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She's loved him all her life.

Lady Elise Halden knows how to get a horse to bend to her will with a gentle touch and subtle coaxing. But she's learning that bringing the new Earl of Camden to heel is nothing like training a horse. If she has any hope of reining in the Earl's affections, she will need a plan. With help from her friend Lady Beverly, and her sister-in-law the Duchess, Elise sets out to win her indifferent Earl's heart.

He's admired her from a respectable distance.

As young men, Michael Brightman and his best friend swore sisters were off limits. This promise was made solely to protect his own sisters from his friend's charming, rakehell ways. The Duke of Caversham's little sister was always a precocious minx to avoid, till one day Michael realizes Lady Elise is all grown up and the things he wants to do with the lady are surely going to upset the friendship with her brother.

Together they discover that physical evidence doesn't equate truth, and trusting the heart is sometimes the hardest lesson to learn.

Already His is set in 1822. Locations include London and the English countryside.

## **Already His Details**

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### Kathy says

#### The Caversham Chronicles #2

I was thoroughly enjoying this book with lots of laugh out loud moments and some tearful ones too, and then I hit the spot in the book where \*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\* Elise decides that she can't possibly wait the 6 weeks until Michael's family comes out of mourning so they can get married. No, she, the 17-year-old virgin miss, decides she wants him now and sets about seducing her betrothed, Michael. I just didn't find this turn in the storyline, believable and thus the rest of the story fell flat because most of the rest of what happened I also didn't find believable. Up to that point, I would've given this book 4.5 stars easily, but after that turn, I can't in good conscience give it more than 3 stars.

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### Amanda says

Note: I received this book for free through GoodReads FirstReads.

So far, this is my favorite book in the series! I just loved it! Elise is just the perfect example of a female lead with a strong backbone that doesn't disappear or waver. She stands up for what she wants and believes. She doesn't change just because a man tells her to or pays attention to her. Due to this part of Elise's nature, she often keeps the male lead, Michael, on his toes and constantly trying to understand her and get to know her better. Michael, of course, has to make some mistakes and I definitely ended up not being too happy with him. (What he said was really bad and no one would be able to blame the female lead if she decided not to take him back.) The good thing, though, is that Michael does a lot of groveling and begging before the female lead considers taking him back. (Which is the way it should be, isn't it?) To me, there was never a dull moment and all of the main characters were very lovable. I can't wait to read the upcoming books in this series and see where everyone is and what they're doing. I would definitely recommend this series and author to anyone looking for a more lighthearted historical romance.

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### Melanie says

I find myself adoring the characters in this book as much as I adored Ren and Lia in the previous one. I also think that this one is a bit more on the humorous side as it made me laugh out loud on many places.

In the second book in the Caversham Chronicles we get reacquainted with Elise, Ren's little sister, the one that's a tomboy and horse mad. I wasn't that impressed with her in Lia and Ren's story, but Ms. Raven made sure I had enough of her background in this book and that was fortunate as I came to admire her greatly.

And then there's our hero, Michael, a very best friend of our heroine's brother, Ren. Oh, Michael, Michael, Michael! I loved you from the start, even though you made me want to slap you around a few times, you were someone who was determined to learn his lessons the hard way, but once you realized your 'folly' I admired your tenacity in correcting it.

Here's another thing I loved in this story: the age difference between the couple was significant, yet the

author handled it so beautifully.

Once again I find myself loving the fast pace this author sets for her stories, as well as the prose and dialogue which kept me intrigued and 'glued' to my Kindle.

By the way, all the stories in this series were written in such a way that you really don't have to read them in order as they can be read as stand alone.

Highly recommended!

Melanie for b2b

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### **Sue A. says**

Already His continues with the Caversham family and Ren's little sister Elise, who lost her mother at birth, then her father and step mother, leaving her brother to raise her. The story shows the hurt child who finds comfort in her horses and loses her heart to her brother's best friend, Michael. Her efforts to make her feelings known is quite amusing. By the time she is brought out, she is still much in love with him and her goal to make him notice her as a woman works. The heartfelt emotions waiting on Michael give the story depth. The twist of danger that arises builds the strength and love in Michael. Over all the story was a quick absorbing read. I found a few typos along the way, an easy fix, but also easy to ignore. I would recommend this story for anyone who loves regency romance. It's worth the time.

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### **Andi Rahmat says**

"You kissed me. ....it's mean you are the last... my mother said"

the first i confused about the story because so many character in this novel and then i know the main idea, plus i love writing style from the author, it's so detail.

berkisah tentang elise yang menghadiri pesta dansa yang di adakan beverly, pada saat itu lahir michael mencium elise yang membuat gadis itu terbayang dengan ciuman itu. dapat dikatakan cinta mereka mulai tumbuh sejak pertama kali mereka bertemu yaitu pada usia belia. namun cinta mereka tidaklah mudah karena elise sudah punya calon pendamping dan michael melakukan kesalahan fatal yang membuat elise tidak menyukainya. hingga elise di culik dan michael menolongnya lalu bla...bla...bla...

novel ini termasuk historical romance, suka dengan gaya penulisan sang author. walaupun agak membuatku bingung dan aku mulai memahami alur cerita di bagian 2/5 cerita. so, it's ok :)

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### **Amanda Thornton says**

#### **Lots of grammatical errors**

I don't know why, but either the author or the editors of this series, or both, need to go back to ninth grade and learn some grammar rules. Tense shifts and incorrect verb usage abound, as well as some weird misuse of prepositions. There are MANY run-up sentences and fragments as well, most of which could be fixed with a middle school grammar reference book. The stories and characters are interesting, if formulaic but the real problem is poor grammar. I thought maybe it was a fluke in the prequel novella, But this is the third book in the series, and the errors continue. I'd be more angry if the entire series hadn't been free or priced at less than \$2 each, but this author needs some serious grammar instruction, or at the very least, some better editors.

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### **Lori says**

A quick and easy romance, this book takes place a year or so after the events of the first book and depicts the story of Elise, the sister of the hero from the first book and his best friend, Michael.

The story is not entirely unique, but the way the book is written, it flows nicely and kept me engaged. I loved seeing the characters from the previous book and although this installment was not as steamy as the first, it had some great tension scenes that kept me turning the pages, so to speak.

#### Narration

Narrators: Victoria J. Mayers & Dennis Kleinman

Performance: 4/5

Speed: 1.25x

The way the book is written allows for both narrators to have a performance that was both in sync and cohesive. Each narrator had great pace, pitch, and tone. My only problem with the narration was that they read the characters very similar to the way they read the main characters in the first book. So, at times, character distinction was difficult with some of the scenes that were heavy with dialogue.

Note: If you purchase the Kindle version for \$2.99, you can get the audio version on Audible for \$1.99.

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### **Delta says**

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### **Sabrina (Soter) Sally says**

"Avvolgendole le braccia intorno, tenendola vicina a sé, pensò di sentirla tremare. Anche se forse era lui, tanto potenti erano i sentimenti per quella minuta ragazza che non aveva mai rinunciato a lui, né ai propri sentimenti."

Il volume precedente non mi aveva entusiasmato ma la storia di Michael ed Elise ha riscattato questa serie e mi è piaciuta molto! \*ç\* Adoro le trame che si incentrano sull'amore di infanzia che poi sboccia in un amore "adulto" vero e profondo, incrollabile nonostante i tanti anni passati e i tanti ostacoli e questa storia rispecchia in pieno tutto questo! Elise è il tipo di eroina che mi piace, è diversa dalle altre ma senza essere

anacronistica, è sicura dei propri sentimenti per il migliore amico di suo fratello, sentimenti che prova da un decennio e che non ha mai rinunciato a sperare vengano ricambiati nonostante gli scarsi (o per meglio dire nulli XD) incoraggiamenti di Michael, che la vede solo come la fastidiosa sorellina di Ren XD Ovviamemente alla fine al nostro eroe cadono le fette di prosciutto dagli occhi, la "nuova" Elise, adulta e bellissima, lo folgora e a nulla valgono tutte le sue scuse per tenerla lontana perché è chiaro a loro e a tutti che si appartengono da sempre \*ç\* Non mancano fraintendimenti (un tipo decisamente originale in effetti D:) e il "cattivo" di turno che metterà i bastoni tra le ruote alla nostra coppia ma dopo adeguata umiliazione (in fondo dopo anni passati a rincorrerlo mi sembra giusto che per una volta sia Michael a strisciare dietro Elise e non il contrario XD) arriverà il tanto sospirato lieto fine! \*ç\* e io sono già pronta per la storia della piccola Sarah e del suo affascinante capitano!

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### **Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says**

GOOD BUT NOT GREAT!!

"Already His" is Bk 2 of The Caversham Chronicles. This is Michael Earl of Camden and Elise the sister of the Duke of Caversham Ren's story. Michael is also, Ren's best friend. One of the plots with Elise caused me to give this story 3 stars instead of 5. Being a much older women and born in a time when Elise's physical condition would not be accepted or believable. We didn't have this medical knowledge about the female body at the time. So I understood Michael's apprehension weather Elise was or wasn't truthful with him. It's very hard to word this review without revealing this particular plot of the story. Other reviewer say Michael was mean to Elise but believe me when I say during this era an still in this century Elise would have been ostracized if the knowledge about her got out. Enough on that becasue this is still a good solid HR and I loved Michael and didn't think he was mean to Elise just misguided based on the era. Elise has loved Michael all of her life and I felt so sad for her in this particular part of the story. This was not her fault and we women know this today but not back then and not in the earlier parts of this century.. The story moves fast and their is another plot involving a group of villains 2nd sons that do just horrible things. They call themselves Dominatas Rex!! The story has wonderful characters and I especially love Lady Sewell grandmother to the Duke and Elise. I also, though Elise's best friend Beverly and her maid Bridget were great supporting cast of characters. I hope others reading this book will see things from Michaels prospective and have compassion for Elise, becasue her situation was not her fault and she didn't even know this was her situation and why Michael behaved the way he did toward her. I am glad this particular plot line came close to the end of the story. If it had happen earlier I probably wouldn't have finished the story at all. But all's well that ends well. I would still recommend Already His. I will be reading Loving Sarah bk 3 and I hope their are more books to come by this author and in this series..

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### **Tracy Emro says**

4.5 stars

I enjoyed this book, it fell short of 5 stars for only one reason - I don't think Michael groveled nearly enough and I don't think the problem that caused the rift in the first place was explained to the reader - I mean I can guess why, but it would have been better if someone said that to Michael in story rather than assuming that the reader knew why he was wrong.

Other than that - I loved it! As with her first book, the story flows nicely and is extremely well written.

Now I wait ( rather impatiently ) for Loving Sarah to be released.

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### **Amber says**

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By: Sandy Raven The Caversham Chronicles Book 2

Is age really nothing but a number? Can Elise's childhood love become a budding romance with her brothers best friend? Michael made Ren promise years ago that their sisters were off limits to one another. At the time that wasn't a problem. Until Ren's younger sister made her debut. Michael could see she was no longer the little brat who once tormented him with her crush on him. She was now a beautiful woman ready for marriage and he was a man in desperate need of a wife to have his heirs. Could Elise be the one and how could he break a promise he forced his best friend to make years ago?

I fell in love with the first book Caversham's Bride and I am happy to say I was not disappointed by the second novel Already His. It is a very unique series, that I see continuing to become more enchanting with each book. I normally don't like books that change the main characters with each book. Most of the time this doesn't work. For the Caversham Chronicles it has only enhanced the visuals Sandy so easily portrays and makes you feel as though you are living within the family as it all plays out. I can't wait to see where Sandy Raven takes us from here with her third book in the series Loving Sarah.

Reviewed by Amber Miller. Reviewer for I Heart Books.

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### **Joanne says**

#### **Good Story**

The story started out slow but steadily picked up its pace. Elise has forever been in live with Michael and it was only when she was old enough to have her own come out did Michael really took notice of her. From there they had their journey of ups and downs leading to their happy ending. The only thing I did not like about this story is how slow it was in the beginning. And then there was the endless introspection. I did enjoy the emotions it evoked once the exciting parts of the plot unfolded. There were lovemaking scenes here but not as much as the first book in the series (Ren and Lia's story) and definitely tamer.

I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

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### **Jayne dArcy says**

Well, I was confused with timelines at first but after re-reading the first chapter I was up to speed. It does help to pay attention to those dates!

This story takes place during "The Season" the time when girls are introduced to society and become women. If it had not been for Elise and her friend Beverly all the endless parties, the dances, etc., would have been boring.

However, it was clearly brought to the fore that that is really all women had to look forward to: being introduced to society, wearing dresses, and looking for a husband with money and a title so she can give him an heir.

Elise is different, though, and although she chafes at the restrictions women must adhere to during The Season she nevertheless does her best because of her love for Michael.

Michael is a happy man who appears on the surface to be somewhat easy-going considering all the women in his family. Still, there is Elise, who annoyed him as she grew up. She's Ren's little sister for god's sake, and he tries his damnedest to keep that in mind but Elise has grown up. She is trying so very hard to prove to those that matter to her (Ren, Lia, Michael, and her Grandmother) that she truly has grown up. She is still a tomboy at heart, and she loves her horses, but she truly does understand what her role in society is to be, and she is willing to embrace it for Michael.

My only real complaint came with the moment Michael and Elise made love for the first time. His reaction to her "not being a virgin" was all too real, and I was right with Elise for "hating" him so abruptly.

Virginity is such a valued, strong, and extremely symbolic commodity during these times. Yet, it was all too realistic that some young ladies, who did not "sleep around" came to the marriage bed as "not virgin".

I wish there had been more about this and not just Michael realising that Elise truly loved him because of what he "saw in her eyes". I was really hoping that Grandmother would set the dummy right and tell him what many women already understood back then -- a woman's virginity could be lost through riding a horse as Elise did, or through other such strenuous exercise.

I also think the danger of Sinclair and his "Dominus Rex" fellows could have been expanded to a delicious darkness. As it was I spent nearly the entire time of the book waiting for the axe to fall and when it did it was anti-climatic.

Still and all, I loved the characters, and I look forward to Sarah's story. Adventure is promised.

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### **Sandy Frediani says**

Unable to finish.

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