan hotel keluarga babbacombe, harry mengantarkan mereka pada bibinya, Em, yg tinggal sendirian.
jadilah keluarga babbacombe tinggal dikediaman paman harry.

ini keluarga lester baik amat ya.
si em menerima lucinda & heather dengan tangan terbuka, trus harry ikut campur urusan lucinda. apalagi saat lucinda seorang diri maju mengambil alih warisan hotel yg ditinggalkan almarhum suaminya.
lama2 eh harry jadi suka sendiri dengan lucinda.
apalagi tau masa lalu lucinda & tau bahwa pernikahan lucinda hanya untuk menyelamatkan lucinda tanpa disempurnakan.
lha semangat banget tuh si harry. cumannnn si harry tipikal cowoq2 keras kepala dia ga mau ngakuin dirinya jatuh cinta.
jadilah dia ngambek sama lucinda. biasanya dia selalu menghalangi para pria yg mendekati lucinda di pesta tp sekarang harry menghindar.
eh giliran lucinda sekarang yg mencari2 harry

heran deh 2 orang ini main tarik ulur mulu.
dulu harry ngejar si lucinda sok jual mahal sekarang giliran harry ngambek eh si lucinda kebingungan nyari. makanya jangan terlalu mahal jualnya jd pada kelimpungan sendiri khan.
hhhhhhhh cape deh.
pdhl sama2 mau tuhyyyyy....
tp untung ada harry yg nolong lucinda dari 2 orang musuh dalam selimut yg ternyata menginginkan harta pribadi milik suami lucinda yg sudah meninggal.
idih enak aja.....

gara2 lucinda ngeyel lucinda ditabok pantatnya (abis lucinda disuruh diam aja malah jalan2 nyaris kena tembak khan dia untung aja lucinda meloncat tepat waktu) tp abis itu harry menawarkan diri menciumnya uhuk uhuk uhuk.....

di lester saga ini nama2 orangnya lucu2 ada babbacombe, ada scrugthrope

Sheila Melo says

My Favorite of the Series

"In my opinion, Mrs. Babbacombe, women like you should not be allowed out alone."

THE STORY: Harry Lester is a rake with a new fortune and as a result the women of the ton are now after him in earnest. When he retreats to Newmarket for the races, he comes across an overturned carriage. He meets Mrs. Lucinda Babbacombe, a widow who is independent and self-assured. Although the attraction between them is immediate, Harry is determined to resist the snare of this virtuous widow. At the same time, Lucinda thinks that Harry may be the man for her.

OPINION: The Lester Family series is softer and gentler than Laurens more recent works. This is my favorite of the series because I like Harry who doesn't seem to have the stupid gene of the other men in the series. Although he is determined to avoid matrimony, he fairly quickly begins to change his mind because of Lucinda. He is even rational about how he has fallen into a pattern that Lucinda breaks for him. Lucinda is independent and strong and clearly has her life under control when she meets Harry. She sees the possibility of their alliance and goes after him. There is a side story of people trying to harm Lucinda that brings some drama into the story. Otherwise, this is really a good story of two people who actually work out their differences and build a relationship.

WORTH MENTIONING: This story introduces Lord Ruthven who is the hero of A COMFORTABLE WIFE.

FINAL DECISION: My favorite of the series. The story has drama but also is a sweet romance at the same time. This book is the first in the series that feels more like Laurens more recent books.

CONNECTED BOOKS: AN UNWILLING CONQUEST is the third book in the Lester Family series. The book can be read as a standalone.

STAR RATING: I give this book 4.5 stars.

Jean says

I almost returned this book despite just downloading it from the library. I am very close to being burned out on Stephanie Laurens even though I do enjoy her books. However, this was a nice change. The story focused on the main characters with elements of intrigue on the periphery. This is by no means her more in-depth romantic suspense novel that she is usually known for. It's a nice light story with elements of intrigue but we know from the get-go who the bad guys are and in fact, I felt it added to the enjoyment of the book as I patiently read on to see how the story unfolded. The only thing I will say is that the story appeared to end abruptly. I guess there is nothing to add since all the loose ends were tied but it just felt like where's the rest of the end.

Kathy says

A sweet story where a happy rake, horse breeder – Harry Lester – finds himself falling for the gentle, strong, self-sufficient, business savvy, gentlewoman, virgin - Mrs. Lucinda Babbacombe. Throw in a little intrigue (a nephew by marriage who, with the pushing of the fellow debt skuzzy people) who want to kidnap, and make it look like she's a trollop so as to force the guardianship of her stepdaughter to go to the nephew so he has access to her money... Harry unknowingly interrupts the first attempt – becomes suspicious – and to begin with, accompanies her to her business appointments and to soirees to protect her... but he finds that she is so much more...

And in the end, once she has mostly saved herself from the bad guys – but he is there for her – and she had jumped into the river, and was soaked through... he takes into the carriage, and disrobes her, and tells her he loves her (something she has been waiting to hear)... but when she starts to interrupt him, he stops her – and tells her that he has told women he loves them when he didn't, and he wanted show her his love... by riding with her in view of everyone, of going to the soirees, of setting up his house, of planning children, of dancing 3 waltzes with her (tantamount to a proposal)... and he makes love to her in the carriage... ahhhh

Vixen says

Quite enjoyable

I enjoyed it, had some nice humorous moments. Liked the strong female lead and the male was not bad at all.

Cruth says

[virgin (hide spoiler)]

Desi says

leído en marzo 2010

2.5 estrellitas

Kirsten says

This is another in the Lester Family series. Harry the third child is the third in the family to avow never to marry. Both Lenore and Jack have fallen in love unexpectedly and then married that leaves Harry and Gerald as the two single family members. Harry, a renown rake with a hurtful secret seems to all intents determined to carry on being just that sort of person in his relationships. However, from the moment Harry rescues the widow Mrs Lucinda Babbacombe from an overturned carriage fate appears to be playing tricks with Harry's heart. This is only heightened by intrigue as to who is trying to ruin her reputation. The wealth she acquired

from her husband seems to be behind these attempts on her wellbeing. Lucinda is not some damsel in distress but a competent, confident woman who knows her mind. She sets out to conquer Harry's unattainable heart through a plan laid out by Harry's Aunt Em. However, as the days draw longer and she goes to ball after ball, gathering after gathering she begins to think it will never happen. Harry in turn has found out that Lucinda's safety is at risk. As the story builds there is action, intrigue and exposure of the how certain persons could obtain her wealth and finally what is keeping Harry away from her and how she can draw him to her.

Kelly says

At first I was 'unwilling' (Don't hate me) to read this novel based on the fact that I had only slightly enjoyed one of Laurens other novels before, but actually I really enjoyed '**The Unwilling Conquest**'. The characters were well-developed and I enjoyed their flirtationship and banter as much as their story. They were both sharp and witty as well as being traditionally romantic and flowery as most Regency novel characters are.

I only gave it three stars because while it was a good read it was entirely repetative and obvious throughout. I want a bit more pazzaz for four stars!

Lita Bouquard says

Book 3- Brother Harry rescues a widow and her step daughter and the from that moment he fights the urge to marry.

I liked Widow Babbacombe despite the name. Lucinda knows she wants Harry from the get go. She is business minded and keeps surprising and annoying Harry with her ability to safely accomplish things.

She has common sense and intelligence.

She has a great scene at the end where she defends herself.

Harry's aunt Agatha - a plotter who is determined to help Lucinda bring Harry to his knees.

She loves Harry's horse. There is a sweet scene at the track that makes the romance seem lovely but that feeling is never quite captured again.

At least in this book Laurens villians were named in the begininng- unlike Cynster books where you can figure out too easily who they are.

I didn't like

Harry knows almost immediately that Lucinda's vehicle was sabotaged yet he never tells her.

I didn't like Harry a lot of the time. He was angry so much.

The romance scenes were lacking.

It took him so darn long to propose the second time when he knew he was going to.

Carla says

I enjoyed this romance between a widow and a rake. Fun, with good supporting characters and story.

JS says

A nice read - very promising start but ended up being long-drawn-out. Interesting couple, but could have seen less dithering.

Farshana says

Quite an enjoyable fare and different from the usual stories from Stephanie Laurens. Some of her works had become a bit tedious for me. This was easy and light with very likable hero and heroine, the banter was good and witty with a kind of dry humor which was entertaining. The suspense was not heavy and was woven well into the story. Lucinda and Harry were both interesting characters and I loved Dawlish with his sarcastic and amusing comments.

Marina says

Spoiler

Note to Self;

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