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**From the author of *Mastering the Marquess* comes another blazingly provocative Regency romance!
Revenge may be a dish best served cold, but in this clash of wills, lust is a feast for the senses.**

After her dreams of wedding bells are dashed by a man she thought had serious intentions, Miss Angela Ripon must be satisfied. She plans to make him burn for her, and then to reject him as he rejected her. There's only one woman who can teach Angela that sort of seduction: Madame Rouge—or Ruby, to the men who frequent her house of pleasure. The infamous madam agrees to help, but only after warning Angela that her target has very specific tastes. To trap her prey, she must shed every last inhibition.

Matthew Harkness, Earl of Colton, doesn't mean to hurt the young admirers who flock to him. He simply isn't interested in women who are too timid for his dark desires. He judged Angela to be like the others—tender, sweet, and innocent. So how to explain the change that has come over her? Matthew aches to teach Angela all he knows of earthly pleasures. But even as she offers the control he craves, perhaps this angelic beauty has a lesson or two to teach him.

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From Reader Review Angel in Scarlet for online ebook

Tracy Emro says

* I received a copy of this book from NetGalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review*

I would have to say that this is my favorite book in the series (so far). Angela and Colton are clearly meant to be - but some misconceptions (on both of there parts) have ended what began as a promising courtship.

Angela is angry at Colton for ending their courtship and wants vengeance - she wants to make him want her and beg her to marry him - and then turn him down and kick him to the curb. To do this she enlists the help of Madame Ruby.

Angela comes up with a plan to lure Colton into her web and somehow becomes tangled up in it herself.

At first I didn't like Colton - I thought he was a jerk to Angela - but I now realize that he was trying to push her away to protect both of them from being hurt.

Slowly these two form a bond and when they finally reveal the truth of what broke them up - I was impressed with how they actually TALKED to each other.

I thought the writing was excellent, the story flowed nicely and there was the introduction of a couple of new characters that may be worth looking out for in the future, plus there was a lot of hot, steamy, fan yourself sex scenes (Bonus!). This is part of a series and to truly understand the significance of the secondary characters - it would probably be best to read the books in order. But it could easily be a stand alone title. So if you are looking for a HOT read with a decent second chance at love book - look no further, this is that book!

Linda says

Once again Ms Kent has penned a book that I could not put down . I have come to love her inventive ways of incorporating Dom/ sub Bdsm relationships into regency historically using the vehicle of Madame Rouge's (Ruby) or her brothel as a starting point for the young marriage seeking girls .

Ruby has gained quite a reputation of telling these women straight out about their targets preferences and proclivities along with helping them gain sexual knowledge that is kept from them by mothers too uptight to talk openly about sex; a fact that Ruby despises. I digress however, this is not Ruby's story but Lady Angelina Ripon's . Angelina has come seeking advice and information from Ruby concerning The Earl of Colton, up until recently that has been courting, she had expected a proposal and wound up with a break up, after some time stewing in her own anger and hurt she has come to the decision she wants revenge, she wants to know what she can do to bring Colton this knees and begging for her hand So she can have the pleasure of refusing him.

The real question is , can she handle what it will take to get Colton. What Angelina does not realize is that Colton called their purrs hip off because she changed, he had been ecstatic to find her not to be a simpering , agreeable girl, but a women who enjoyed challenges , but she suddenly changed and became that simpering women, fearful she would not me amenable any longer to his desires and to protect both of them he ended the relationship. Angelina changed however because of something she witnessed , something that left her

feeling betrayed. So when Angelina presses Colton to continue their relationship with no expectation of marriage , just a willingness to submit to his desires he tests her figuring she would run, but this strong willed women is back and she does not run.

These two soon find themselves exploring a D/s relationship with only one limitation yet to be decided upon , her virginity. However well planned Angelina's intention of not to fall in love , along they way they crumble and she struggles with trying to prevent herself from being hurt while trying to hurt him.

I truly enjoyed the overall story, however I did struggle with Colton on occasion, but given the time period setting and the heroines naïveté , his attempts at scaring her off were understandable.

Overall another wnderful read in the Bund and Determined series!

Arc Graciuosly supplied via Netgalley for an honest review .

KindleCousins says

ARC received in exchange of an honest review

This was an okay read. It was hard at times to click with the characters. The plot was engaging. But the characters were flat. I just didn't connect with them. There were some hot and sweet scenes. Overall the book was okay.

Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

After believing that a dashing young earl was going to ask for her hand, Angela Ripon is devastated to be dismissed from his affections as if he never even cared for her. Now Angela is a woman scorned and she wants justice on Colton. She will make him beg for her and then cast him aside. But first she needs to learn how to seduce him, and Madame Rouge, Ruby, is known to be quite knowledgeable in that area. So Angela ventures to the house of pleasure for guidance. Ruby does know her stuff but warns Angela that Colton has certain proclivities. If she wants to trap him, she must be willing to offer the right kind of bait.

Matthew Harkness, Earl of Colton, knows he needs to find a bride, but that appears to be no easy endeavor. No matter how hard he tries, he only finds innocent lambs who would probably faint if they knew what he wanted. Angela turned out to be just like all the others, a sweet and innocent lamb. But then she approached him in that red dress! She was the angel he dreamed of, offering him total control. But as this game progresses, Colton's not sure he's the one in control any more.

What an amazing story of the vengeance of a woman scorned. Any woman who loves with the passion of love feels scorned when her feelings are dismissed. Unfortunately in books, many times these women turn out looking like shrews. Not so in the case of Angel In Scarlet. What starts out as a way to seek justice, turns into so much more as Angela and Colton not only discover much about each other but about themselves as well.

Angela thought she loved Colton and wanted to be his everything, but then she saw Colton in the arms of an actress. After their first glorious kiss, he had turned to another. Angela tried not to show she cared. She tried to be the lady society expected- one who didn't fuss or complain. She knew it was how society worked after all- she just didn't think it would work that way for her. It was hard to act normal after what she witnessed but she was sure if she was perfect enough, Colton would love her. When he dismissed her, she was angry and turned to the guidance of Madame Rouge. She wanted Colton to fall hopelessly in love with her so she

could cast him aside, just as he had done to her. Madame Rouge cautioned Angela that in order to ensnare Colton, she would have to rid herself of her inhibitions. And so Angela attempts to do just that, confronting Colton and telling him she'll do anything he wants, except give up her virginity. It was all supposed to be a game to bring Colton to a point where she could punish him. But each encounter grew more intense and every time he touched her, she found herself slipping further into his trap. How had she started as the hunter yet become his prey? Colton could do almost anything with her body but her feelings and spirit were to remain separate. Yet as the game evolved, she was unsure about what she really wanted. She found herself wanting to make him happy, wanting to please him.

When Colton first began to pay attention to Angela, he thought he saw a glimpse of what he wanted in a wife- a woman who was willing to take chances. She seemed a girl who didn't always do what she was told, who had passion, who would argue with him and challenge him. And then suddenly, after their first kiss, she'd changed and he knew he should end the relationship before true affection was involved. But the Angela who confronted him later was not the girl he'd walked away from. Which was the real woman? And so he decided to take her up on her challenge, knowing he would have to push her so far, she could not continue. But he seemed to always be underestimating her, thinking that she wouldn't measure up to what he needed. Yet she always surprised him. She was magnificent. He had not expected that from her and he couldn't resist proceeding with the game. He couldn't resist her innocent charm combined with the curiosity and desire he saw in her eyes.

This was my first Lavinia Kent novel and I am hooked. You won't find more well developed characters and her writing style is lush. Though this is #4 in her Bound and Determined series, this can be read as a stand-alone. However, the secondary characters were so fascinating that I intend to start this series from the beginning. And I can't wait for future books. I simply have to know Lord Thornton's story! If you enjoy Regency romance with more than a splash of erotica, you will be captivated by this story. I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Katherina says

I like Lavinia Kent's book for their erotic reading experience, but unfortunately the heroine seemed to be so childish and immature in the first chapter that I just didn't want to imagine her in a sex scene at all. For more romance reviews, check out my website: <https://katherinasbooks.wordpress.com>

Jodi says

This review original post on my blog

After Ruby got her happy ending in Revealing Ruby I felt certain that the amazingly sensual Bound and Determined series had come to an end. Madame Rouge's brothel provided a setting for lovers and those of distinct tastes to meet discreetly to indulge in fantasies not deemed appropriate for proper society. When I saw Angel in Scarlet show up for review on NetGalley I was thrilled because it meant a world I fell in love with wasn't over yet. Hopefully, there will be more additions to the series since Ms. Kent has clearly shown that Madame Rouge may be a catalyst for romantic entwinements, but the heated encounters can continue outside of her doors.

How far would you go to revenge yourself against a romantic slight? Angela Ripon was sure that the Earl of

Colton intended to make her a marriage offer, but he suddenly turned cold and eventually left her heart hurting. A more traditional young lady would just move on to another suitor, but Angela wants Colton to suffer the way he made her suffer even if she risks ruination by tempting him. Angela begs the infamous Madame Rouge for tips to make a man want her, but she isn't prepared for what her target craves most of all. By the end of the game will Angela really be able to leave Colton behind, or will she discover that his darkest desires set her aflame?

Angela is an incredibly charming heroine because she insists on going for what she wants even if it's not always advisable. Admittedly throughout the story she has to think about what her ultimate goal is, but I appreciated that she didn't know everything since a young woman nursing a broken heart would be more likely to act rashly. She knows that taking revenge on Colton is a bad idea, but part of her soul needs to know that her faithless suitor hurts as much as she does. When Angela commits to tempting Colton she refuses to back down even when she's uncomfortable or nervous with what he asks of her. Her strength of will impressed me and watching her sexual discovery and exploration highly enjoyable.

I'm not nearly as fond of Colton simply because I didn't like how he handled Angela's sudden change of demeanor. Instead of just talking to her (admittedly I doubt our heroine would have expressed her true feelings to him at that point) Colton walks out of her life and leaves her wondering if she did something horrifically wrong. He begins to redeem himself when Angela starts her game of teasing and temptation because his ultimate goal becomes her pleasure, not just what he would like to do with her willing body.

Oh my gosh, the sex in this is scorching! While sometimes I wanted to hit the main characters upside the head with a staff of "Just talk to each other already!," the chemistry in their encounters sizzled off the page. The element of exhibitionism isn't my thing but combined with someone exploring BDSM for the very first time I thought it was extremely erotic.

Ultimately I greatly enjoyed Angela and Colton's story although the ending felt a little rushed for various reasons (not just the one in the story, mind you!). However, I got the impression that they've learned to communicate better, so their future married life should have fewer misunderstandings from not talking than their courtship.

4.5 Shocking Scarlet Dresses out of 5

Sally Hannoush says

The story was OK. I was hoping for it to start when they first started courting. I didn't feel connected to the characters.

Amanda says

I received an ARC of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Revenge is sweet, but it's not every day it includes sexy shenanigans. Angela is determined to give Matthew a taste of his own medicine by seducing him, then dumping him the way he did her. Can we say backfire? I loved Angela's sexual adventurousness and Matthew's unapologetic acceptance of his own desires. Not only did they explore together, but their relationship changed them as people as well. My full review will be up

at my blog on June 20, 2016, and the book will publish on June 28.

WTF Are You Reading? says

Angel In Scarlet, the fourth offering in Lavinia Kent's *Bound And Determined* series. Is one that, upon first reading, seems a little off. A little formal. Somewhat stiff, maybe.

Until one takes the time to consider a few things.

1. This story is, for all of its lace, frills, and historical niceties. A tale of sexual awakening, power, and control. On both Angela and Mathew's parts.

Angela, coming into the knowledge that she is both a natural submissive and a sensual and powerful being...in her own right.

Matthew, discovering that he has found a woman who fits him completely. As both man and master.

2. Because most of the progress in a novice sub/experienced dom scenario is dictated by the comfort level of the sub. Both Angela and Matthew have to proceed with extreme caution. Given the reality of Angela's lack of knowledge of her desires and /or sexuality. In even the most basic sense. One could pretty much consider the entire affair a very well orchestrated case of "the blind leading the blind."

3. Matthew is written as a true dominant. As such, he is charged with setting the scenes, assuring Angela's comfort, pleasure, and safety, and maintaining a certain distance.

4. It is Regency England, after all.

Armed with the former points in mind however. One is free to fully appreciate the extreme bravery shown by our extraordinary heroine. Not only is she determined to deal with her perceived slight, at the hands of the man that she set her sights on. She goes to exceedingly creative and unorthodox lengths to do so.

Dealing with a young Miss who shows the amount of spirit and pluck that Angela does. Quickly alerts Matthew that he must bring his A-game in terms of sensual initiation. And bring it he does.

With scenes featuring edging, oral sex, rope bondage, and mutual masterbation, there is something to stoke the desirous flames of every reader.

Effectively countering all of the carnal goings on in this read, is the well played henpecked ingenue as so well played by Angela. With nary a slip or hint as to her many scintillating secrets.

The only slip into less than 5 star territory comes in Matthew's solution to his marriage dilemma. The fact that after all of her honesty, effort, and risk. It is the threat of exposure and scandal that drives Matthew to ask for her hand.

What?

Men!!

Brenda says

The premise of the book is about a woman who was romantically involved with a man whom she thought would ask to marry her. But then the man did not and she sad and hurt will gain her revenge/justice.

Angela was in love with Colton but he thought she was simple and she imagine everything about their relationship and he has perverse action towards he tought would not handle even if he wants her. Angela seeks for help by Ruby. She wants be a sexy woman and wants to Colton crazy with her and then she will put a dagger in his heart.

Angela sees him in a part and start her game by being a fashion woman and will do anything for him and whatever he asks. In the party Colton is an ass even if they had in the past good moments he was now extremely cold with her. She shows her breast to him.

Colton wants honesty and Angela will be honesty yet now reveling her real deal. Now that what Colton asks was dubious 'cause he was not in the past. Same as Angela to him when she saw him in a compromise position. They start to have a lot lot lot did I say a lot of talking of how she will please him.

Seeing each other in secret was interrupted by spending a time in Pensey's camp house. (view spoiler) And you start to feel that Angela dont talk or think about her revenge now she wants to please him and agree with everything-maybe he will ask her to marry even when she knows-they talk about and she was the one who did not want to marry him anymore.

Colton was cold the start until the end-they are caught again and he asks her to marry him and what she says?? Nothing, will just think. He action was not by heart and she knew it. Seriously she just wants a man. I did not feel anything towards them. Colton was an asshole and a cruel man. He could have rediming himself if we saw him with her in their past when apparently was smiley and good.

Last forget about how he was and what she saw because what matters is that he finally asks to marry her and its the same to says that he loves her.

Please dear author did use

Totally dissapointed.

Vintage says

[The heroine wants revenge on the hero for denying her. Yes, she undertakes the cruelest revenge of all: she bares her breasts the first time he asks; let's him tie her up; let's another man fondle her because the H wants it, gives him a blow job. Yeah, he's suffering alright. Men tremble at her vengeance. Eye roll. (hide spoiler)]

Carol*BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks says**

ARC received in exchange of an honest review

I love historical romances. Love them! And the premisses of this Angel in Scarlet is one I often enjoy in my historicals, but unfortunately this book didn't deliver it.

The characters were weak and the dialogues, and the storytelling as well, were stiff.

This was almost a DNF for me, but I wanted to keep going. I was hoping that as I kept reading it, the story would flow better, but unfortunately that didn't happen.

Great concept, but executed poorly for my tastes. :(

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'Angel in Scarlet' by Lavinia Kent is book four in the "Bound and Determined" series. This is the story of Angela Ripon and Matthew Harkness, Earl of Colton. I have been jumping in and out of this series so I did feel it was a standalone book. This by far has been the best book I thought of the books I have read. Yes it is a old tale of a women scored and wanting the man to want her back and then she dumps him but this had some added things to this story. It was a hot, exciting read that hooked you in.

Matthew was courting Angela but he found her to be somewhat sweet, innocent kind of simple. Matthew's taste in sex runs pretty hot and not the normal type of sex...so he thinks too that she won't be able to meet or go along with his needs.

Angela is now after vengeance to hurt him as much as he hurt her when he chose to end their relationship. So to have success with her vengeance, Angela seeks Madame Rouge's help. Angela's friend Bliss had lead her to Madame Rouge since Angela knew that Madame Rouge had helped Bliss with her relationship.

Will revenge be best served cold? Or will it stay as hot as they are now for each other?

I received an eARC, from NetGalley and the publisher, in exchange for an honest review.

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Al *the semi serial series skipper* says

I received this book from Netgalley and Random House Publishing in exchange for an honest review

Oh wow! I have been searching for this book since forever and it hasn't even been released! I remember reading the excerpt on a blog and i immediately wanted to read it, somehow i forgot the title and have since been searching everywhere for it.

2.75 Stars

A timid virgin meets a courtesan for advice on how to seduce a man after seeing him in flagrante with another woman. Books like this is right up my alley. Angela saw Colton with OW after he had paid so much attention to her , making her believe that he was going to propose. She decides to teach him a lesson by making him fall in lust/love with her and then abandoning him.

So seeing Angela learning the act of seduction and playing it out on Colton would have been fun to read. It wasn't. I spent half the time on a merry go-round with their conversations. The characters themselves describe it as "circular" and it really was. The same arguments over and over again, it was exhausting. At the end there was no lesson taught. Bummer.

The MC's had no depth, they were absolutely lackluster. I could not connect with any of them. They could have been two pieces of tomato for all the intelligence they had combined. Literally, not one intelligent conversation. This was a erotic equivalent of an HR, more of a porn flick. I imagine half the book is where people skip in porn to get to the good part until you get there and discover everything sucks.

I did not see the attraction between both characters, zero connection. They both spent time in their heads and making plans of their assignation than learning about each other. Angela's mother seemed like an air head, i don't understand what her contribution to this book was but i had to skim through her dialogue.

The part about Thorton, i guess it just got thrown in there or maybe he's going to be in the next book.

I was really looking forward to this book and having it not meet up to my expectation is upsetting especially since i enjoy books by Lavinia Kent.

Sheila Melo says

"I want to trap a man."

FINAL DECISION: Kent once again has a great balance between erotic sexual encounters and the building of an emotional connection between the hero and heroine. I enjoyed the trip and think this book a great addition to the series.

THE STORY: Angela Ripon wants revenge on the man who she thought intended to ask for her hand in marriage but instead rejected her. For this purpose, Angela goes to Madame Rouge (Ruby) a brothel owner to find out how to make this man desperate for her so that she can reject him. Ruby tells Angela that she must shed all her inhibitions. Matthew Harkness, Earl of Colton never intended to hurt Angela, but his tastes don't run to sweet vapid innocents. Then Angela approaches him and he begins to wonder if she might indeed be the woman he needs.

OPINION: Romance books that slip towards the erotica category sometimes substitute hot sex for emotional connection between the characters. Kent's Bound and Determined series has done a great job of using the hot sex to explore and heighten the emotional connection between the hero and heroine.

As Angela and Matthew discuss the limits and desires that each of them have, they learn to communicate with one another. Their relationship begins before the novel starts and ends because of lack of communication and assumptions. As Angela claims to want revenge on Matthew, the truth is that she cannot let go of the connection she felt with him.

Adventurous and a bit wicked, Angela felt her joy suppressed by Matthew's perceived betrayal. While she tells herself that she wants revenge, her willingness to participate in Matthew's proclivities demands trust. Although the two begin without much trust between them, their sexual exploration develops and then deepens the trust between them. As their sexual relationship becomes more intense, their emotional connection blossoms and flowers. I especially liked how Matthew curbs his own desires in order to synchronize his desires with Angela's willingness. Ultimately, the sexual relationship between Matthew and Angela is about trust and caring and the unity of desire.

WORTH MENTIONING: There is a minor MMF scene.

CONNECTED BOOKS: *ANGEL IN SCARLET* is the fourth book in the Bound and Determined series. This book can be read as a standalone although other characters from the series make cameo appearances.

STAR RATING: I give this book 4 stars. This review was originally posted on Top10RomanceBooks.com
