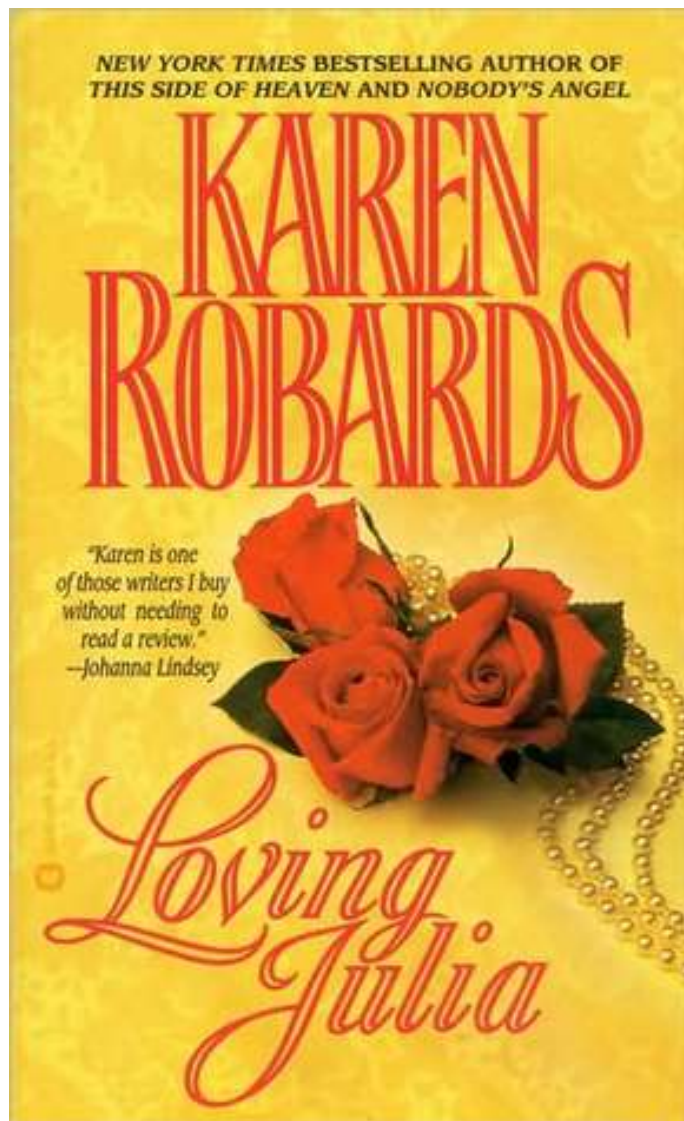

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Description

You'll have to learn to speak, to dress, to conduct yourself as a lady". Sebastian, the Earl of Moorland, icily intoned his orders to the cockney commoner who eyed him defiantly.

Fate had brought the saucy Jewel Combs far from her shivering, dockside existence to the mansion on Grosvenor Square. Now she was about to be renamed "Julia Stratham", in the Earl's outlandish stand against his domineering mother. His plan: to transform this diamond in the rough into a glittering gem worthy of the family name. But even as Jewel is swept up in all there is to know -- and the critical gaze of her handsome patron -- she unknowingly imparts a few lessons of her own. The Earl of Moorland is about to learn that although his "Julia" is no lady, she is all woman...and one with whom he can't resist falling madly, unexpectedly, and passionately in love.

Insightful reviews

Carrie Olguin: Adventure romance with shades of Pygmalion.

The heroine grew up on the streets as a thief and sees a chance to change her life for the better so she grabs it. In many ways she's the typical romantic heroine, independent, full of spirit and prepared for physical battle if needed. The difference is, since she's grown up on the street, she has years of training to back up her behavior and thought processes.

The hero is the typical brooding, icy, angry, handsome fallen angel. He wasn't nearly as interesting as the heroine.

I figured out who committed the murder, since there were not too many suspects with motive. But there's enough going on (plots and sub-plots) that I enjoyed the story.

Diane Madison: I love the way Karen Robards writes. She is one of the greats. And this story was no exception. I would highly recommend it.

CrazyPenguinLady: **2.5 stars**

Would have been a great read, but the characters are thoroughly mule headed, childish, and unfortunately unable to stop lying to each other. Those lies resulted in the Big Misunderstanding being used so, so many times I was basically dozing by the time the last one happened. Though I was tempted to rip this book to shreds, I did stick around and finish it, so I suppose I cared enough about the characters to see what happened, and the ending was satisfying.

I think Karen Robards can write better than this, even though in every Historical Romance I've read by her, the emotional abuse the characters bestow on each other is a little too much for me personally. I'm also not a huge fan of how bipolar the relationships get- the characters are either literally kicking and biting each other, or they're frolicking handsomely in a cloud of

adoration and bliss, and for a reader who gets emotionally invested in the characters and the story the ups and downs can be exhausting.

(That last bit was made up. Nobody actually frolics.)

Zeljana: i've got learn this ebook TWICE, and that i will finally learn it again, and again, and again. This novel exceeds all my expectations. i admire the plot, tale line, characters, discussion and the happy ending! Karen Robards is a wonderful novelist and one among my most sensible favorites!

Twiggy: most likely 3.5 -4 stars. fascinating story. Jewel Combs is a sixteen 12 months previous london road urchin with out future. She works as a choose pocket with a good looking brutal crew of fellows and is in worry that she's going to turn out being offered as a whore. One evening she and a pair of different men(mick and jem) set approximately robbing a tender man. issues get out of hand and mick needlessly stabs him. This was once no longer what Jewel had signed up for and he or she feels responsible approximately what occurs so she attempts to get aid for the fellow and remains to aim and nurse him. it really is transparent that he's death yet he wakes and exhibits that he needs to pay his debt to her and should accomplish that by means of marrying her. The priest will get a different licence and so they marry. Timothy stratham dies. The h is afraid to return to her earlier accommodations for worry that Mick will choose to kill her to and after a number of days works up the braveness to provide herself to timothy's cousin and dad or mum Sebastian the Earl of Moorland. The preliminary come across among the 2 is amusing. Moorland considers her as below human and treats her with contempt yet as a result of his mother's intervention, he turns into contrary, and comes to a decision that he'll settle for the marriage, convey her into the family members yet at the situation that she does everything he commands. he exhibits that any longer she's going to be Julia Stratham and may need to learn how to move as a lady. the following day he is taking her to his property within the country. As Julia's accent, outfits and presentation are beautiful dreadful, Moorland disregards her convenience and customarily keeps to regard her with a large number of contempt. Therein there follows a My reasonable girl esque transformation which happens over a couple of months. As different reviewers have stated the writer takes her time in appreciate of personality improvement and shall we issues ensue at a extra common pace. moorland has been married sooner than yet his spouse died in suspicious situations and his younger daughter has grew to become mute, screaming on the very sight of him and compounding neighborhood suspicions that he killed his wife. Julia struggles together with her transformation and at levels is doubtful that she desires to pursue it as she is afraid that she is wasting herself. After the governess makes a few growth with Julia, Moorland invitations her to dine with him. He will get her under the influence of alcohol and we later become aware of this used to be with the certain goal of seducing her. despite the fact that while he kisses her, he realises that she will be able to slightly sit up straight and his sense of right and wrong won't permit him to continue as she is barely sixteen and obviously depended on him. he's taking her upstairs whereupon she throws up. The governess resigns in dismay. Moorland then takes over her schooling and over the following couple of months a real friendship develops among the two. Julia grows to depend upon Moorland and trusts him completely. moorland starts off to consider contentment and a level of happiness. Julia confronts Moorland approximately his obvious forget of Chloe yet that

evening he visits Chloe and she or he realises that he remains clear of the kid because the sight of him upsets her and that it is a resource of misery to him. Moorland will get under the influence of alcohol and she or he is going to him. something ends up in one other and he's taking her virginity. The subsequent day Julia is stuffed with love for Moorland and is looking forward to the future. in spite of the fact that she reveals his curricle on the entrance door and it's transparent that he's leaving for London. Moorland is very chilly to Julia yet makes it glaring that he recalls they had sex. Julia loses her mood (and her accent) and shouts at him yet he drives off. It emerges that Sebastian believes that she used to be too responsive and keen and that this lead him to finish that she was once no longer a virgin and was once not anything greater than a whore attempting to trap him in. Over the subsequent variety of weeks Julia hears not anything from Moorland and is particularly hurt. She keeps to coach herself and via this degree she has surely turn into Julia and jewel is forgotten. She then will get a summons to London. whilst she arrives at London, Moorland has her dropped at the home he retains for his mistresses and he propositions her accordingly, making it transparent he thinks her not anything greater than a whore. She is livid but if he is taking her in his arms, she falls right into a helpless ardour and succumbs move his advances (i do not get it) . After the intercourse she remonstrates with him and so they argue. She calls him a assassin and he leaves. day after today she will get a message to come back to the country. Julia comes to a decision that rather than being despatched away, she is going to struggle for Moorland's love through taking her position in society and he or she provides herself to his right domestic at Grosvenor Street. She is brought to society through Moorland's mom and sister in law. Julia is pursued via Lord Carlyle and Moorland turns into jealous. he's astonished to listen to that Carlyle desires to marry her and he orders Julia to damage the connection off through threatening to inform her suitor the genuine nature of her origins. Julia turns into obdurate and as at this degree she feels the placement with moorland is hopeless, she thinks that marriage to Carlyle is her best choice and presses him for a quickly ceremony. Sebastian returns from a couple of days away and is derived to the ball the place Julia is and whisks her away again to the dodgy house. He apologises for his contemporary behavior and tells her he is familiar with that she used to be a virgin the 1st evening and that he loves her and needs to marry her. Julia is swept away they usually make love. She later recalls approximately Carlyle yet fails to inform moorland that she hadn't known as it off as she doesn't desire a row and hopes she will type it out with no Moorland realising. regrettably Carlyle takes the inside track very badly and attempts to rape Julia within the library in the course of a ball. Julia is over powered and in desperation thinks that if Carlyle thinks she is commencing to co-operate, she is going to get an opportunity to escape. in fact Moorland walks in on the serious moment, misunderstands the location and rather than permitting Julia an opportunity to explain, denounces her to Carlyle and the remainder of the ton, exposing her sordid origins. Julia is humiliated and leaves the home in a country of misery wandering into the streets. She is then grabbed by way of the evil Mick, who has had the home watched. He makes it transparent that he believes that she has betrayed him to the authorities, that he intends to kill her yet that he'll rape her first. He provides her an incredibly serious beating and simply whilst he's approximately to rape her, Moorland and a few of his employees rescue her. notwithstanding Julia has major head trauma and is subconscious for days and it truly is doubtful as to if she's going to pull through. Sebastian is particularly be apologetic about his activities and the results having realised by means of this degree that he misinterpret the situation. Julia does finally get better and it's agreed that they are going to marry. at the set marriage ceremony day, Julia back comes into peril as Sebastian's first wife's killer attempts to

eliminate her as well. besides the fact that Chloe rescues her. They marry a number of weeks later. Chloe is at the highway to restoration and begins to speak and spend time together with her father whom she involves adore. all of them reside fortunately ever after. i thought within the characters simply because they have been so good drawn and likewise for as soon as i discovered the chuffed finishing to be solely convincing, back as the writer made it appears the h and h had really learnt from their mistakes.

Katariina: this can be my 3rd Karen Robards ebook and that i enjoyed it. the tale used to be so unique. not less than to me. i have not learn from rags to riches romance. Wait- probably The Proposition by way of Judith Ivory may perhaps count, yet there the hero was once the bad one. nice publication by way of the way. I additionally cherished that this e-book is may-december romance, one in every of my favourite trophes. The hero Sebastian used to be an ass and intensely un-pc, yet I enjoyed him anyway. i suppose i admire those old-scool books. there have been many twists and turns and that i used to be by no means bored. realizing the hero's historical past it was once effortless to undestand and forgive his undesirable behaviour in the direction of the heroine. He used to be so candy on the finish of the booklet and very confirmed how a lot he enjoyed Jewel/Julia and the way sorry he was. It made me nearly tears. I enjoyed Karen Robard's Forbidden Love a little more, yet this was once additionally a very sturdy read. the best books i've got ever learn i might say.

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