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The wife he doesn't know...

When William Felkirk opens his eyes, the past six months are blank. What happened? And who is this beautiful woman claiming to be his wife and caring for his broken body?

Justine will do anything to protect her sister, even if that means pretending to be a stranger's wife. She must guard the reasons for her deception with her life. But with every passing day, William unlocks her heart just a little more, and Justine knows she won't be able to hide the truth forever...

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Karen Darling says

Not bad.

Kelly says

I've always been a fan of amnesia stories (blame *Overboard*), and this one didn't disappoint. If you're in the mood for a tale with an evil villain, a heroine forced to make difficult choices, a hero who has to grapple with betrayal in order to be heroic, and a hard-won, truly satisfying happily ever after, you'll love this book. While not my favorite of Merrill's books (mostly because of the external source of conflict in the evil villain), it was among the better books I read in 2014. Merrill has a way with character that is a joy to read.

Amy says

I enjoy reading novels by Christine Merrill because she often brings original storylines to the historical romance genre. In one of her earlier books, for example, she reunites a married couple in which the husband is losing his eyesight, but he is too proud to share this disability with his wife. You don't often find main characters with such physical disabilities, only emotional "disabilities" in romance novels. In this particular book ("The Truth about Lady Felkirk") Ms. Merrill introduces to the much mysterious Justine, who very slowly reveals her secrets to the readers as well as to the man with whom she falls in love. All we know from the very beginning of the book is that Justine is pretending to be married to William Felkirk. She is the only person who is aware of the deception, but she has him and all of his relatives convinced that they are married as he exists in a coma for 6 months and then finally becomes conscious. The story was a bit slow to build and the lovemaking scenes aren't well detailed, which was a disappointment to me. Justine also doesn't seem to express much of her own thoughts and emotions until the very end; the story examines her more from the point of view of William. But I enjoyed the mystery and intrigue that gather steam within the story and then explode near the end--with a jewelry heist and murder.

Judy says

I was reading the first book written by Christine Merrill (*The Inconvenient Duchess*) and received this advance copy in the mail, so it was a unique experience to read her first and newest book back to back. My first comment will be that she was an amazing author with her first book and has continued to weave a wonderfully entertaining story with her newest book, "The Truth About Lady Felkirk". (release in October 2014, Harlequin Historical #1205)

"Who is this beautiful woman?", the cover of the book asks. Well she is a woman pressed down by life's circumstances that never let her spirit be killed. She is a woman of loyalty, kindness and obedience (by demand, but also in her nature). The story of Justine and William is a tangled web of deceit and forgetfulness, that brought them together, but true love is the final result.

Another must read by Christine Merrill!

Kay says

A really enjoyable read with likeable characters (except the truly villainous villain). The basis of the plot is extremely far-fetched, not to say impossible, but it was absorbing and emotionally satisfying.

Christelle says

[l'héroïne a été sous la coupe de son tuteur et violée pendant des années, et ce dernier la prostitue (il n'y a pas d'autre mot) auprès du héros pour retrouver des diamants perdus... (hide spoiler)]

Mary says

This intriguing story had lots of great elements--amnesia, murder, lost diamonds, deception, despair, and of course, love!

When William Felkirk wakes up, he can't remember anything from the past six months. He's been told he had a terrible accident and has been near death for weeks. And, oh yes, he's also married! Justine is beautiful, kind, and very attentive, but Will can't believe he doesn't remember her at all.

Justine is glad that Will has finally recovered from his injuries, but she would just as soon he not remember a thing. Her well-being and that of her younger sister depend on everyone believing that she is Lady Felkirk. Dark secrets from her past threaten not only her but Will as well. Can she keep everyone safe, get everyone what they want, and still manage to hold on to the unexpected love she has found?

I found the amnesia situation believable and the reasons for the deception compelling. I'd definitely recommend this book. I'm also interested in reading about the other couples in the story, which I believe are featured in earlier books. And I'm sure sister Margot will get her own HEA one of these days.

Gwen says

Malgré une écriture agréable, j'ai eu beaucoup de mal à me mettre dans ce livre.

Bien que porté par de bons personnages que j'ai appréciés, l'histoire n'a rien d'originale et l'intrigue n'est pas terrible.

J'ai trouvé que certains éléments de son histoire n'étaient pas très bien ficelés, ce qui nuit au reste notamment à donner envie au lecteur de tourner les pages.

J'ai apprécié les personnages principaux et secondaires qui mélange à la fois un côté plausible et à la fois caricaturale.

Bien que les héros soient bien décrits et écrit, j'ai plus apprécié le personnage masculin. Je l'ai trouvé assez réaliste dans ces réactions et sa réflexion intérieure notamment au sujet de sa « femme ». De plus c'est un

personnage pour lequel on sait dès le départ ce qu'il recherche, ce qu'il veut et pourquoi. Il ne tourné pas autour du pot inutilement.

Quand au personnage féminin, ce qu'on peut lui reconnaître est qu'elle vit la vie qu'un bon nombre de femme on du connaître. Néanmoins, elle est assez déterminée mais je ne l'ai pas trouvée attachante.

Meredith Hillenbrand says

This book was well written and delightful. When William Felkirk wakes up after six months with amnesia, the mystery starts there, and keeps building, mystery upon mystery. There are enough descriptions and explanations to satisfy my imagination and questions. Of course, what's a book without bad guys? There's a peach of one here. I wanted to hang the guy myself. And the romance! You want it? You get it here! The intimate scenes are very well written as well, but don't over power the story. It flows very well. I found myself not wanting to put it down, but had to since I do have a family to tend to.

I received this book from the author during Read-A-Romance but was not obligated to give a review.

Philippa Lodge says

While You Were Sleeping In The Regency.

I really enjoyed this book. There were some questions in my mind about the gap in time from when Will left his brother to when Justine brought him back with his massive head wound. I also had some concerns about how quickly and completely he recovered both physically and mentally from a couple of months of coma. His amnesia only covered the time he had been away. While he felt weak for a while, he was up and walking right after lying still for a couple of months.

But I was more than willing to suspend my disbelief almost the whole time and enjoyed the story.

I received an advance copy of this book, because I have been following Chris Merrill since her first book and her assistant is an online acquaintance. For an honest review. Honestly, it's good stuff!

Galena Sanz says

La sinopsis de este libro me atrajo mucho y estaba convencida de que me podía gustar. Puedo decir que así ha sido, que tiene cosas que me han gustado mucho, pero un detalle de la vida de la protagonista me ha agitado la historia.

Esta novela tiene un lenguaje muy cuidado y buenas expresiones para la época en la que están, hay que tener en cuenta que no siempre es así y aquí he apreciado una buena adecuación. El comienzo es intrigante y me ha gustado ver cómo se desarrolla la historia, pero como dije, hay un elemento que me enfadó y al final hizo que mi percepción de la novela no fuese tan buena.

****SPOILER****

La protagonista soporta abusos continuados sobre su persona para proteger a su hermana y es terriblemente frustrante presenciar algo así, sobre todo porque deseas que se rebele, que le golpee ¡que haga algo! su hermana por el contrario parece ser más de mi opinión. Es cierto que al final vemos que hay un cambio, pero ella continuamente está dispuesta a hacer lo que sea, se siente muy poca cosa y en conjunto, el enfado y el asco, porque no hay otra palabra, que una siente ante lo que le sucede consigue que la sensación final al leer la novela no sea del todo satisfactoria

Jane says

An Accident, Justines' Father murdered 20 years before and lies to deceive William Felkirk all make for an exciting read.

Justine's whole life has been lived to protect her sister.

Diamonds, A jewelry store, and Will's beloved horse intertwine to make a good story. Will's memory is gone and he cannot remember being attacked. Justine brings him to his brother's house. She nurses him back to health. It is sometime before his memory returns. Again Justine saves his life.

A very enjoyable read. I highly recommend it.

Gloriamarie says

I love a comedy of manners. I truly do. This book is highly entertaining.

Caz says

I've given this a B- for narration and C+ for content at AudioGals, so 3.5 stars.

The Truth About Lady Felkirk is an enjoyable, if somewhat predictable, story in which the romance is peppered with a dash of mystery in a plot that revolves around theft and murder.

Lord William Felkirk wakes up with what he believes to be a massive hangover, aching all over and almost unable to move. His brother Adam, the Duke of Belston, immediately summons an unfamiliar young woman to Will's bedside, introducing her as Justine – Lady Felkirk, explaining that Will had married her on impulse shortly before the accident which caused the head injury that almost killed him. Will is stunned to discover that he has just awoken from a coma, and that he has been incapacitated for the past six months. He's bewildered and exhausted, but not weak-minded – and is very sceptical about his supposed marriage. He's never been the impulsive sort, and has no memory whatsoever of a wife, their marriage, or the events immediately prior to his waking up. He is not suffering from amnesia as such; he knows where he is, who he is and recalls his life up until the accident, and is immediately suspicious of this lovely, but rather reserved young woman who claims to have married him.

You can read the rest of this review at AudioGals.

Farrah says

A lovely historical romance that featured murders and secrets, *The Truth About Lady Felkirk* was a good read. It was an enjoyable book that I quite liked.

Justine was a resilient character who always tried to protect her sister, even when it meant she had to sacrifice herself. She was a good person at heart and tried to be one, but her circumstances always forced her into bad situations. She was a character that was easy to sympathize for and I really liked her.

William was also great. He was very clever, enough that he knew right away that something was off about Justine. But, he was also sweet and, even after finding out the truth, only wanted what was best for her. I thought he was adorable.

The romance was lovely. Justine and William were very sweet together, and there was definitely some steaminess as well. I thought they were a perfect match.

The plot was well paced and I was kept interested the entire way through. It was predictable, though, and I suspected early on who the culprit behind everything was. So, the story wasn't anything special or epic, but it was enjoyable and I really liked it. And, the ending was lovely.

The Truth About Lady Felkirk was a wonderful historical romance that I really enjoyed. Romance lovers, this is a book worth checking out.

*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review
