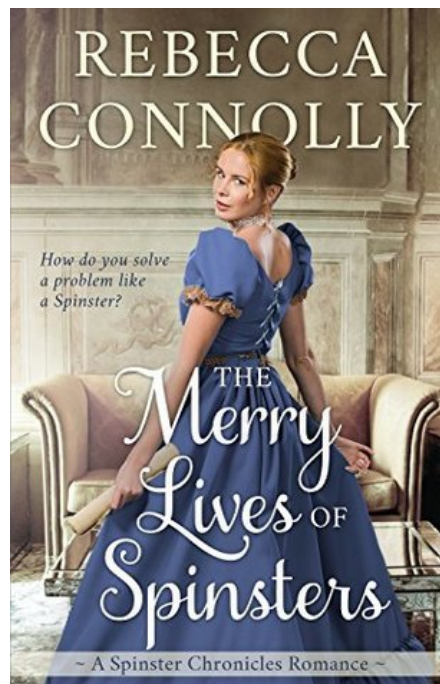




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Spinster is as spinster does...

Georgiana Allen is a spinster and everybody knows it. She also happens to be one of the writers for the Spinster Chronicles, and everybody knows that as well. She's accepted her lot in life, and, along with the other spinsters in her circle, takes great pride in the articles she writes and the influence she has. Then Captain Anthony Sterling infiltrates their group, and her life, and Georgie impossibly begins to hope once more.

Tony Sterling had no idea what to expect when he agreed to break up the Spinsters for his cousin, but he certainly did not expect Georgie Allen. From the very first meeting, she upends everything he thought a spinster would be, and her beauty and wit keeps him on edge in thrilling ways. The more he gets to know the Spinsters, the less he wants to break them up. And the more he wants Georgie in his life. Permanently.

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From Reader Review The Merry Lives of Spinsters for online ebook

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

This is such a great idea for a series of books! I already can't wait to read the next one. It was fun to get to know each of the very different young women in the group that has bonded together as friends and supporters. By today's standards, mid-twenties are not old maids, but in Regency times they are past their prime. Each woman has a unique personality and situation that has brought them to this point, whether it's too selective, too shy, too opinionated, too independent, too cynical, or undesirable family. For some it's a mystery why no man has taken an interest. Georgie has had a desire to marry and have a family, but she never received any offers, despite her beauty and moderate dowry. We get to see her conflict and angst over her pride in what she has created with the Spinsters, but also her regrets and unfulfilled dreams. The first part of the book was slow for me and I felt it was too wordy, with lots of inconsequential conversation, even though it was giving a good feel for the dynamic of the group of friends. I would have liked to see more plot-based action with their role as Spinsters and models/mentors for the younger girls of Society. Tony really livened things up and the more time he and Georgie spend together, the more I became interested and involved in the book and their relationship. Their romance was unexpected for both and their delight in those falling-in-love feelings was a pleasure to read. They both revel in the affection they have for each other and the joy in expressing it, especially with sweet kisses ;) I liked the first part of the book okay, but I loved the second part!

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)

Annette says

This was really sweet. I love books with love interests who treat each other well.

It did take me a little while to get into it, because there were so many characters introduced in the beginning that I was trying to keep track of. I assume that's because the author needed to put things in place for the rest of the series.

Overall, good characters, really sweet story. Lovely, vulnerable romance.

Content: Clean.

Lori says

Super cute beginning to a new series by Rebecca Connolly! I can't wait to read the stories about the other spinsters.

Mindy says

The Merry Lives of Spinsters is an absolute pleasure to read. The pages are expertly written and wonderfully romantic. I loved this book. It was so clever, sweet, and just all-around fun. I delighted in each chapter heading of the Spinster Chronicles. I smiled and laughed many times. The characters are very fun and each have a wonderful wit and charm to them. Tony, Georgie, Charlotte, Miranda, Izzy, Prue... each of them I treasured. There are so many sweet and tender moments, it's hard to pick a favorite. I especially loved the

development of Georgie and Tony's relationship. They are truly perfect for each other.

Roselyn says

Disappointing

I'm a fan of Rebecca Connolly, but I couldn't even finish this one. I found the characters annoying and the storyline shallow and boring. This seemed more like a first effort of a young writer, not at all on the level of her Arrangements series.

Melissa says

I was so excited to see one of my favorite authors have a new series!!!! New Characters to love, how awesome. This book had a lot of characters to introduce and I knew I would want to remember them, so yes like the book nerd that I am I took notes;} I had so much fun putting each characters down and writing little info about each. It will be so great to read there stories in the coming years:}! Now onto this story! Tony and Georgie! Oh this was such a good story. So English and proper and amazing;} SIGH***** This was so true to life with real feeling and depth, with some deep issues without the depression that this subject sometimes brings. AHH and the humor! I loved the banter and humor between all the characters but especially, Tony and Georgie! This author has a true gift with romance;}
Clean regency with no religion.

Maria Thomas says

This story wasn't exactly what I was expecting but I enjoyed it. I thought it would be a lot more Spinsters with a capital S intervening to keep naive young ladies safe from rakes, and manipulating positive relationships (as they did with Georgie and Tony in the end) etc but as it turned out the Spinsters hadn't really done nearly as much as the rumors claimed. Kinda disappointing to me. I wanted to spend more time seeing them in action. I thought the premise of the book was rather clever though and I would enjoy reading more about these ladies. I also would have enjoyed Hugh getting a bit of a taking down.

I LOVED Tony. I loved that he gave these ladies a fair shake and as he really looked at these women he could see their good qualities and wondered how they weren't already married. Plus he was truly a gentleman. And he could hold his own with Georgie. I thought some of their conversations were odd as they were stealing kisses that were much more than a peck and then courting but then Georgie was talking about her future if she never married. It sounded like she was hinting that he should ask her and yet that didn't seem to come up. Struck me as odd.

Georgie I liked until she threw her tantrum and broke off the engagement. There needed to be some kind of conflict in their relationship but I wanted her to just stand there and fight it out with Tony instead of running off. And I wanted Tony to go after her instead of giving up right there. But nope. They had to prolong their agony. However it did give their friends the opportunity to have the intervention.

I think my favorite thing about this group of spinsters was in the dialogue when they would respond to something in unison. It showed how well they knew each other. I love their devotion to each other. They

were a wonderful support system to each other.

Tricia says

Very slow

Bookconfessions says

Rebecca Connolly has a gift for writing true romance stories. They aren't fairy tales, they don't expect happily ever after, and yet they're magical. Seeing real people who find love, and fight to hang on to it, like we all must do; that is why I love her stories.

Georgie and Tony are not your average Regency heroes. In addition to their very witty and intelligent conversations, they are flawed, like we all are. There was a spot in the book where Georgie and Tony argue and it blows out of proportion. I know a bit of tension and conflict makes for good story telling, but at first I thought their argument, should not have been that big. Georgie is an intelligent independent woman and she should have at least listened to reason. After all his intentions were never nefarious to begin with. I felt the conflict unnecessary. ...

However, when I thought about the character that Rebecca had built, I realized how true to that character her reactions were. Even women who are intelligent and independent suffer from insecurities. I loved that Rebecca gave Georgie insecurities, because we all have them. This story was a beautiful reminder that you really don't know what battles the person beside you is facing, and all of us deserve to be respected and loved.

<https://bookconfessionsblog.wordpress...>

Kelley Mathews says

Sweet, fluffy, humorous. And clean! That's important with Regency novels.

Richelle ?? says

I LOVED this book! Of course, I've loved every one of her books, and thus new series promises to be as good as her others.

Can I just tell you how much I adore our leading man, Tony. He is everything a gentleman ought to be. And the Spinsters, talk about an eclectic group of women. As this is the first book in the series, we were introduced to a whole gambit of characters that will of course have subsequent books of their own and all making appearances in them. That can be a difficult task to manage, setting up so many characters and personalities so we feel intimately connected with them all. Yet this author does it magnificently. I can't wait to read the next in this series.

No spoilers here, just know Tony is AMAZING and I just love him. Highly recommend this, and all her other books as well.

CONTENT

Romance - Sweet and Clean

Language - Almost none existent

Violence - None

Disco says

This book just went on and on until finally we reached...The Big Conflict! Unfortunately, The Big Conflict was poorly done; it just made me hate the heroine. Run, Tony! You can do better!

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This was a cute and unique regency. I liked the take of the Spinster Chronicles, a series of articles written by a group of spinsters, giving advice and trying to help the women of the ton navigate the marriage mart. Of course, the gentlemen of the ton don't care for this one bit!

I thought this set up the rest of the series well, I'm assuming each of the spinster will eventually get their own books. Which I look forward to. Each spinster, Georgie, Prue, Charlotte, Izzy and Grace were unique and it'll be fun to see how each of their stories unfold and what man will sweep them off their feet! Georgie is the star of this book and the designated leader of the pack. I liked Georgie and thought she was easy to relate to. Our hero, Anthony Sterling, was the perfect gentleman. Very kind, understanding and charming. I thought he and Georgie had fun chemistry and banter.

Overall, this was a fun read. I did feel like there were a LOT of characters to keep track of. To the point I almost wish I had a notepad handy so I could keep everyone straight. It was a tad predictable, but still pleasant and a fun afternoon read. I look forward to reading the rest of the series.

Content: Clean

Source: Amazon

Jessie says

Why I Thought I Would Be Able To Put This Down Is Beyond Me!

Georgiana Allen is the leader of a group called the Spinsters (with a capitol S). She and her friends are single for reasons they don't understand, and some they do. They are determined to make the most of their situation, and to share their wisdom with the younger debutantes. I loved this group of women who were dealing with the loneliness and stigma of being single, but found a way to support one another, and found a purpose.

When Anthony Sterling resigns his commission in the Army and comes to town, he is intrigued by all he

hears about the Spinsters. His cousin urges him to break up the group, but Tony finds himself joining their cause instead.

There were so many strong female leads in this story. The kind that banter with the best of them, and speak their mind, much to my amusement. Tony was not a dullard either, he could give as well as he got! He and Georgie were perfect for each other. I loved their sparring, but also seeing them open up and be vulnerable with one another. I also loved the kissing, and how they thought everyone around them didn't know what was going on, when of course, everyone does.

This was a great start to a new series. I was overwhelmed by all of the characters at the very beginning, once I got passed that, I couldn't put it down!

If you like Regency romances full of wit, unconventional women, and sweet kisses, this is the book for you!

Content: clean (some kisses, one mild curse word)

Patti says

Ok, I've given this spinster series two books and I just handle any more of them. As much as I love Regency England stories, (and having enjoyed other books by Rebecca Connolly) this rapidly became a chore to read. Yes, I did read the whole thing.

It's the story of a group of age 20-ish spinsters who form a group to psychoanalyze their unfortunate predicament by way of writing a "newssheet devoted to reaching out to the females in London making poor choices with the men in their circles" (pg. 222). They cautiously let Anthony Sterling join the group because he seems genuinely interested in their cause. However, the handsome Captain Sterling has his cousin's motives secretly in hand: to break them up. It's an adventure for "Tony", (everybody's on first name/nickname basis, which is unconventional in Regency times) but what he doesn't plan on is the ringleader, "Georgie" Allen, becomes rather intriguing.

I agree with many other reviewers: too many characters and the story drags. I like Regency women who stand up for themselves when called for, but this whole spinster-group-thing just doesn't work for me. I guess the group needs an early 18th century Dr. Phil...

I'll wait for other Rebecca Connolly books that aren't in this series.
