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*"Surely a lady as...daring as you cannot be feeling nervous at the idea of traveling alone with me, Genevieve?"*

Genevieve Forster, widowed Duchess of Woollerton, knows only too well the need for bravado. After a miserable marriage she's wary, but deep down yearns to pursue temptation....

With his air of danger and elusiveness it's little wonder that Lord Benedict Lucas is known to his close friends and enemies alike simply as Lucifer. Shocking the straitlaced Ton holds no fear for him. And the pleasure will be all his as he skillfully uncovers Genevieve's outrageous side!

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## From Reader Review Some Like to Shock for online ebook

### Alba Turunen says

3'5 Estrellas, pero le doy las 4 porque llevaba tiempo esperando una historia así. No soy de leer muchos harlequines, precisamente por la longitud de las novelas, y por lo poco que se profundiza en ellas, pero hay veces que me lleva una sorpresa y me engancha a la historia más de lo que pensaba.

Así es como he vivido éste libro. No tiene nada de especial realmente, es todo eso que he dicho, una historia corta que he leído en menos de dos días. Un libro que empieza a saco en la trama, casi sin prolegómenos que nos presenten a sus personajes, escueto, muy escueto y superficial, y donde no aparecen apenas personajes secundarios y todo se centra en los dos protagonistas, Genevieve y Benedict.

Genevieve es una duquesa joven, viuda y muy rica. Durante su primer matrimonio, con un duque viejo que le triplicaba la edad, sufrió la peor de las humillaciones y vejaciones, era una niña inocente e inexperta que no estaba preparada para la crueldad de su nueva vida. Siete años después Genevieve ha abandonado el luto y se jura que volverá a vivir de nuevo, que será más fuerte e independiente, que quiere vivir aventuras y echarse amantes, y nada podrá detenerla, ni su cruel hijastro, que es una copia de su padre, ni el amigo de los esposos de sus amigas, Benedict.

Benedict es un hombre sombrío con una fachada de peligroso y libertino, es el típico hombre al que las madres nunca dejarían a solas con sus hijas, pero por el que todas suspiran. Hace diez años la tragedia asoló a Benedict, sus padres murieron asesinados, y a pesar de todas las pistas que pudieron hallarse sigue sin saber quién fue el asesino. En esos diez años, Benedict se alistó en el ejército para luchar contra Napoleón y trabaja para la Corona como espía, todo con tal de que le lleve hacia el asesino de sus padres.

En medio de su última misión, Benedict se encuentra con Genevieve y la atractiva y seductora duquesa puede servirle para sus propios fines, lo que no esperaba ninguno, es que de su inocente coqueteo pudiera surgir algo más.

La historia empieza, literalmente, a saco, es rápida, da mucha información, pero lo cierto es que tiene algo y engancha. El libro me ha gustado mucho y lo he disfrutado, pese a que ha sido bastante superficial. La única falla que le pongo es que el final ha sido muy evidente y me lo venía oliendo desde el principio. Pero no he sido muy exigente, el libro ha cumplido su propósito y voy a coger otro de la autora ahora mismo.

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### Carolyn Payne says

Too short.

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### Alaina Patterson says

*And what's Lord Benny Luke's Sad Sad Tale of Woe? Someone murdered his parents. Even sadder? He didn't take that opportunity to become Batman.*

Easily added into The Rant Song category, the review has everything from *How I Met Your Mother* references to a visit from the Bloodhound Gang. For all that and some of the worst sexytimes you'll ever read, hop on over to That's What She Read.

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### **Kim says**

really enjoyed

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### **Bernie Morris says**

enjoyable read. Well-written characters, plenty of erotica and an unexpected twist

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### **Chrissa Vasileiou says**

Αν και δε συνηθ?ζω να αφ?νω κριτικ? για τ?τοιου ε?δους βιβλ?α(αφ?νω τα αστερ?κια να μιλ?σουν κ?θε φορ?!)δεν μπορο?σα να μην κ?νω μια ξεχωριστ? αναφορ? στο συγκεκριμ?νο!Εντελ?ς ευχ?ριστη ?κπληξη!Η Carole Mortimer ε?ναι απ? τις πιο λατρεμ?νες μου συγγραφε?ς του ε?δους κι ?χω πολλ? δικ? της βιβλ?α στα αγαπημ?να μου,αλλ? εδ? ειδικ? ?δωσε ρ?στα!Μιλ?με για ιστορ?α εποχ?ς κι ?μως η συγγραφ?ας ?χει επιτ?χει ?να πολ?...σ?γχρονο αποτ?λεσμα - προχωρημ?νη γραφ?τολμηρ? γλ?σσα,ανοιχτ?μυαλες αντιλ?ψεις κι ?να ζευγ?ρι που ?χι απλ? πετ?ει σπ?θες,αλλ? β?ζει φωτι? στις σελ?δες!Απ? τα καλ?τερα του ε?δους που ?χω διαβ?σει,?πως β?βαια και το 'αδελφ?κι' του! :)

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### **bell says**

It was like 2 different authors wrote this book. The beginning up to 3/4 in was decent. Then the last 1/4 it just all fell apart and became almost unbelievable, it also epitomizes the reason I hate spy plots in historical romances. .. The story starts when the hero sees the heroine at a wedding of their mutual friends. He is supposedly a long time spy, (I say supposedly because he is so inept its hard to believe) and wants to start courting the heroine in order to use her for a decoy for his spy activities. His parents were also murdered so not only is he a spy, he supposedly is also trying to find his parents murders (though he never seems to do much in that regard). She had a horrid marriage where she was routinely beat by her husband and step son. Now that her husband is deceased, she wants to live it up and have fun . Unfortunately, she is also naïve and doesn't realize many of the gentleman are not "gentleman" . The hero saves her from some of these gentleman before they can cause her harm, such as, removing Champaign that was drugged. They end up spending time together and HEA occurs. What made this really unbelievable was when the heroine asked the hero if he ever interviewed his parents servants about the murder and he said no. Really?!?!? you have been a master spy for years and never once thought to interview the servants?? after that it just fell apart for me.

Heat level-pretty steamy

Violence- though you are told she was abused, they never go into descriptive text. Fist cuff level.

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### **Sana Khan says**

Although I did find it to be a tad bit short - I found the protagonists to be likeable. I liked Genevieve because of her blatant honesty in everything. She doesn't speak in riddles or play games with Benedict. She has been mostly honest with him throughout the book, which Benedict appreciates as well. Benedict is your tall, dark haired black eyed, sexy abs male protagonist. Known to the ton as Lucifer, he has a dark side mostly due to his parents mysterious murder 10 years ago. I would have liked it if the author had shed some more light on the murder - and even a chapter of Genevieve perhaps actively assisting in helping Benedict find the assailants, but then again this isn't a mystery novel I suppose. A fun read I could say, but a bit lacking in the story. I would have liked to see more interactions/adventure of Genevieve and Benedict.

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### **May Grider says**

Not for me! I don't like the use of exclamation points in the narration. The dialogue and plot were equally breathless and brainless. It was pointed out in another review here on Goodreads that CM's Regencies weren't truly in the genre. I wanted to check for myself but found I absolutely agree. It takes a lot more than the use of words like whilst, pantaloons, Duchess, and Prinny to make an enjoyable Regency Romance. Or even just, a romance.

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### **Susan says**

Very good book - I read it in one sitting, staying up way too late to finish it. Finally free of her abusive marriage, Genevieve is ready to have some fun. But she is still wary on the inside and not quite sure what to make of Benedict's interest in her. She is definitely attracted to him and decides to go with her instincts and take him up on his offer to assist her. Benedict initially just wants to use Genevieve as a cover for his agent duties, but soon finds that he is attracted to her. He also senses that there is more to her than appears and is intrigued.

I really liked both Genevieve and Benedict. Genevieve had been kept a virtual prisoner by her late husband and his son and was now determined to have the fun she had been denied. I loved the way she had the ability to survive the incredible abuse she suffered but still had a happy outlook of the world. Because of her lack of experience she finds herself in a risky situation from which she is rescued by Benedict. I loved the way that she used his rescue to get him to help her experience some of the things she wanted to do. I also liked the way that she was able to see past the brooding rake to the man underneath. I also loved the way she refused to be intimidated by her stepson and continued with her plans. I also loved her forthright way of talking to Benedict and the way she was able to be honest with him about what she wanted. I also loved it when she was able to open up and tell him everything about her marriage, it was a real indication of their relationship.

Benedict was fantastic. Other than a few close friendships he had been very much a loner since the murder of his parents ten years earlier. One of the things he wants to do is find out who was responsible for their deaths. He has also been working as an agent for the Crown keeping track of what the French are up to. While he started out just wanting to use Genevieve as a cover he soon found that he couldn't get her out of his mind. I loved the way that he kept trying to pull back from her but just couldn't do it. He also found that

the more time he spent with her the happier he was, an emotion he hadn't felt since his parents' deaths. I really enjoyed seeing the way that she was also able to cure his bad moods just by being herself. He was also very sensitive to her moods and was able to tell when something was bothering her. I loved the way that he was there for her when she finally opened up about her past and how he was so gentle with her. I really liked the protectiveness that came out.

The mystery did not overwhelm the romance but was well done. The culprit was not who I expected and I loved how he was dealt with. I loved Genevieve's actions there. My only problem with the book wasn't with the story but with the cover. Her hair was described several times as being red, but the cover has dark hair.

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### **Gabbe says**

Me gustó que fuera realista sobre lo mal que podrían ser los matrimonios en esas épocas.

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### **Mnms says**

Not so much scandalous and shocking as sweet and touching. A very nice read.

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### **Mary - Buried Under Romance says**

**4.25 stars** I greatly enjoyed reading Some Like to Shock. This was a delightful read with an interesting heroine with a caring and honorable hero.

Upon meeting Genevieve Forster, Dowager Duchess of Woollerton, at Rupert and Pandora's wedding (Some Like it Wicked), Benedict Lucas, an agent for the Crown, decided to use her as a way to navigate the ton and accomplish his mission. However, he quickly became intrigued by Genevieve's forthright and candid demeanor, along with her innocence and beguiling beauty. Genevieve, despite the bravado she puts on as a sophisticated widow, is actually very innocent and naive when it comes to dealings with the opposite sex. She quickly forms a friendship with Benedict that, throughout the course of two weeks, transforms into love.

I love the characters in this book. Genevieve is unbelievably strong, having endured cruelties at the hands of her deceased husband and her stepson. Yet she does not let that pain influence her future, and maintains an optimistic and cheerful outlook on life. Her mental strength and caring nature makes her a perfect match for Benedict, who comes off as a dark and brooding hero, having vowed to find the murderer who killed both his parents 10 years ago. Despite his drive for revenge, Benedict is unfailingly attentive to Genevieve, turning into a guardian of sorts, wanting to undo the pains of her previous marriage, and protect her always.

The mystery aspect of this novel had only a brief appearance, yet was not forgotten as the murderer revealed himself in the end to act as a catalyst for Benedict to realize his love for Genevieve.

The ending was sweet and humorous as justice was served and happiness obtained. Both the characters and the plot are well done and interesting, and I urge readers to pick this up and read it right away.

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**Elaine says**

Lovely story. Easy read. Loved Benedict!

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**Harlequin Books says**

Miniseries: Daring Duchesses

Category: Historical Romance

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