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When Miss Kit Singleton's arrival in London coincided with a spate of robberies from members of the ton, Hugo Devenish couldn't explain why he suspected the innocent-looking beauty. But when the clues added up, Hugo knew his instincts had been right all along. Kit had to cease this dangerous game immediately!

Only for Kit, it wasn't a game; she'd made a sacred promise to avenge her papa's honour. Surely Hugo could understand that she mustn't break her word - even to please the man she was falling in love with.

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willaful says

Gracie is generally a fine writer, but I felt she hadn't really found her voice yet in this book. There are many plot/character echoes of Georgette Heyer's work. It wasn't terrible, but didn't interest me enough to continue.

Mary23nm says

This was an Anne Gracie book I hadn't heard of, until I saw it on our digital library. Because it was Anne Gracie, I put it on hold without knowing anything about it. *An Honorable Thief* was a thoroughly enjoyable read. I loved the main characters and their interactions. I needed a lot of tissues by the end of it. 4 plus stars for me.

Rebekah says

I forget why I downloaded this book from the library. Probably because she was an author I have wanted to try because of good reviews. By the end of the prologue I knew this was going to be a dumb book. Our heroine's evil father who is a liar and cheater besides being unfeeling and abusive to her, extracts a deathbed promise that she will go to England to retrieve his honor. Kit, our heroine, is fully aware of his lying and cheating and the fact that he has no honor, but she is going ahead to carry out his scheme to retrieve his honor. Which she knows he doesn't have. I put it down, but in rereading the reviews they were all good, so I decided to overlook the senseless plot. Something about this book must be great. Surely. Nope. It's the type of book that you can skip through at lightning speed and not miss a thing. I finished it in two hours and regret the fact that those 2 hours are lost forever. When she finally learns the truth that her father did not have his honor stolen from him, but that he never had any to begin with, she is quite quite shocked. Because, you see, retrieving his honor has meant her becoming a Chinese cat-burglar and stealing valuables from her father's decent friends. Yeah, that will do the trick. So now she feels guilty. Too guilty to accept the marriage proposal of the hero, who knows all. Oh yes, there is a love story. She runs away because she is not worthy. Plus she thinks that she is going to be hanged. He finds her; they have sex; but she still is not worthy. Skip skip skip. Happy ending. This book actually made me angry. Thank God it was a library book.

Gemma says

From the back cover:

To catch a thief...

The dashing Mr. Hugo Devenish had come to London on an important mission: to prevent his innocent nephew from marrying an unsuitable young heiress. He'd never expected to be trounced upon by the most infamous thief in town!

All society was agog at the rash of burglaries being committed by the mysterious Chinaman, but Hugo's attention was diverted once he was introduced to his nephew's heiress, the intriguing Miss Kit Singleton. Hugo found himself utterly enchanted. But her dubious background gave rise to the suspicion that Miss Singleton was somehow connected to the notorious thief. And Hugo could only hope to uncover Kit's many secrets, before the winsome beauty managed to steal his heart!

And my review:

Anne Gracie is one of Harlequin's best authors. She's so good, in fact, that she's now moved into full-length historical romance, and AN HONORABLE THIEF is an excellent example of why she belongs there.

Her characters are delightful, and always well-rounded, until they are real people that you feel you know. And not just the hero and heroine, either. The secondary characters (like Maggie, Kit's maid, or Kit's aunt Rose) will also steal your heart. I especially loved Kit, the heroine. She was wonderfully spirited without being shrewish. I loved how she put a stop to a lecherous old man's advances by "accidentally" kicking him in the shin and trodding on his toes during a dance. All done with a smile and apologies, of course. I was laughing out loud at that scene.

Even in the confined page count of catagory romance, Gracie has managed to create a complete story that never feels rushed. Often, Harlequin books will be well developed until the last 50 pages, where the author will try to squash the rest of her story in. That wasn't the case here. The pacing of the story was well done and enjoyable throughout the story.

Mary - Buried Under Romance says

Upon my re-read, I've given it one more star, because I truly enjoyed this book. It is one of the gems of its niche genre, and a further affirmation of Anne Gracie's fine talents. The ending brought tears of happiness to my eyes - and lo and behold, we have a hero who is not afraid to love deeply! ^_^

Katherine ??? says

3.5 stars utk buku ini.

Kit, yg dibesarkan oleh ayahnya di berbagai daerah antah berantah di dunia Timur, berusaha memenuhi wasiat terakhir ayahnya, memberi kehormatan. Dan utk itu Kit pergi ke negeri leluhur ayahnya, Inggris.

Di Inggris, Kit lgs diterima dgn terbuka oleh ton yg mendpt rumor bhw dirinya pewaris tambang berlian di New South Wales. Yg jd masalah adalah kecurigaan Hugo Devenish, seorg pria yg tidak berniat mencari istri, tetapi berusaha keras mengorek-ngorek latar belakang Kit, terlalu pintar dan mudah curiga dgn segala tindak-tanduk debutan baru ini.

Di masyarakat ton sendiri beredar rumor Pencuri Cina yg berhasil mencuri barang2 paling mahal di rumah2 org2 kaya dan tidak pernah tertangkap. Hugo sempat berkelahi dgn Pencuri Cina dan berhasil dikecohkan oleh si Pencuri andal dan licin tsb.

Berhasillkah Hugo membuka kedok siapakah Pencuri Cina tsb?

Karakter Kit sbg heroine di buku ini unik sekali. Dibesarkan oleh seorg ayah buangan yg hobi utamanya berjudi, membuat Kit menjadi gadis tomboy yg lihai dan cerdik bukan main. Ketika Kit mengecoh Hugo pertama kali, memainkan peran gadis manis super pemalu yg berlafal cadel, membuat saya senyum2 sendiri membayangkan. Kit digambarkan pula penuh kontradiksi dan penuh misteri yg selalu mengguncang rasa penasaran Hugo, dgn perpaduan keluguan dan keberanian yg luar biasa (akan tetapi ditutupi dgn baik oleh Kit), kreativitas dan kecerdikannya yg selalu membuatnya satu langkah di depan Hugo.

Tetapi saya merasa ada kekurangan dlm chemistry Kit - Hugo ini karena author terlalu konsentrasi menciptakan karakter Kit yg kerap menipu dan berusaha mengecoh Hugo. Dan Hugo sendiri yg awal2nya menyangkal perasaannya pd Kit, tidak kuasa jg menolak pesona Kit yg kontradiktif ini. Hugo memang jd lbh mirip anjing penjaga Kit yg mengawasi terus menerus tindak tanduk Kit yg kerap berubah dr pemalu mjd liar. Kepekaan dan naluri Hugo sbg pedagang sukses boleh diacungi jempol. Seandainya Hugo digambarkan bisa "meredam sifat nakal" Kit, buku ini akan lbh baik drpd terkesan pemaksaan Happily ever after, semua pihak bisa menerima keadaan ini dan berbahagia.

Ilze says

Started out well and kept me very interested most of the way through, but it bogs down at the end with Anne Gracie's typical overflow of cuteness and sentimentality (did she really need to put in not just one or two, but THREE happily-ever-afters?). The one love scene in the book was completely dorky and unnecessary to the story.

Jack Vasen says

Revenge is a plot device I usually don't care for. And I'm not sure why I would pick up a book titled "An Honorable Thief". Other than desperation to feed oneself, I don't have much sympathy for a thief. But this was the last title I had available at the moment by AG, and I've come to enjoy her works.

The first part of the story is enjoyable due to the wit and humor. Kit is quite the "minx" as Hugo keeps saying. She leads Hugo on a merry chase. There are a number of secrets that AG teases us with. Actually I thought the partially hidden plan for Jimmy's revenge was treated with a little bit of a heavy hand. Then towards the end, but not quite, we learn a number of interesting things which were mostly surprises for me. And with the revelations were a number of touching moments. But I thought the last couple of chapters were a little on the anti-climatic side. Do we really need what amounted to a token sex scene after all the conflicts are resolved?

I had trouble understanding why one family was so generous to Kit after a relatively short acquaintance.

AG reminds the reader several times of the severe punishment a thief would receive in that day in England. Kit is frequently aware that she could be hanged and probably would if caught. We are reminded that in Asian countries, a thief would have a hand cut off. (It sure makes sense to make it even harder for a destitute person to make a living if they have already resorted to theft to survive. Which culture was more civilized?)

Mature themes: there were a few scuffles mostly involving Kit trying to escape. And the token sex scene was barely described and even that involved mostly poetic language.

Olga Godim says

Kit Singleton is playing a dangerous game with the London society, but she promised her dying father to retrieve their family honor, and that's what she'll do, no matter what. The only thing that imperils her quest and sets her heart aflutter is the close attention of Hugo Devenish. Unfortunately, Kit likes to waltz with him too much for her peace of mind.

Hugo Devenish knows that the purported heiress his nephew courts hides a score of secrets, and he is determined to unearth them all and save his inexperienced nephew from the unscrupulous woman's clutches. He doesn't plan to risk his heart in the process. Unfortunately, not everything goes according to his plans. There is also a mysterious Chinese Burglar complicating Hugo's task and a slew of balls and other entertainments of the regency ton.

The hero and heroine are both interesting but rather standard for the genre of regency romance, and the plot is not very engrossing. I could guess half of its points from the beginning, although the resolution was well done and unexpected.

All in all, an enjoyable book, delivering exactly what it promised.

Helen says

This is a story that is just fabulous in my opinion fast paced with so many emotions that will pull at your heart strings as we journey to a HEA that will bring you to tears with the joy.

Young Kit Singleton has arrived in London with a promise made to her father on his deathbed, Kit has never been to England she has lived a life no young English lady should through many countries and although she has learnt a lot about being a lady she has learnt a lot about other ways to survive in life but has Kit met her match when she arrives to live as the long lost Singleton niece with her Aunt Rose and starts her dangerous mission that meant honour to her father.

Hugo Devenish is a man of trade with family in the Ton and he has do what ever he can to stop his nephew from marrying an unsuitable heiress the young Kit Singleton who seems to be a mystery to The Ton, but Hugo is nothing if not determined to find out the truth about this woman. With burglaries going on things are getting a bit worrisome and there is a lot of talk and Hugo is on the job with his suspicions and he will uncover the truth.

This is a beautifully written story I really liked Kit she is so strong and caring and honourable and she made me laugh and smile and of course Hugo is just the man for her the spark between them is really strong and gets stronger at every meeting. MS Gracie has never disappointed me with one of her stories and again this is one for the keeper shelf I highly recommend this one you will definitely be smiling and crying happily at the end of this one.

Nicqui says

I liked seeing the beginnings of the Anne Gracie style that I fell in love with in her later books. You can tell this is an earlier work but it still *feels* comfortable in a way.

I liked the chemistry between Kit and Dev almost from their very first second meeting. I love that eavesdropping leads to a fun game she plays on him and rather than be repelled he is intrigued. I love how the mystery unfolds, even if it is a bit predictable. As usual, I loved the supporting characters. They added a nice, fluffy feeling to the whole story.

This story just added to why I like Anne Gracie in general and why I seek out her books.

Seema says

I didn't like the plot of this book. It was very bizarre. Even though the hero and heroine were characterized nicely I thought the story was unbelievable.

kris says

Kit grew up everywhere that wasn't England with her card-shark asshole father. Hugo grew up first in England and then in *trade omg*. Now he's investigating her to keep his nephew from marrying a fake heiress and Kit's trying not to let him get too close because of her Super Secret Mission of Revenge. Will feelings get in the way of these two idiots???

1. I thought Hugo's developing awareness of Kit's intelligence and sneakery was very well done: he never had a complete moment of "OH YES, I HAVE DEDUCED ALL THE THINGS" but instead pieced together bits and pieces into a whole over the course of the book. WHICH THANK YOU. I appreciated that SO MUCH that this was basically a 4 star read for that alone.

2. Although the enjoyment I got out of Hugo's thought-processes was punctured somewhat by Kit's inability to believe that her father, the grandmaster of lies and assholery, would LIE TO HER about EVERYTHING?? Especially after repeatedly telling her how useless she was as a woman??? I just. Can't.

3. Overall, it was enjoyable but never became delightful. I wanted a bit more from the story? I wanted Kit to question her situation a bit more; I wanted Hugo to examine his feelings a bit more. Frothy and fun but not necessarily memorable.

EXCEPT THAT I'M READING AGAIN SO THAT IS GREAT!!

Sevimli H?rs?z says

3,5

I read the manga edition of this book.

K?z?m?z babas?na verdi?i bir sözden ötürü Londra'ya gidiyor.Orada babas?n?n metresi ya da tek a?k? m? desek her ne haltsa onun himayesinde ye?eni vasc?yla sosyeteye kar??yor ve baz? soylu ailelerden h?rs?zl?k yaparak bir ?eyler çal?yor.Ve bir geece yapt??? bu h?rs?zl?klardan birinde yak???kl? denizcimiz Hugo'ya denk geliyor. Hugo ye?enin bu sezonda evlenece?i zengin k?z? görmeye geldi?inde ise kar??s?nda buldu?u leydi Catherine ile mavi gözlü h?rs?z aras?ndaki ikilemi çözmeye çal???yor. Bla. Bla. Bla..
Kötü de?il ama daha iyilerini okumu?tum ya. Gece gece bo?a zaman harcad?m. :p

Angela says

The story is unique, if a little predictable. I had a hard time getting into these characters. The attraction seemed forced, especially from the hero.
