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In a reimagined 1890's London, where steam-driven airships rule the skies and monsters roam the streets, the Galileo Observatory's Club for Gentlemen welcomes all -- gwr, shape-changers, vampires, and lords. A high-stakes game leads more than a few men astray.

Poindexter Fitzhughes, renowned hero and scientist, learns just how much trouble a full-blooded gwr can be when he attempts to cure his lover, Lord Seth Maitland, of the disease. But when their backs are against the wall, the two must learn to trust in each other, and more importantly, in their true natures, to prevail.

Meanwhile, Duncan Farnsworth discovers being a vampire has not improved his social life, his chances of finding love, continuing the family line, or getting a bite to eat. Maneuvering his way around a sarcastic butler, his spinster sister, a run-in with an amorous werewolf, and a confrontation with a dead soldier and a French airship captain, Duncan finally finds exactly what he is thirsting for.

London Steam Details

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Lily says

2.5 stars. I enjoyed the first short story more than the second one because the latter was much too rushed. Both had intriguing potential, but needed more development for my liking.

Jayne dArcy says

This was like a balloon ride in the night under the stars. It was exhilarating but ended too soon. I hope there will be a series.

V.L. Locey says

Wow, this book was a gas! Or perhaps I should aether?

On the whole I'm not a huge steampunk reader. There are a few series that I enjoyed, Gail Carriger's Parasol Protectorate books leap to mind, but on the whole there is too much tech-talk about cogs and gears and not enough romance. Ms. Townsend bridges that gap perfectly in London Steam. There is just the right amount of science, action, plot, humor, and sex (one of the hottest menage scenes I have read in ages) to keep a reader turning the pages with speed. A wonderfully entertaining read that any fan of the genre, as well as lovers of LGBT romance, should pick up.

Love Bytes Reviews says

3 star review by Pamela-Mae

This book surprisingly was two interlocked stories. The first story is about Dex and Seth, and we learn of their histories. Dex was attacked by a Gwr he was trying to save, blinding him in one eye and scarring him. However he's made himself a half-mask with an artificial eye in order to remain part of society. Seth, on the other hand, is a Gwr changed in a moment that skirts too close to non-consensual for my tastes.

When they meet they find a connection together and love grows between them as they seek to bring changes in society where non-humans are concerned. The story is fast-paced, which makes things feel a little crowded together. Dex and Seth are kidnapped, with a goal for Seth to become nothing more than a creature used for breeding. This leads to the climax in a bloody battle.

When this story concludes, there is a very loose link to the second. This is where the problems started for me. There is no warning in the blurb of ménage and the M/F aspects were very much in the fore. I still loved the premise of the world, but I couldn't enjoy the story as I don't do M/F even as part of ménage.

The airship captain, Agnes, is a friend of Dex who is aboard with Seth. There is a brief scene where all the

characters meet and then we see no more of Dex and Seth, but instead continue with Duncan, Agnes and her lover, an interesting version of a clockwork zombie, Nigel. Regrettably, the M/M/F combination of Duncan, Nigel and Agnes, especially with the M/F heavily detailed kicked me out of the story.

When Duncan is kidnapped, Agnes, who hides a secret of her own, and Nigel must find him.

I thought long and hard about rating this book as I felt there should be clear warning about the second story. I decided on the score because the first story was very good although the second considerably less so. If you enjoy steampunk and paranormal, and don't object to ménage and girly bits, you may enjoy this.

A copy of this book was provided in exchange for an honest review. Please visit www.lovebytesreviews.com to see this and many more reviews, author interviews, guestposts and giveaways!

T. Strange says

This book has pretty much got me covered:

Light BDSM: check (I wasn't expecting any, so I was pleasantly surprised!)

Paranormal: check

Urban fantasy: check

Historical romance: check

Vampires and werewolves have gotten a little passé lately, but Lynn Townsend's monstrous characters, while clearly recognizable by their respective lore, are fresh and vibrant.

All characters, human or no, are well fleshed-out, and the romance is intense but believable.

Definitely worth reading!

Jennifer says

Off the boil rather than steaming.
