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The bravest of heroes. The brashest of rebels. The boldest of lovers. These are the men who risk their hearts and their souls—for the passionate women who dare to love them...

He is known only as The Rook. A man with no name, no past, no memories. He awakens in a mass grave, a magnificent dragon tattoo on his muscled forearm the sole clue to his mysterious origins. His only hope for survival—and salvation—lies in the deep, fiery eyes of the beautiful stranger who finds him. Who nurses him back to health. And who calms the restless demons in his soul...

### A LEGENDARY LOVE

Lorelei will never forget the night she rescued the broken dark angel in the woods, a devilishly handsome man who haunts her dreams to this day. Crippled as a child, she devoted herself to healing the poor tortured man. And when he left, he took a piece of her heart with him. Now, after all these years, The Rook has returned. Like a phantom, he sweeps back into her life and avenges those who wronged her. But can she trust a man who's been branded a rebel, a thief, and a killer? And can she trust herself to resist him when he takes her in his arms?

“Byrne is a force in the genre.”—RT Book Reviews

## **The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo Details**

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## From Reader Review The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo for online ebook

### Sam (AMNReader) says

There were times I didn't feel like I should be enjoying this book as much as I did. It follows the same tortured-hero-long separation as 1/2 of the series (or so). But I loved that part. It features the hero who knows nothing but cruelty for everyone but the loyal few and is ruthless as hell—even at times to the heroine. But...I loved that too. And I liked that the tiger doesn't change his stripes (as usual) but his soft underbelly is exposed...but in the most ferocious way.

And I thought The Rook/Ash was damn romantic. I liked his words. I liked his actions. (view spoiler)

Lorelai was super sweet, but at times hard with how naive she could be. (view spoiler) There were times I was wondering how she didn't pick up on this or that, and protests that didn't persist when they should've increased, but overall..she felt like a new heroine, one who was much softer than the prior ones despite her trauma, and that worked really well to balance out Ash's ferocity.

I didn't particularly love a couple of the plot contrivances to get to resolution, particularly how late they were. Bits of it felt really rushed, and there were beautiful conversations...but there were *a lot* of them I'd give this a 3.5, but a really solid one that I'll be rounding up for its binge-worthiness. So yes, formulaic. So yes, maybe too reliant on dialogue. But what fun.

*Thank you to Netgalley for the ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.*

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### Stacey is Sassy says

#### I smiled when his knife hit its mark...

You might not believe this, but I have read another AMAZING STORY!!! How do I genuinely convince you that THIS was the best book I've read when I've said that about nearly all the books I've read...in the LAST MONTH!! It's like authors got together for a convention and decided to release their best work over the last month. Thank you, but, geez, couldn't you spread it out a bit? Or, thank you, could you keep this going?

I know my credibility must seem questionable but I am legit telling you that THIS story was splendidly, amazingly, awesomely, HISTORICAL ROMANCE NIRVANA. Well, nirvana in a *Kerrigan Byrne* historical romance kind of way.

Seriously, this author writes for me. OK, she doesn't literally write for me, it just seems that way. Her heroines have struggled but still manage to have a strength that I couldn't help but admire. The storylines grab my attention and keep it enthralled until the last page is turned. The settings are described in a way that comes to life for me. There's this grittiness that can sometimes bring a tear to your eye but you there's a reality to it that it could probably have happened back in the day. But, the best part, *Kerrigan Byrne* creates the most amazing heroes. Strong, tortured, gruff and growly men who have seen the worse life has to offer but find a light in the women they love.

A few times while reading I had to put my Kindle down to absorb the giddy feeling of reading a superb book. You know that feeling when you finally find out a secret you've been dying to know? Well, I did the goofy smile of satisfaction when things finally become clear. It's not like I start each book in the *Victorian Rebels* series hoping to finally find out the secret. When things came to light in *The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo*, I was gobsmacked. I got answers to questions I didn't even know were questions. It just buffed up the diamond to sparkle even more. How cool is that?

As you might have noticed, I don't share quotes in my reviews. Mostly, because I'm too lazy to check on the final copy to make sure they're accurate. In this case, I really don't want to share the best parts. You have got to experience this story yourself. Sure, I'm going to share that it's good, but I want you to meet the characters, live through their heartbreak, share their highs and lows. I don't want you to brace for the bad parts or recognise the funny one-liners you've seen before. I know that quotes have a great place in reviews, but I really think you would enjoy this one with fresh eyes...just my opinion.

Am I a bad person that I smiled at some of the violence? Sure, it couldn't have happened to a better person, but, you know, I tell my children that violence is bad. For a gritty read, there were some very funny scenes that had me cackling and reading them aloud to hubby and even he was chuckling. That is a BIG DEAL!! He normally gives me that fake smile, you are so weird face. So, it's funny, but it's also heart-poundingly emotional, extremely sexy and chock block full of action and adventure.

Yeah, I know I've said it before but THIS is *Kerrigan Byrne's* best work by far. If you haven't started this series, you must start at the very beginning. Honestly, I don't think you will enjoy this story half as much if you haven't read the other books in the *Victorian Rebels* series. You probably could read it as a standalone, but I think you would enjoy the experience more having read the other books.

*The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo* does not shy away from violence, keeps to the realities of the time and you can bet your bottom dollar that you won't be sighing in romantic bliss for a wee while of the story. This is what makes *Kerrigan Byrne's* books so entertaining. You, along with the hero and heroine, have to earn your HEA, happy, giddy...*The hills are alive...* feelings. But, geez, it's SOOOOOOO worth it.

*Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.*

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### **\*The Angry Reader\* says**

\*\*\*ARC received for an honest review\*\*\*

That ole Kerrigan Byrne Magic - back in action. Dannnnnnnnnng, y'all. Here we go with a rambling feely-feels review that doesn't talk much about the plot - bc spoilers.

**"Don't go, she'd murmured. Stay here. With me. And so, he had. He'd lived only because she bade him to."**

Basically - have you read the rest of this series? Did you love it? Did you really really really love the first

one? That whole vibe with Fairy and Dougan and their lost childhood love? Do you like heroes who are super bad dudes with hearts of gold while remaining a bit psychotic?

I could quote at least 30% of the book in this review. So much swooning. So many meaningful sighs where I set down the kindle just to soak in the majesty of the Rook and his bomb-ass angsty pick-up lines. Is there anything better than a bad bad bad boy out there killin and wreaking havoc and then layin his soul bare for his lady love?

**”She...is...my...peace.”**

So yeah. Read the book. Read the series. Kerrigan Byrne is a favorite. And I'm off to waller in my book-hangover.

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**Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

4-4,5 stars

I devoured The Duke with The Dragon Tattoo. I could easily say that The Highwayman and this one are my favorite in the series! I can't stop my self from keep falling in love, with the world she has created! A world of danger, lust and passion.

I loved the plot from the beginning, I was intrigued to see what will happen. There were moments it was emotional. The connection between Lorelei and Ash was amazing! They started being sweet when they were young and when they meet again after years it was full of tension and passion! There were some really hot moments between them!

"Are you wet for me?

"I-I'm..."

"Let me make you slick and slippery,"

"Make...what?"

"Let me make you writhe. And beg. And scream. I will exhaust you with ecstasy. You will come apart in my hands, beneath my mouth."

Kerrigan Byrne keeps surprising me with this series! I can't wait to see what she has next for us!

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**Christie«SHBBblogger» says**

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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## **Lover of Romance says**

This review was originally posted on Addicted To Romance I received this book for free from St. Martin's Paperbacks in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

**\*May Contain Spoilers\***

The Duke With The Dragon Tattoo is the sixth installment in this incredible series by Kerrigan Byrne. After seeing all the raving reviews for this book I knew I was in for a great time with this book here and I have to say this one might be my favorite of the series, even more than Highlander which had been number 1 for me but this book was INCREDIBLE and I don't think I could ever give this book the right justice that it deserves...but I certainly will try.

In this story, we have our fated Rook....whose character we have been teased about and so we finally get his story. It starts out when he was a boy in Newgate Prison, and he is getting a tattoo done on his arm which we are included into the why of quite yet, and then we see him being dragged out. Our darling heroine, Lorelei, is traveling with her father and brother (she is fourteen at this point) and sees a man abused and barely alive and she insists that they stop to help him. She is unable to since she has a bummed leg (where her brother broke her ankle and she never was able to see medical care for it)

Lorelei works on healing him alongside the local doctor, and slowly Ash begins to heal with the tender care of Lorelei. Ash has no memory of his life before, but he does have a feeling it was brutal. He knows that he isn't worthy of Lorelei's tender touch but he also is drawn to her in a way he has never felt before. Lorelei motivates him to heal and to live and to become worthy of her someday. When he recovers though, working for her father, already making plan to declare his love for her when her brother kidnaps him and sells him to be a slave on a ship.

It has now been twenty years since that fateful day, and Lorelei never knew what happened to her beloved Ash or his sweet promise to her. Lorelei is now thirty-four years old, and she has never forgotten Ash but he can't save her for what her brother is forcing her to do. Her brother is abusive and controlling. She has had to live under his control for years, including the horrible treatment of his own wife who lost their babe to his abuse. Now he has lost everything they had with his gambling debts. And so she will have to marry a rich but very old man to save them from being on the streets. She knows its the right thing, but then when she arrives at the wedding, her brother is killed right in front of her by a pirate by the name of "Rook" who then kidnaps her and he resembles a boy she once knew....her beloved Ash and he has come back to claim her as his. He takes her and her sister in law on his ship and marries her. But now Rook puts himself in Lorelei's mercy, that he will do anything for her. Lorelei is intrigued yet frightened a bit of this new Ash that hardly resembles the boy she once fell in love with, but she begins to see that he is in there hidden beneath layers of abuse and pain and only she can recover his heart...

The Duke With The Dragon Tattoo is one of the most heart wrenching and captivating second chance romances I have ever read in my life....it was so beautifully written in depth and heart-tugging emotion that will have you going through a box of tissues. I was swept away in their story that instantly got my attention from their first meeting. This is where you believe in instant love matches because Ash and Lorelei have an

instant connection to each other that is powerful. Even as just kids, not even full adults, they realize the amazing gift they have in each other. We see these little moments of emotion and soul like connection in where they understand each other. Both of them have had rough lives. We see the joy and sorrow that love can bring to you especially when you are torn away against your will.

The hero is very badass...I mean he has become a bit of an anti-hero almost...definitely a bad boy. He was sold, forced to serve others and was severely beaten over the years. Until after fifteen years of it, he and the other slaves rose up against their masters and forged their own future. Building up their own fortune and abilities and fighting against anyone that attacked them. Now they are on the hunt for the greatest treasure, and the map of this priceless treasure is embedded in his tattoo. Ash "Rook" has been keeping tabs on Lorelei planning for the one day he can come back and fulfill his promise. But then when he learns that she is to be married, he knows he can't allow that and it ups his plans a bit. We see the sorrow and the torment that Rook has suffered over the years and how it has hardened him into being a pirate. He also wants revenge on those that have harmed the woman he still loves after all this time.

Our heroine is such a wonderful woman. She is strong and compassionate and the abuse she has suffered at the hands of her brother has never broken her, only made her stronger. She has a deep love for all animals and any time she comes across an animal hurt or injured she cares for it. I loved her level of empathy and understanding she has for everything and everyone, she is so accepting of Rook even though he kidnaps her and is a pirate and forces a marriage between them. But she sees what is behind the tough exterior and that he would never force her to have sex with him. I loved how wise she is, and has this inner strength of iron you just have to admire.

The sexual chemistry between them that builds is phenomenal and man I felt so immersed in their sexy moments that could smolder your home. I loved how well written these sexy moments were written. They were HOT and sensual with just the right level of emotion that they develop the intimacy that is building between these two.

The Duke With The Dragon Tattoo swept me away in the adventure, the treasure hunting, the suspense and the love story that is truly a compelling and heart-achingly romance that fills you up...AN ENTHRALLING ADVENTURE OF LOVE ON THE HIGH SEAS!!

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## **Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says**

### **4.5 Now and Never Stars**

**"A lot can happen between now and never."-Lorelai**

The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo was such a good read. When I got this book from netgalley I had no clue who the hero was going to be. I only requested this book because Kerrigan Byrne is one of my favorite historical romance authors. But OMG when I figured out who the hero was I was flippin' out! Ash our hero (named given to him by Lorelai) was a man with no name or memory of his past. Found beating and burnt nearly to death the only thing that gave him the will to live was Lorelai's sweet voice begging him to stay.

**"Don't go, she'd murmured. Stay here with me." And so, he had. He'd lived only because she bade him to. Lorelai and Ash**

**She was his prayer in the night. His song in the dark. His past and present. His future. And he hadn't even laid eyes on her yet.-Ash**

Ash had such a hard life and it turned him into a cold man. Kill or be Killed was all he knew. He was definitely an anti-hero. He had no problem getting his hands dirty, stealing, and killing without mercy. He had all the humanity beat and abused out of him. His only soft spot, his only weakness was Lorelai, the woman that nursed him back from the grave. Lorelai also had a hard life. Crippled by her evil brother and abused by him her whole life, Lorelai has known pain. However she didn't let it turn her bitter. She remained a sweet and caring person. Always nursing injured animals back to health, she couldn't help but put her whole heart into nursing the young man she found near death back to health too. Ash and Lorelai's love started out sweet and innocent but after 20 years of separation and abuse it had warped into something raw, and obsessive.

**"Lorelai. There are only two indisputable facts in this world: The sun will set in the west, and I'll come for you. Always."-Ash**

**"It's not that I merely missed you.....You are not a hole in my heart, you are the whole of my heart. - Ash**

I loved the plot. When Ash's backstory was fully out in the open I was shocked and awed at all the twist. The way his past tied the series together made my heart so happy. OMG how I hated Lorelai's brother Mortimer. I wanted that pos to suffer so badly. Some favorites from other books in this series made cameos. Any time I can get me some more Dorian Blackwell I'm a happy woman. The Duke with The Dragon Tattoo was a great addition to Victorian Rebels series. There were a few minor things that made me take off a 1/2 star from my rating but still this read was a solid 4.5 stars!

<https://jessicasoverthetopbookobsessi...>

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### **?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says**

#### **NEED THIS BOOK.**

I mean have you read the synopsis? I can't get enough of this series!

"He's known only as The Rook.

He remembers waking up in a mass grave with rage dissolving his soul. He has no memory of his past. His family. His sins. His name.

And when his escape from the grave leaves him collapsed, he is rescued by the most beautiful young woman he's ever laid eyes on. A woman who could maybe, just perhaps, heal the broken parts of him. If only he knew who he was.

Lorelai Weatherstroke is comprised of three monumental days in her life. The day her cruel brother shattered her leg and left her crippled for life. The day she rescued the broken, dark angel beneath the Ash tree as at the age of sixteen. And the day he left her house, her care, and her heart, never to return again.

But even twenty years later, she recognizes Ash, The Rook, instantly, as he comes surging back into her life to avenge her tormentors. But he has more enemies than the Devil waiting to hunt him down. Ash has already claimed Lorelai in his heart, but can he win back her love as he keeps her safe?"

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### **Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says**

**READ MY REVIEW ON THE BLOG**

There is a certain kind of voice in HR that just speaks to me. Lisa Kleypas has it, Lorraine Heath and Courtney Milan do too, to name only a few. I'm happy to report I can add another name. Kerrigan Byrne's spellbinding storytelling took me completely by surprise. She is able to transfer the feel of another time when women were gentle and men courteous, with a good portion of grit and steam. And oh my word did it ever. It packed more steam than I expected, some of the scenes were SCORCHINGLY HOT.

But I should actually say something about The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo, right?

I think deep inside we all want men to promise us women that we are the only one. That it'll always be just us for them and that it'll never change. And you know how, at the same time, we don't have any illusions about it. So along comes a book with a hero who is so totally crazy about the heroine, so absolutely gone for her from the beginning that he promises her to always come back for her. The heroine is 14 at the time, so of course she believes him. Only...one day he has to leave and never returns. Until she is being forced into marrying a disgusting man some twenty years later and kidnapped by a pirate called The Rook.

**“Lorelai. There are only two indisputable facts in this world: The sun will set in the west, and I’ll come for you. Always.”**

In the first couple of chapters Ms. Byrne tells us about how Lorelai found a young man, almost dead, without a memory. How their love blossoms right from the beginning. How much he adores the young girl, who takes care of him, is there when the nightmares press down on him, always with a soothing hand and a smile at the ready. There is a distinct change in the tune of the story when it switches to twenty years later. The innocent, sweet love from the beginning is gone. Instead we find obsession, the harsh cruelty of truth, a man who is unable to love and a woman who never really let go of her feelings for the young boy. But there is also a bittersweet yearning of a man who experienced incredible tragedy, yearning for the girl who has grown into an enticingly beautiful woman with an iron will.

Am I rambling? I'm rambling, huh? :D

**He inhaled agony, and exhaled anguish.**

Ash was such a tragic character. He thought he was dead inside, without feelings, worthless and totally unable to recognize his emotions for what they were. He came across obsessed, a little crazy, maybe, but knowing what happened to him it was easy to see past what could be seen as a little off the rocker. He made me ache for him, I was horrified at what had happened to him but also admired his strong will to go on. His love for Lorelai was all encompassing, sometimes tender, often passionate and almost too big for his battered heart. Even in the end it felt a tiny bit desperate and sad.

**And yet . . . here she stood. Waifish and delicate, innocent and untouched. Even by him. Because here was the one threshold he could not seem to cross into his final damnation. The one thread that tied him to a flickering vestige of humanity. His one island in an endless ocean of unforgiveable depravities. No matter how cold and cruel and inhumane he'd become . . . he physically could not bring himself to face a weeping Lorelai Weatherstoke.**

Likewise did Lorelai impress me with her youthful wisdom, her patience, her innocence was the sweetest thing. Her growth over the course of the book was huge. I so loved her for not being bitter. Lorelai also had some pretty horrible things happening to her and she never let them pull her under. It's her quiet strength and endurance, her patience and caring nature that frees Ash's heart and mind from the prison of his past.

**“Through everything that’s been done to me, I’ve only ever believed in one thing.”**  
**“What’s that?” she whispered. “That the sun would set in the west, and that I would come for you.”**

Kerrigan Byrne has left an imprint on my heart with this book. Her words are lyrical, beautifully expressive and oh so romantic. The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo packs a good portion of angst and if you want to be sucker-punched right in the feels you need to read this!

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### **Julie says**

The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo by Kerrigan Byrne is a 2018 St. Martin's Press publication.

Out of emotional and physical damage comes an epic love story which is both tender and very sensual.

In this unusual romance, Lorelei, a crippled girl at the mercy of her cruel brother, rescues a man left for dead on the side of the road, while in her early teens. Although many years have passed since she last saw him, Lorelei never forgot "Ash", who had promised to come back for her.

But, as her brother gambles away his fortune, he arranges a marriage for Lorelei. However, before she has a chance to exchange vows, the infamous 'Rook' arrives and whisks her away. Lorelei instantly recognizes him as her beloved Ash, but the man she once knew is no longer visible. In his place is the formidable and terrifying man with a reputation as a thief and a killer.

**"She was his prayer in the night. His song in the dark. His past and present. His future."**

Ash is buried deep inside the man known as 'The Rook'. He's a ruthless pirate, a man with a brutal past, but Lorelei is his one weakness and his only hope.

Lorelei is stunned by Ash's appearance, the change in his countenance. She's terrified of him, feeling as if she and her sister-in-law are being held captive. But, our noble heroine soon sees the traces of the boy she once nursed back to health. Ash is in there somewhere, she just has to find a way to convince him of that.

**"To hate you must remember, you must dwell. You must hold it in your heart all the time and feed it."**

This is a fantastic second chance at love story! I love, love, love those flawed heroes!! Back in the heyday of historical romances, rough edged heroes with an aura of danger about them, men whose trustworthiness is in question, was common. As times changed those heroes fell out of favor, but with the Victorian Rebels they have made a comeback, but with a modernized twist. Byrne creates strong characters, giving them real adversity to overcome, with plenty of action and adventure.

This story is a stunning page turner, highly engrossing and almost impossible to put down. It's a moving story with some truly astounding twists that kept me on the edge of my seat.

The story has everything that made me fall in love with historical romance in the first place – a dark hero, pirates, intrigue, danger, sweeping romance, and redemption.

I thoroughly enjoyed this installment in the series and hope for many more like it in the future.

4.5 stars

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## Bubu says

I hope this title is meant as a joke and will be changed. No, really. This can't be for real.

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## Hollis says

Ye gads. Well, uh. I'm not sure what happened but I think this is my least favourite of the *Victorian Rebels* series. Being a fan of skipping blurbs, I didn't know what I was going into beyond what had been set up in the last few books. And the opening chapters of THE DUKE WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO and the premise for the where and why of Rook's beginning (well, a certain beginning) was probably the best part. It wasn't perfect, and certainly isn't my favourite of the 'met as youngsters and later reunite as adults' trope (hello book one, you win that prize), but it was a sweet and sad and honest beginning for these two discarded souls. But after we survive the separation and reunite in a very explosive (not literally but hey stranger things have happened) way, a scene that had a serious 'holy shit!' reaction from me, after that point.. I kinda felt like we lost the plot. Because suddenly there wasn't really any.

The big wind-up to the reveal of the Rook's identity wasn't really all that shocking as I had guessed who he was already (but, yay, confirmed!) and then we have a treasure to hunt and people to reunite. And, other than the opening chapters, I was a fan of only one reunion in particular -- mostly because we finally got confirmation of some backstory. I won't reveal who but.. it's kinda sad when your favourite moments are to do with someone who **isn't** one of the main characters. There was another supporting character who I thought I could love, too, a delightful new addition to this world of Byrne's, and then he later shot it all to hell, so even that didn't save the pirate plotline. Also if he gets his own book, which it kinda feels like he might, I don't even know how to feel about that.

As for Lorelai, I liked her in theory; rescuing and saving creatures who didn't have a chance of surviving on their own, nursing them back to health to fulfill that part of her that had been so poorly neglected.. but honestly she didn't have much of a personality. She didn't stand out. She was too all over the place, never settling into one behaviour or another, but ultimately I guess that suited the Rook because dude was as changeable as yesterday's weather (hot, cold, hail, sunny).

This book felt the least fleshed out of all of them, more like a bridging novella for the series (as it also didn't feel that long despite some of the more dragging scenes), and had it been meant as that.. I might be okay with it. As it was I'm honestly not sure I can award anything higher than a two star. It feels completely contrary to how much I love this series, and this author, but I'm honestly just so disappointed by this one. I expected a lot more.

I kinda hope Inspector Morley's book is coming down the pipeline sooner rather than later (though I suspect it isn't, infact, going to be the next one after that epilogue) because while I think we might have already seen the best this series has to offer (cough THE HUNTER cough but fine okay the first three are top tier), I'm still holding out for a m/m HEA for Carlton. Please, Byrne, make my dreams come true?

2.5 stars

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### **Elle's Book Blog says**

**Release Date:** August 28, 2018

**Genre:** Historical Romance

**Actual Rating:** 5 stars

WOAH!!! This book was so damn good that I picked it up in one sitting and read it all the way through to the end. Normally, I tend to stay away from historical romances because I feel like they are long and drawn out, but this one was so interesting that I couldn't help but fall head over heels in love with it! Kerrigan Bryne, where have you been all my life!?! This book literally has it all. It's romantic, suspenseful, and has a cast of characters I won't forget! Even better? The hero (who has murderous qualities) is a PIRATE. Had I known this book was about a pirate I probably wouldn't have picked it up because that just doesn't interest me (normally). But I am so glad I did because I LOVED it. If you are a historical romance fan you need this book in your life! I am now in the process of adding every book in this series to my cart on amazon- that's how good it is!

In this story, readers will meet Lorelei and Rook. The two met 20 years prior after Rook was left for dead and Lorelei saved him from the ashes. But too soon he was pulled away from the one person in the world he found solace and love with. Fast forward 20 years and Rook is intent on getting back his one true love. Only this time, he is a dark and brooding soul and will do anything to get her even if that means kidnapping her from her own wedding..

The journey to find their way back to one another isn't an easy one, and there are times of discomfort, hate, and remorse for both of them. But once the demons are shed and the two get to know each other and a deeper level there is no stopping their love for one another.

Historical romance lovers and even those who tend to shy away from the genre should definitely pick up this book! It is a whirlwind! I loved it to pieces and can't wait to catch up on the series and meet some new Victorian Rebels to fall in love with.

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### **Caz says**

Hollis' review [HERE](#) pretty much sums up my feelings on this one.

Strong start, stodgy middle, contrived ending. Plus his being a duke is completely peripheral and reads as though it's been thrown in for the sake of it. I know lots of writers these days are being told "make your hero a duke - dukes sell."

I'll post a more detailed review when I review the audio version sometime in August.

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## **Penny Reid says**

I love Kerrigan Byrne's historical romances. As the tiger says, they're grrrrrrreat!!

Wordy review to follow. <3

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