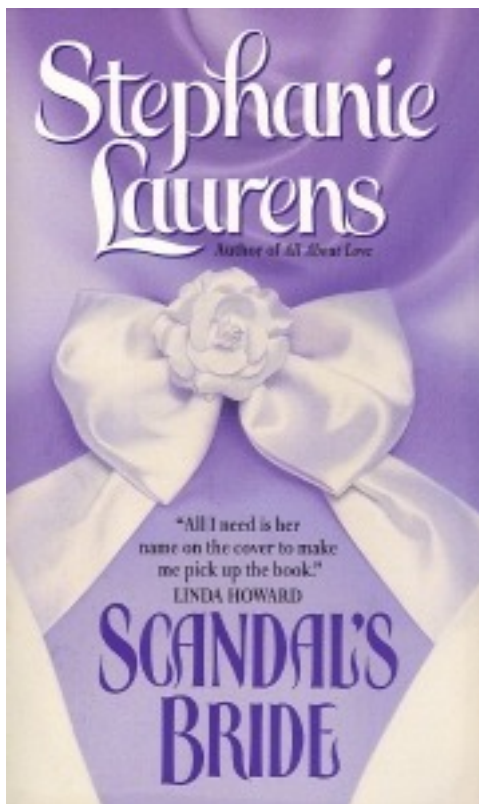

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Insightful reviews

Clare: I'm not sure I can review in an entirely rational way when it comes to regency romance. Its a genre I could criticise on so many levels, but then it's my go to whenever I can't decide what to read. I love the Cynster series, the first books about the original Cynster's are far better than later books and I am glad I decided on a re-read.

The Cynster men have a lot in common. They are all fairly dictatorial, insanely possessive, have a tendency to "resist" fate yet give in so very easily. "I refuse to marry, but wait I'm stuck in a storm and there is a pretty woman? OK fate I get it I give in." Richard was fairly different from the other Cynster men in that he was willing and able to cede control to Catriona. He acknowledged her right to authority over her lands and didn't fight her on it.

This isn't my favourite book of the series but it definitely holds my interest and it was great to re-read it.

On a side note - why is waggling of eyebrows so common in romance novels? I have never seen anyone waggle their eyebrows remotely seductively in real life. Seriously, when I have witnessed eyebrow waggling it has always looked ridiculous to me. So odd.

Naoms: This used to be one of my favorite books. But, rereading it...

Catriona drugs Richard, sneaks into his room and has sex with him.

This is called rape. It's completely inappropriate and immoral. Why was I so ok with that when I was younger.

Does Stephanie Lauren's not believe men can be raped? If Richard drugged her and then slept with the world would be in uproar and call him a rapist.

Just disturbing.

Ridh:

Sooooo I did like this book for the most part. Yes, I only gave it three stars because there were things that irked me to no end. But for now here's a quick overview...

OVERVIEW:

Catriona is known as the "Lady of the Vale." She is believed to have inherited "magical abilities" that allow her to receive messages from The Lady. One day she gets a letter saying that she must attend the reading of her guardian's will. At the same time, Richard Cynster (aka Scandal), also received a similar letter (They are not related, just saying, their relationship to the

owner of the will is different.). Before the couple meet at the reading, they come upon each other at an inn and they smoochy. Once the will is read however things get serious because [\(view spoiler\)](#)

Things that really bothered me:

- 1)Richard constantly said “my witchy wife!” Really? Witchy was all you could think of? That’s horrible. I’d have punched the guy.
- 2)Wasn’t Richard supposed to be a big bad Cynster? All of a sudden he just kept backing off and staying in the background. What happened to all the sexy maleness?
- 3)I didn’t like Catriona. She was too arrogant and prideful and judgmental and a whole bucket full of things. And she didn’t have a reason! If she did than I’d let it go, but she was just ridiculous. And what kind of woman drugs a man for sex/ to get pregnant simply because some supernatural lady said so. This brings me to my next point...
- 4)I hope this doesn’t offend The Lady or anything but the constant cheesy (not cliché) reference to her was annoying. “The Lady this” and “The Lady that.” I mean come on! Use your own mind!

So that’s all the bad... The reason I gave this one three stars is because I enjoyed seeing the previous books’ couples. And it did pick up towards the end. I don’t know if I’d recommend this one. It’s not a light read, but I want to get through the Cynsters. Hopefully the next book will be better!

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Katrina Passick Lumsden: *****SPOILER ALERT*****DNF'd at 28%. i just can't end this one. After studying the 1st books during this series, you will imagine my persistence might were sufficiently stretched to house Laurens' distinctively bitchy, grating heroines. it is true, i used to be looking forward to a heroine who was once equivalent components stupid, judgmental, arrogant, and bitchy. What i used to be no longer expecting, however, used to be for stated frustrating heroine to even be a fucking rapist. She roofies the hero and has intercourse with him simply because she's confident he is simply imagined to father her baby and not anything more. I'm now not making this up. From the start of the book, Catriona has been visited via visions she is aware are being despatched via her personal own savior, often referred to as "The Lady". Apparently, "The Lady" desires Catriona to marry Richard Cynster. Catriona, for a few unusual reason, refuses to even entertain this notion. She retains insisting that she's interpreting the indicators wrong, misinterpreting the messages she's being sent. yet every time she attempts for a clearer answer, the reply comes again clearer: "He will father your children." yet Catriona, wise, all-knowing 22-year-old soreness within the ass, is aware extra approximately what is going on than her paranormal watchdog, so she's simply sittin', biding her time till she will examine a way to get out of the situation. while her spouse eavesdrops on a talk among Richard and one other man, she jumps to conclusions, tells Catriona what Richard stated (even even though he did not rather say a lot at all), after which Catriona additionally jumps to conclusions, is confident Richard is set to depart even if "The Lady" has stated he will father Catriona's young ones sooooooooooooo.....the basically resolution is rape. it truly is undesirable sufficient she treats Richard like a baby from the instant they meet, continuously

trying to use her mindquad skills to control him, yet then she is going and medicine him - and has intercourse with him - and is cool with it. And in case you are pondering why she did not simply seduce him with no the drugging part, this is the best part; Richard is a bastard. he is been fortunate so far as bastards cross in view that his father's spouse authorized him as certainly one of her own, yet he is nonetheless delicate approximately his bastardy. Catriona, realizing this, seeks to have a toddler through him, out of wedlock, with out him ever knowing. She does not appear to suppose even the slightest twinge of guilt approximately any of it. Even after the deed is done. Her in simple terms drawback is that Richard wasn't really as out of types as she might have liked. Because, you know, the intercourse ain't sturdy except your associate resembles a corpse. So she simply plans to drug him a bit extra subsequent time. Oh, i did not mention? Yeah, she's planning on doing it again. That was once the place I quit. i have higher activities with my time than examine a few trumped-up, smug sexual predator with a god advanced getting her happily-ever-after.

Romanti?na Geekica: i could not make myself like this book, it used to be so fallacious on such a lot of levels...if a guy taken care of a lady the way in which this heroine handled this guy it'd be referred to as rape, abuse, disrespect and a lot more things...I like robust ladies yet I anticipate admire and equality among partners, regularly and particularly in romance novels. It does get well close to the top yet I gave up, it used to be frustrating, dull and never in any respect what I anticipated due to the fact I learn the 1st novels within the series...

Ilze: This was once a fascinating read, yet there are too many issues of it to offer it the next rating. the most challenge is the characters: they only are usually not human beings. the nice men (Catriona, the entire Cynsters) are all faultless super-humans, the undesirable men are all caricatures. For me, a romance simply does not paintings except the characters, together with the secondary characters, yet particularly the most ones, are genuine humans, with flaws, self-doubt, and are able to making mistakes, even large ones. The savor a romance for me is seeing the characters paintings via their flaws and detect their errors, now not practice super-human deeds, to ultimately get their romantic reward. until appearing a super-human deed is anything completely unforeseen of them and the results of overcoming a flaw or weak spot (e.g. the crippled Lord Carew successful the struggle in Mary Balogh's "Lord Carew's Bride"). So - Stephanie Laurens' characters simply do not lower it. Other difficulties are the piling on of the melodrama (the fire, the poisoning) with no actual solution for any of them, Helena being a scam of Leonie's personality in Georgette Heyer's those previous colours and Devil's Cub, the entire mishmash of "Lady" worship or no matter what it was once speculated to be, the truth that Richard might appear within the Vale and immediately communicate excellent Gaelic (because there's no means that the folks of the Vale, with their means of life, could have used English or maybe Scots) and on and on.

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