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### Sissy's Romance Book Review says

This is my first book by Christy Carlyle, but it won't be my last. I loved this book and the writing. I liked how there were really no "bad guys", I liked the secondary Characters and hope to see their stories in the future. This is the first book in the "Accidental Heirs" series. Our heroine is Jessamin Wright, who is running her father's book store since he has past away. Her father left her with a lot of debts. Jessamin is talked into kissing our hero, Lucius Crawford, Viscount Grimsb for money. Jessamin thinking that the money would help her greatly with her bills decides to go ahead with the plan. Lucius is not really a bad guy. He is a serious person with family debts too that he is trying to work on. Lucius plan is to marry a for money...but once that kiss happens it puts them both on a different path. I really loved this story and had to read it in one day! I hope that you find you like this book too!

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### Isha Coleman says

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## REVIEW: ONE SCANDALOUS KISS (ACCIDENTAL HEIRS #1) BY CHRISTY CARLYLE

One Scandalous Kiss by Christy Carlyle My rating: 3.5 of 5 stars A bribe turns into the love of a lifetime. Once Scandalous Kiss took two delightful characters and made me fall for them page by page. Jessamin was one of those characters that over analyze. She made decisions based on logic and was surprised when her emotions came into play. With one kiss Lucius knows his life has changed. A nobleman who is more focused on the responsibilities his title entails, he is captivated by the woman bold enough to bring him out of his shell. Christy Carlyle has in One Scandalous Kiss written an emotionally fulfilling story. I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. [View all my reviews](#)

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## Andrea says

I love finding new authors. I definitely plan on reading more by Christy Carlyle!

Jessamin Wright is offered the money to kiss a total stranger at the behest of a young woman who is upset the man in question ignored her. Money she desperately needs to pay off her father's debts, or she'll lose the bookshop she's been running since he died.

Lucius Crawford, Viscount Grimsby (nicknamed "Lord Grim" because he never smiles), needs to marry a rich woman -and soon- if he wants to save his father's estate. Ever since his wife died, the Earl has refused to leave his rooms, leaving stewardship of his estates to his son. But he refuses to acknowledge times are changing and scorns his son's ideas of investment, selling of land, or modernizing anything. So when he finds himself attracted to a bluestocking suffragette who turned his life upside down with just one scandalous kiss but has no dowry and voices her opinions proudly, he is torn between doing right by his family and the people living on his lands and fighting for what he truly wants.

*"Lucius looked contemplative before reaching up and stroking one finger down her cheek, skimming it along*

*the edge of her chin. "It seems we've found in each other what neither of us expected but always hoped for."*

This book was... Nice. It didn't wow me, or had me staying up late to finish it, but it was nice. I liked the interesting premise, and the characters were really strong - I even ended up liking the one person I thought for sure I was going to hate (Kitty, the girl who dares Jess to kiss Lucius. In the beginning I thought she must be a truly horrible, spiteful person to think of something like this, but over the course of the book she grew on me, and I'm actually curious to see who she ends up with in the next book). I loved strong and silent Lucius and how he not only supported Jess' opinions, but encouraged her: (view spoiler). I loved that Jess was smart (at least up until the end when she did something I thought was really stupid), hard-working, and not ashamed to voice her opinions about suffrage in a room full of aristocrats.

I didn't really like the pacing of the book though. After a strong and interesting beginning, I was a bit bored until Jess and Lucius were finally in the same house again, then there was a rather annoying last-minute complication that I thought was unnecessary, and then there was a rather anticlimactic ending. (view spoiler) But that's just me and my dislike for forced drama.

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### ✿ Azzurra says

*Because of a kiss started for the wrongest of motives, Jess and Lucius find a true and profound love.* (I cannot say I wouldn't want a Lucius for myself...I do love the brooding types that smile only for me. ;))

**This book is one of those you need to savor.** It is slow paced and full of feelings. It's also set in a period of which authors don't write enough. **Jessamin, in fact, is a suffragette** who writes speeches for meetings and, at the same times, **tries to make ends meet with a bookshop** that her father has left heavily indebted because of his gambling addiction. When a Lady offers a hundred pounds for a stolen kiss to a Lord Grim(sby) because she feels rejected by him (in a childish and selfish way if you ask me) Jess, desperate to save the shop, rashly accepts... and in so doing starts a series of events to which no one would have thought. **I really enjoyed Christy Carlyle's style of writing.** I found it perfect for the time she is speaking about, "fluent" and rich. I liked all her characters too, the likeable ones and the ones not so much (I couldn't stand his sister and I would have slapped her a time or two...or three XD). Even if the story is not perfect, many can say it is too slow, for me it was a very good "first read" from this new author. **The perfect book to read when you want something that can soothe your mind and engage your feelings.**

Thanks to Edelweiss and Avon for the chance to read this book.

*"...she'd felt in their kiss what he had, a strange alchemy of need and desire, a sense that whatever he'd been seeking might have finally been found?"*

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### Victoria says

Teared up so many times! I loved every character! Such a sweet, but subtly sexy story.

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## **April says**

#1 in "Accidental Heirs" series. An interesting and unique romance with a few twists and turns. Can a Kiss truly lead to a HEA? Well, in this story of passion, guilt, financial troubles, romance and love, it can. Many problems face two strangers, who find more in life than fulfilling others wishes but can they find their own happiness. An interesting, well written tale with a cast of characters who are engaging, endearing and entertaining. An enjoyable and satisfying read. I look forward to the next installment. A delightful read!

\*Received for an honest review from the publisher via Edelweiss\*

Rating: 4

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR, courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

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## **Silke says**

Promising start, but in the end too much inner dialogue.

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## **Lover of Romance says**

This was a fun and sweet regency romance. It starts out when our heroine, is desperate to save her fathers book shop, and she is offered a 100 pounds in exchange for kissing a lord in public. A kiss...really easy right? Well somehow she ends up liking this stranger and that one kiss is one hell of a kiss and changed her forever. When she loses her shop over the scandal, she is offered a job to be a lady's companion and she is having to work with constantly. the love story between these two is sweet and heartwarming, but I had a problem really connecting with the love story. The characters were unique and interesting and they really were what won me over with One Scandalous Kiss.

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## **Bambi Unbridled says**

Gah! I am trying to write this review for the third or fourth time. Goodreads keeps eating it and it totally messed up my blog post for the day. So here it goes again, sixth times a charm right?

So this was a fun sweet regency romance taking place in the late 19th century... partially in London, but in the country for the most part.

Our heroine is Jessamine Wright, a book lover, bookshop owner and suffragette. All of these things endeared Jess to me, and I suspect we would have gotten along quite well if she lived outside the pages of this book. I would have totally been a suffragette if I was around back then - what woman wants to be chattel? Hmpf.

Jess (an only child) has inherited the indebted bookshop, Wright and Sons, from her father. She is working to keep the shop afloat (in arrears due to her father's gambling), while also trying to raise money for the Women's Union. The desperation she is feeling leads her to accept a hasty endeavor... march up and kiss the

dour Lord Grim for 100 pounds. Jess accepts the ill-fated venture... but finds her actions have unintended consequences. Such as the bank foreclosing as a result of her scandalous behavior!

Our hero, Lucius Crawford, Viscount Grimsby has been dubbed Lord Grim due to his severe countenance. He is taken aback by this brazen woman who made a beeline toward him and took liberties with his mouth. But it turns out that kiss was just what Lucius need to shake his foundations and do something for himself for once. I quite liked the broody and meticulous Grimsby... his touch of OCD made him a more interesting character. The need to impose order where there was chaos came from the stress Lucius was enduring at his crumbling estate, and dealing with a father thought to be mad (but whom was really suffering from dementia or Alzheimers).

I thought Lucius and Jess were a good match and I enjoyed meandering through their romance. This story had some great secondary characters, and I hope they get their own books in the future (especially Wellesby and Alice).

I received an advanced copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. 4 stars / 2 flames.

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### **Stephanie says**

ONE SCANDALOUS KISS: Missing Motives

<http://fangswandsandfairydust.com/201...>

My experience reading this novel was akin to watching a movie that was not objectionable, but not terribly interesting or exciting either. The relationship between Lucius and Jessamine hinges on one magical kiss and its ripple effect on the lives of several people. The main characters all seem intelligent and interesting but the premise that some "...scheming marquess's daughter offers her [Jessamin] one hundred pounds to publicly kiss a nobleman," is even more ridiculous than the character, Jessamin, thinks it is. This character, Kitty is one of two Puck-like characters; male and female antagonists. And, it is so easy for Kitty to sway Jessamin from acceptable behavior with the offer of money. Is the author attempting to make us think of the thousands of ways people whore themselves every day?

In a way, I guess, the novel's characters are anticipating the massive changes in-store for the British aristocracy.

And, the characters' relationships to each other aren't really well developed. For example, Lucius has a friend who is tolerated, but who seems both wise and puckish. I did not understand his relationship to the characters at all. And the characters each seem to be the victim of some sort of trauma turning them all into somewhat broken people.

The motives of the individuals who push each event in the story forward are hard to understand. And the ending of the story comes about as if in a dream.

I was just not enticed by the story or the characters. I had to force myself through it. But it does cover an interesting time and has an interesting start and it does cover the movement for women's suffrage so I have to give it some points for women's rights!

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### **Lesia Chambliss says**

This book may be the perfect romance. This is not a fast paced romance, they don't fall in love at first sight, theirs is a romance that grows. This is a beautiful story about the heir to an Earldom, the grim Viscount, and a bookshop owners daughter. What began with a wager to kiss "Viscount Grim" takes a totally unexpected turn. There are many wonderful secondary characters who play an important role in this story who I hope to see in future. I was drawn in to this story, by the main characters and their journey, it is almost magical, Cinderella like or maybe Snow White. Jessamin's character is a quiet, but determined strength. Lucius, Viscount Grimsby seems a broody, grim, quiet man, who few really know and he likes it that way. I found it very difficult to put this book down, it is well written, with depth and substance that captivated me, and kept me reading. For this one of a kind romance I gave it a well deserved 5-stars, and I truly hope you'll read it too. I highly recommend it!

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### **Jessica Grogan says**

Started out great and then just got so incredibly boring. I skipped entire pages near the end and didn't miss anything. The book went from things happening to nothing but inner dialogue. I'm in no hurry to read the next book, if I do at all.

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### **Mary - Buried Under Romance says**

4/4.5 stars

Very nice read! It is so relieving to the mind to read a book with sensible characters, and also one in which neither character is stubborn as a mule or afraid to admit to their feelings. Plot-wise the story is tightly knit, and overall this is a very well-written book, but somehow lacks the vitality of a 5-star keeper (not to undermine this book at all).

Review to come.

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### **Katie Michaels says**

I really struggled to make it through this book. I love the idea of a noble hero who tries to avoid passion and keep a cool control, getting totally thrown for a loop by a headstrong heroine. The story's premise drew me in. But it moved very slowly, and frankly, I found it just plain boring. The characters are largely superficial. There is too much narrative to wade through between snatches of dialogue. There's just no emotion. I didn't care.

As the story begins, the heroine, Jessamin, is struggling to keep her father's bookstore afloat. When she inherited it after his death, it was already in terrible shape financially. A lady's offer to pay her 100 pounds to seek revenge on a dour lord is a proposition she can't resist. All she has to do is lay a kiss on Lucian, Lord

Grimsby, in public. It actually ends up being quite pleasant. But the scandal causes Jessamin more trouble than she bargained for and she ends up losing her bookstore anyway and taking a job as a companion to Lucian's aunt.

Lucian has plans to marry an American girl with a healthy dowry to help him rebuild his crumbling family home. But once Jessamin enters his life, he can think of no other woman but her. The two of them dance around their attraction for a little while, but it's only a matter of time before they admit their true feelings.

So much of the story felt contrived. Like the very plot that threw Lucian and Jess together. He didn't even remember the encounter that sparked the revenge plot. And as we got to know the woman who orchestrated it, it didn't even make sense. I kept waiting for there to be more to her hurt feelings, but there wasn't. Then, there is the plot itself. How much could a kiss really harm a man's reputation anyway? Maybe that would cause concern for a woman, but for a man? No.

Why did Lucian's aunt take Jess under her wing? I kept waiting for some matchmaking, but that kind of fizzled. Lucian's father, who was supposed to be a big roadblock, fizzled. The American girl and her father fizzled. And then, when everything should be settled, Jess does something totally stupid. That was the closest thing to feels this story gave me: irritation.

Everything about this book is lackluster... from the plot, to the pacing, the characterization to the romance and the sex. Just, meh at best. I wish I had better news. This was my first read from Christy Carlyle and I don't see myself reading from her again.

Rating: C-/D+

*\*ARC provided by Avon*

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### **Megan says**

Not my kind of book. It was kinda boring. It was sweet in a way though.

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