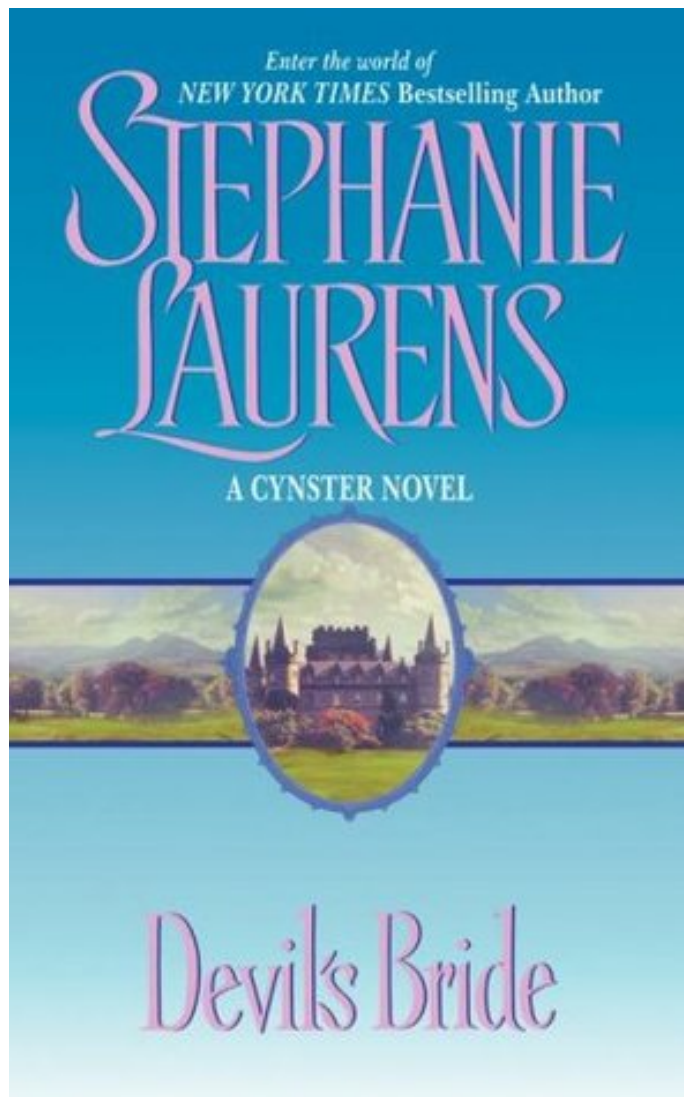


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**Devil's Bride (Cynster #1)**



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## Description

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When Devil, the most infamous member of the Cynster family, is caught in a compromising position with plucky governess Honoria Wetherby, he astonishes the entire town by offering his hand in marriage. No one dreamed this scandalous rake would ever take a bride. And as society mamas swooned at the loss of England's most eligible bachelor, Devil's infamous Cynster cousins began to place wagers on the wedding date.

But Honoria wasn't about to bend society's demands and marry a man "just" because they'd been found together virtually unchaperoned. No, she craved adventure, and while solving the murder of a young Cynster cousin fit the bill for a while, she decided that once the crime was solved she'd go off to see the world. But the scalding heat of her unsated desire for Devil soon had Honoria craving a very different sort of excitement. Could her passion for Devil cause her to embrace the enchanting peril of a lifelong adventure of the heart?

## Insightful reviews

Jill: Absolutely loved devil. Such a controlled man, he is my favourite of the cynsters. I always go back to this book if I have nothing to read. Its a keeper.

~Sara~: I'd say that there are minor spoilers in this review but I think the book is so predictable that I'm not really ruining anything...at least nothing important.

2.5 stars.

I was a little disappointed with the lack of plot in this book and the "mystery" could have been handled better (or at all). Instead it was: make-out, slip in the tiniest crumb of information about what Devil was doing to solve the murder but not enough to actually tell you anything worthwhile, sex scene, repeat. I don't mind when a book focuses on the physical aspects of the character's relationship but this was starting to feel like the same scene, different bedroom. There was so much repetition in both the plot and the thoughts of the characters that it seemed completely unnecessary and slowed things down way too much. I actually started to skim through what should have been the juicy parts to try and find some substance or actual story! Unfortunately all I got was this:

"Devil stirred as the last candle guttered. Even before he lifted his head, he'd assimilated the fact that there was a woman, sleeping the sleep of the sated, more or less beneath him. Before he levered his shoulders away from her and looked down, he'd recalled who that woman was." Wow, isn't he a bright one! He knew who it was he'd *just had sex with* without even having to get off of her and take a look (and no, he wasn't drunk)!!! What, does he have short term memory loss? Within the time it takes for a candle to burn down, he almost forgot who the hell the woman in his bed was!?! That gives new meaning to "mind blowing sex"; apparently he blew more than just his load which would actually explain a great deal of the rest of the book! :D

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The part that disappointed me the most was with Honoria's estranged grandfather. Devil went to go see him but, not only were we not invited to join him, we were barely even told about it! That visit and the reunion with Honoria should have been a pivotal part of the book but instead it was given only a few lines! Why? So we could hear Honoria wax poetic about her husband's chest a little more!?! Or how about the scene where Devil finds out who it was that was frequenting the freaky brothel - oh wait, we missed that scene too but I think there was a line about it somewhere...

Not a bad book overall for a fluff read, but there was far too much focus on the fluff for my liking! I would've liked to know how the characters interacted and what they were doing *outside* of the bedroom a little more. I also would've liked a chance to get to know some of the other Cynster's better. That's my favourite part of a series like this - the build up and development of the rest of the characters so by the time you get to their story you have a vested interest in their lives and happiness plus you get little updates on how the previous couples are doing. This book skipped the building up and development part. I can't actually even remember most of their names, who was who, who did what, etc. I'll read the next book and see how it goes (especially since the book I own is the first 2 in one volume) but if it's more of the same, all fluff and no substance, I'll probably move on to something else. I've still got Kleypas, Quinn, Balogh, Lindsey...

FlibBityFLooB: Some thoughts on this novel...

- 1) The mystery was very thinly veiled. I figured out who the murderer was with no issue.
- 2) I have never heard of an orangery that contains a daybed and full length mirror. However, for the horny Cynster family, it seemed very appropriate! ;)
- 3) I still can't get over the nicknames of all the Cynster cousins. Who would chose to call themself "LUCIFER"!?!?!?!?
- 4) I can see why the book [Beyond Heaving Bosoms The Smart Bitches' Guide to Romance Novels](#) called this series "humptastic". The Cynsters were like Enegrizer bunnies! hehehe. And someone told me that the books get more humptastic as you move through the series.

Overall, it was still a fun book to read. I liked the arrogance of Devil. Honoria was acceptable as a heroine, albeit a little weepy at times.

Julz: 3.5 stars This used to be a truly great book. that is despite the homicide and secret that used to be consider to grip me (I knew who did it from the get-go, so will you). This booklet used to be rather well written and might doubtless be fortunately obtained with gusto through many a romance lover out there. For me, all of it got here too easy. I did love me the hero, at the very least physically, even though (nom, nom ;D). He was once sizzling and darkish (in color, now not personality, although i assume he used to be bossy), and the dude who learn the tale at the audiobook made him sound so haughty and powerful. yet i love my heroines tortured a bit extra alongside the way. yet that is simply me. The heroine used to be powerful and autonomous with a truly twenty first century perspective approximately life. Everybody, (except the undesirable guy, of course) used to be nicey great nice. one of many characters even welcomed her

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husband's baby from his adulterous affair with a thanks (literally) and raised him as her own. (Aww, isn't really that nice?) in the event you love tall, darkish and engaging heroes tearing it up on their trusty steeds chasing ambivalent heroines unrelentlessly with not anything yet time and a bit persuasion status within the manner in their ceaselessly and ever precise love, then this ebook is for you. in the event you like your heroes to be a bit at the darkish facet (i.e., evil ;D), and the heroine's lifestyles now not so photo ideal (well, other than that loss of life of her mom and dad thing), then you definitely may get a bit bored via a few of this.

Wicked Incognito Now: I completely loved the 1st region of this book. i used to be considering "yes! i am gonna love this" yet it, disappointingly, fell aside for me afterwards. In the beginning, we meet the sensible, governess heroine. She comes upon a mortally wounded younger guy on a depressing woods road. Later, our hero arrives, and so they interact to aim to aid the younger man. After POV switches to our hero, we're instantly handled to his perception that he has simply met his destiny wife. I enjoyed THAT!!! No pussy-footing around. This guy discovered what he have been taking a look for. after which he instantly units approximately informing her and everybody else of that fact. Very exciting and hot. yet that did not final long. i finally had sufficient of this alpha hero's dictates and high-handedness. I got here to the realization that the heroine had to deny his @\$\$ simply no-one may be that convinced themselves. Of course, he was once a good catch, and the heroine didn't bring to an end her nostril to spite her face, she ultimately discovered marrying him will be an excellent thing. that is the place the sizzle, and romantic pressure ended. now not even midway in the course of the book. And then.....sigh.....the mammoth homicide MYSTERY. It was once no secret at all. I knew who "done it" in the first few pages. i used to be then left with the excuriating job of analyzing concerning the h/h attempting to work out whodunnit in the course of the complete book. ARGH. I hate those suspense storylines messing up an outstanding romance. So, the romantic rigidity has fizzled, the suspense/mystery is non-intriguing....what's left to learn about? now not much. there have been a large number of intercourse scenes left. Which, we could face it, i admire the intercourse scenes in romance novels. yet with those i used to be SKIPPING PAGES. I by no means do that. yet those scenes have been lengthy and boring, choked with flowery metaphors that simply went on and on and on.....Example: "She felt him inside her and permitted him eagerly, taking him in, either possessed and possessing. The sunburst rose and drew quickly nearer; their our bodies strove, racing to their fate. Then it was once upon them. It stuck them in its heat, in its unquenchable delight, in sensation so beautiful she screamed. She clutched him tightly and he used to be with her. Locked together, they soared, gasped, then fractured--into a selfless void of aching peace past the achieve of human senses."And again..."As usual, she was once rushing--he set himself to sluggish her down, bringing her to that airplane the place she might take pleasure in his expertise, delight in all he may perhaps provide her, instead of fly headlong to her fate. He repeated his caresses, back and again, till she grew acquainted with each one new sensation. Her respiring slowed, deepened; he physique softened underneath his hands. She moaned softly and twisted in his hold, yet she now not fought him; she floated, senses alive to every particular caress, receptive to the pleasures he wanted her to know. in basic terms then, deploying each ounce of his huge expertise, did he open the door and introduce her to all that will be."It is going on like that web page after web page yet with not anything quite TANGIBLE to hold onto. simply those ethereal references to flying, fracturing, soaring, in order that a lot blah blah!!!"again and back she rose to the heavens; back and again, he drew her back."Oh get on with it already!!!! JEEZSo, i ended analyzing approximately 2/3 of

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how through. yet I did skim the finishing simply to ascertain i used to be correct concerning the killer....I was.

Bark's Book Nonsense: Devil's Bride has plenty of issues to suggest it however it simply misses my "loved it" vote simply because i discovered elements of it to be very gradual moving. At yes issues i could not flip the pages speedy adequate yet then whatever might take place and i might lose interest, become aware of my brain wandering, and locate all of it too effortless to place the publication down. it would be simply because I simply wasn't attracted to the secret component of the plot and i figured it out means too early (the villain used to be very obvious) yet i am not yes that was once it. I simply think that the e-book (at virtually four hundred pages) used to be too long.I'm pleased i stopped it for a number of reasons. I liked the regular characterization of the hero and heroine. either have been headstrong and smug and primarily remained that manner during the story. The hero falls for the heroine instantly and that used to be one other plus. Their sexual allure was once instant and for these of you who like longer, well-written and sensual love scenes you most probably will not be disenchanted in these! They move on and on, web page after breathtaking page. I admit occasionally i'm going to skim the second one or 3rd love scene (gasp!) simply because often by means of that point i am bored of an analogous old, standard yet i used to be riveted to every and each one in every of them during this book. the writer definite understands tips to organize and perform a sensual scene.

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