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The Researcher says

Jared Langley is the duke of reston who just found out that her fiancée was cheating on her. Surprisingly he feels no hurt. Just after that he stumbles into the past where he is the seventh duke of reston. He was disappointed to know this namesake of his. He set on to correct his ancestor's mistake and found the love of his life Arianna. He realized many truths of life there and feels happy for the first time in his life. How he came to terms with his life in past is truly mesmerizing. I recommend this book wholeheartedly. I received an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest and unbiased review.

wonderfullyweird88 says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Jared Langley, present-day Duke of Reston, is not having a good day. He has just ended his engagement with the adulteress Lady Edwina and tumbles into an abandoned fountain on his ducal estate and travels back in time to the year 1816.

The servants and local townsfolk all believe Jared to be his namesake, the seventh Duke of Reston, gone missing at the Battle of Waterloo. Jared is determined to return to his own time, unfortunately, number seven's enemies believe him to be Seven and are determined to put an end to Jared.

Trapped, Jared does not know who he can trust but he can't help but be drawn to Seven's childhood friend Lady Ariana Hart. Ariana has loved Jared(Seven) since childhood but had her heart crushed when she overheard him making fun of her. Meeting the new Jared all her feelings are reawakened but she tries to resist even if he does seem to have changed.

I loved this book. I was hooked from the opening chapter and the author keeps you guessing as to who the spies are and wondering whatever happened to number seven. The characters are well thought out and engaging. Jared is devoted to his role as Duke, and even though he is not number seven he takes over his responsibilities. He is so noble he is willing to forgo his chance at love so that he can return to his responsibilities and not change the future. Ariana is strong and independent and devoted to her father and her menagerie of dogs.

I have not read this author before but she definitely got a new fan. I look forward to reading more in this series.

Margaret Watkins says

I don't usually read time travel novels, however Duke du Jour kept my attention from the opening pages right through to the end. To top it all the book was clean, entertaining, suspenseful and really well written. When the stuffy Jared Langley, thirteenth Duke of Reston is informed that his fiancée has been cheating on him, he breaks the engagement. In an effort to clear his thinking, he takes a walk and discovers a fountain that he was hitherto unaware of. Accidentally losing his balance and falling in, Jared finds himself transported back 200

years to the time of of Jared Langley, the seventh Duke of Reston. Jared has always had questions about the earlier number seven, but discovering the truth horrifies him, especially as the dedicated, responsible thirteenth duke would never have treated people the way in which number seven did. The more he finds out, the worse the situation becomes. When attempts on his life start to occur, the plot thickens and Jared is stuck in a time zone where someone wants him dead, and although he has a good knowledge of the estate and the history of the time, he doesn't know the people. For that reason he fakes amnesia. Apart from his servants he quickly realises that he has deeply offended Lady Ariana, his neighbour's daughter, and the continual intervention and manipulation by Lady Wilder causes Ariana to mistrust Jared. He has his hands full sorting out the customs of the day, relationships of which he has no knowledge and an inconvenient attraction towards Lady Ariana, knowing that at some time he has to make it back to his own century. This intriguing story keeps the reader hooked from beginning to end. The plot is fairly complicated especially as Jared has the added confusion of wading through the mists of time, and the characters are complex and interesting. The concept of a very correct modern duke finding himself in the skin in a rakehell ancestor and having to put things right is difficult enough. However, knowing that he cannot stay in 1816 without changing the course of history makes it that much more difficult for him. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to any age group. I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily post this review. This is my honest review.

Crystal says

Jared, the current Duke of Reston, has just broken up with his two-timing gold digger of a fiancée and knows that he doesn't want a marriage like the sham of a one his parents have. He is determined that he will find the woman for him, no matter what it takes. Spending his time researching the past Dukes, he realizes that one of them is a complete mystery, the one called Number 7. There's no journal's like there are for the others and all that he knows is that Number 7 had gone off to fight at Waterloo and no one had heard from him again. He questions how the line continued if the only son has disappeared and is determined to solve this mystery. While walking on his property, he falls into an abandoned water fountain. When he wakes up, he has been transported to 1816 and is now his ancestor who he has been referring to as Number 7. Realizing that Number 7 wasn't a good provider to his staff or his tenants, he vows to fix things. In order to get away with not knowing who people are, he has told the Dr. that he thinks he has temporary memory loss.

Lady Ariana Hunt, Number 7's neighbor, has had a crush on him as far back as she could remember, but when she overheard his comments about her at her first ball she was crushed. Now he's back from Waterloo, but there's something different about him and not just his "temporary memory loss". She can't quite put her finger on it, but he doesn't act the same.

This book has it all, action, romance, time travel, good guys, highwaymen, you name it, it's in there.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story. I was sucked in right from the beginning and didn't want to stop. The characters are all fleshed out and seem real, the story flows, the writing is great. This is the first story I've read by Ms. McCarty, but it won't be my last. I can't wait to see what's in store for the next book in this series.

Petula says

Jared Bartholomew , Duke of Reston is trying to clear his head after a scene with his, now, ex fiancé. He has never noticed this overgrown part of his garden before or the fountain. It will take him on a very exciting

journey.

Lady Ariana Hart is delighted that her neighbour is back from the war. Everyone said he was killed in France.

Our hero realizes pretty quickly what has happened. Now he has to survive, (without getting thrown into Bedlam) long enough to find his way back. He didn't bank on enjoying being there so much.

Our heroine is hoping the changes she sees in her friend are real but it looks like he is still a rake.

Marvellous characters that will have you laughing and crying with them. Henry is great fun. We have life threatening danger, romance and intrigue, all add up to a book that you will love from the first to last page. Great fun, I can't wait for the next book in the series. I think I know who will be the hero.

Brenda says

Publisher's Description:

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My Thoughts:

This well written, suspenseful, and delightfully humorous at times book is a great find. I had never read anything by this author before but will look for more.

This new to me author has written a winner in one of my favorite genres. I love a good time travel and it is a must to have segments that keep it light.

Jared is a Duke from the twenty first century with woman problems. His fiancé is quickly making her way through other eligible men but not necessarily men who out rank him.. she lays the blame for her infidelity squarely on Jared's shoulders claiming he doesn't spend enough time with her.

He has just given her an ultimatum; take a settlement from him or get nothing.

Jared goes for a walk to clear his head when he takes a tumble into a fountain and ends up in the 1800's mistaken for an ancestor that he more than greatly resembles.

Meeting the women in said ancestor's life is a great surprise. Why could he have not met someone like Lady Ariana Hart in his own time?

Will our hero be able to stay in the past with the undeniable love of his life or will he meet the same demise as the man he has been mistaken for?

Love, mayhem and attempted murder ensue. Will Jared and Ari make this impossible situation work?

I gave this book 4.5 of 5.0 stars for storyline and characterization. The hero and heroine are simply delightful and their mutual love of Jared's large dog just adds to the humor and more.

The secondary characters are well developed and essential to the plot of this book.

I received a complimentary digital ARC of this book through NetGalley to read and review. This in no way affected my opinion of this title which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

N.N. Light says

Duke du Jour is Outlander meets Downton Abbey in lush Regency England.

Jared is the thirteenth Duke of Reston, and as such, he's stunned to hear his fiancée is fooling around behind his back. He should be heart-broken but he isn't because he never gave his heart to her. It takes a magic fountain and a tumble through time for him to lose his heart to the beautiful Lady Ariana Hart.

Ariana has been in love with Jared Langley, the seventh Duke of Reston, since she was little. Upon hearing that he's returned from Waterloo, she shuts her heart and confronts him. The Jared she encounters looks like the Jared she used to love (before he broke her heart) but his actions and words are different. He's kind, caring and unselfish. The more she's around him, the walls around her heart crumble. But someone is trying to kill Jared and she helps him narrow down the suspects. Could the rumors of Jared being a spy be true and if so, why can't she help falling in love with him all over again? Has he really changed or is Jared the rake he's always been?

I'm a big fan of Regency romance and have been binge-reading quite a bit lately. When I came across Duke du Jour, I wasn't sure what to expect. I'm familiar with Petie McCarty's contemporary romance books but this is her first foray into historical romance. The plot was believable and frankly, I immersed myself into the story right away. The narration dives the reader back in time and everything from the clothing to societal etiquette was spot-on.

The main characters, though, are what makes this irresistible. The romantic chemistry between Jared and Ariana is sweet yet oh so enticing. The barbs they trade throughout the story are humorous and many times, I laughed out loud. I rooted for them the whole way and the ending made me tearful. I was sad when it ended, and I wanted more!

If you're a fan of Regency romance with some intrigue thrown in, you've got to read this book. I highly recommend it and I can't wait for the next book in the series. Write faster, Petie!

Favorite Character/Quote: "Jared stared into the most expressive green eyes he had ever seen and could actually follow the myriad of emotions funneling through them—relief, surprise, disbelief, anger, worry—and miraculously, the color altered a bit with each vibrant emotion. The emerald eyes eventually settled on fury and sparked with anger—at him. Undaunted, he could only stare."

My Rating: 5+ stars

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Sharon Miller says

Irresistible! Time travel, attempted murder, love, what more can you possibly want? The characters are realistic and the plot is well developed. This will keep you reading into the wee hours of the morning. Hopefully the will be a sequel! I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily review this book. This is my honest review.

Jennifer Macaire says

A young, handsome, wealthy bachelor tumbles into an old fountain - and finds himself in his own family's past! Jarod Langley is a hard-working, decent man. He's also interested in geneology, since his family - old and titled - has lived in the same manor for generations. And generations of Langley's have left portraites, letters, and documents reflecting their lives. All the Langleys? Not quite - one, the seventh Duke of Reston, also named Jarod, had gone missing at the Battle of Waterloo and left nothing behind but a portrait that looks spookily just like modern day Jarod. After falling into the fountain, Jarod wakes up in 1816, and is mistaken for the missing duke. And, to top things off, the missing duke seems to be a scoundrel and a rake - and involved in some sort of treason!

Toss into the mix two very lovely but very different women, a couple of unsavory murderers, a suspicious neighbor, and you get a very fun romp through the past! Jarod has to clear his ancestor's name (now him!), woo the woman of his dreams while keeping the other woman from wrecking his budding romance, and find out who is trying to kill him, and somehow get back to the future while keeping his past intact. I had a great time reading this book - it's funny, touching, and full of action and romance. If you like time travel and historical romances, don't hesitate, you'll love this!

Harlie Williams says

What can I say? Another historical homerun for me. Plus, its got time travel, too. I hate to offend Ms. McCarty but I never did like the movie Kate & Leopold but I did love this book. Especially that it was about the hero going back in time. Score for me.

Jared is one of those heroes that just grabbed me from the start. He was caring, a bit of rakehell in the present but knew that he wouldn't marry any woman because of his title. Dealing with the mess of becoming unengaged to a cheater, they way that he ended up in 1816 is a delight. A fountain? With statues? Oh, my...later in the book, I was laughing when he made references to all the statues that he kept seeing. He's keen eye for history really helped him in 1816 but it didn't give himself away too much. In fact, he realized that with his knowledge of the period, he could blend in better. Losing his memory was genius, too. It allowed for some madcap moments when it came to Bullen, Ari, and even Dexter. My heart broke a bit when he made his decision to leave in the end.

Ari is such a strong heroine for the time period. She is no damsel in distress and to say that she was in love with the old Jared and scared of the "new" Jared would be stretching it a bit. Needless to say, she fell hard for the "new" Jared and kept wondering when the old Jared was going to show up. But what really stood out for me with her was her ability to be true to herself and in the end Jared. She loved him too much to truly let him go. Of course, her father had a hand in that, too.

Dexter and Bullen are two secondary characters that really stood out for me. Normally, I don't pay attention to them in a historical romance but Ms. McCarty wrote them so that I would care about them and like them right from the start. Everyone should have these two in their corner. The mystery and intrigue that holds this book together is divine. Normally in historical romance, its fairly simple but Ms. McCarty delivered it in spades. My head at one point was spinning with all the twists that she kept throwing at me. *shakes head* I love a good intrigue when I CAN'T figure it out. Well done.

Overall, I just flat out loved this book. Everything about it. The romance, humor, intrigue and best of all...it's NOT a fish out of water tale. Jared knew what had happened. He just couldn't figure out why. With the help of his newfound friends and the love of his life, he finally figured out his place in his lineage. I will definitely re-read this book again. Yes, it's that good.

Eileen Dandashi says

I was charmed out of my boots! It's nice to begin a book ready to snuggle into the couch and simply enjoy.

The title is a little unusual, but I saw how it neatly fit into a story of time travel. McCarty captures the absolute ennui of present-day Duke of Reston, the thirteenth duke, Jared Langley. He is disgusted with how he's pawned over by women, just to have the opportunity to get something from him. He's beyond bored with making money. He has piles of it and does it buy him happiness? The only thing which has captured his interest lately is his fascination with all the other Duke's of Reston who came before leaving their stamp of

existence through their journals—all except the seventh.

It all changes the day he finally tells his fiancée it is time to shove off. He isn't interested in being pimped, or in the words of days-of-old cuckold by his fiancée. Walking into part of his garden he rarely uses to just get away and breathe, angered with life in general, he slips and falls...into a new life, back to the days of Duke of Reston, the seventh.

The twist which makes this story so fun is he is a dead-ringer for Duke of Reston, the seventh. Easily recognized, however, the duke was thought dead from battle wounds from the Battle of Waterloo. But what if he isn't? Then there would be two of 'him', and Jared was anxious on that point. He rather liked his new life, rather liked a lovely woman, Lady Ariana Hart, who didn't think too nicely of him, from a previous association with number seven. Even though the seventh and thirteen look alike, Jared is more kind-hearted and generally looks out for the underdog, making those who know him question what has changed? (They do like the change!)

Jared is busy juggling how to get back to the future after the fountain he'd hit in the present (falling through a portal) had been damaged and no material is available to repair it, his heart finding a woman he admires and respects, his run-ins with 'accidents' of sorts, where it was very unlikely. Jared, the thirteenth is no longer annoyed with life.

The story with all its quirks of charm, danger and levity is so fast-paced, I wished it were longer, which brings me to waiting eagerly for the second in the series. If you love time travel, characters with noble hearts and a happy ever after, pick up this read and drop back into time where life is dangerous, but somehow more genuine.

Dianne says

He comes from a long and distinguished line of dukes, well most of them were distinguished. Jared Langley, thirteenth Duke of Reston, wealthy, handsome and jaded by life and love is determined to marry for love or never marry at all, appearances be damned. After finding and reading the journals of the previous dukes, and watching the wretched marriage his parents had, Jared, a family history buff realizes that only his namesake, the seventh duke has no journal, no history and he is determined to find the missing missive. And then, Fate did him one turn better, or at least more unbelievable...

Jared fell into a fountain only to find himself in 1816, mistaken for the number seven, long thought killed at the Battle of Waterloo. Feigning amnesia, Jared is about to discover who and what his ancestor was, a wastrel, a scoundrel, a rake and a womanizer who lived for the moment, spent the family fortune like it was sand through his fingers and all around him think he is THAT Jared.

When the lovely Lady Ariana, next door neighbor and the girl he never noticed, in spite of her love for him. Clearly number seven was an idiot, because Jared finds the feisty and beautiful Ariana to be nothing short of amazing, but being able to keep her are pretty much impossible, the whole time travel thing, you know. So, how does he get to know her better, without leading her on or worse, without falling in love with her? How does he get back to his own time, in case number seven shows up alive? How does he forget the only woman he felt he could love?

Petie McCarty's **DUKE DU JOUR** is just delightful reading, period! Filled with humor, some heartbreak, a

lot of misunderstandings and a modern day duke pretending to be his ancestor, while not being the rake number seven was, this twisted tale of time will captivate readers from start to finish! Witness the nineteenth century come to life without all of the stuffed shirt stiffness as one man finds his true love while being in the right place but in the wrong time. Sweet, adventurous and certainly eye-opening for Jared, this is one time travel read that no one could resist!

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Munira Vahed says

I really enjoyed this book. I love time travel romance books. It was slow going at first then i really got into it. Couldnt put it down. It was riveting.

The book follows Jared, Duke of Reston who is tumbled into another era where there is no modern day conveniences. Everyone mistakes him for his ancestor and namesake.

He gets embroiled in some mysterious happenings.

I loved the different relationships Jared developed. The humour and witty conversations made me laugh.

At first i was a bit confused regarding to what year the book began due to the language used in the first chapter. It was all made clear in the 2nd chapter.

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LaGina says

I dont usually read time travel books but the cover art was just calling to me and I had to see what was in side. And I was not disappointed! OMG, this books has just about everything a true lover of reading would want, It has some action and of course time travel along with good guys and some romance.

Sometimes I need a break from all the 'smut books' I read and this one gave me just what I was needing. I can't wait to see what's in store for the next book in this series.

Tempy McBride says

Loved this

I truly enjoyed reading this book. Clean and so fun. Great story. Will read again. Thank you for this book.

