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A Christmas NOVELLA If you love Downton Abbey and Jane Austen you'll love The Five Kisses! Can the daughter of a professor with a very small estate interest the heir to an Earl in not just love but marriage? When 13 year old Chad stands up to a bully and rescues a kitten, Gillian saves him from a beating. A thank you kiss surprises them both. If she was older than 9, she might have fallen in love with him right there. But then..." The journey from friendship to love in this traditional Regency will warm the heart of any reader.

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From Reader Review The Five Kisses for online ebook

Nola Arganbright says

Lovely Regency love story

Well written and very smooth reading. A sweet story based on a loving friendship and five kisses that mark their path.

writer... says

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Why would a decent young man turn into a boo

Melissa Levine says

The story was alright, nothing new here.

I couldn't help but notice some of the author's choices in word. Sadly, I'm not that smart so I had to keep stopping to look up different words. It's strange because I've read plenty of historical romance type stories and there were of stops in this short story for me. Ex: evincing, pantomiming, , hoydenish, 'bammimg', dishabille, abigail.

Several phrases that I was lost on:

1. 'touch of bronze'
2. 'topping good'
3. 'he struck a Lucifer'
4. "I can bloody well see that. Wizard!" What's the 'wizard' for?
5. "Fustian!"
6. "Give over, do."

Why is Gillian's father referred to as 'Ethan'? Not a

'Mr....'?

I didn't get Gillian and Chad's relationship. It stops by for a few minutes to kiss her then leaves and doesn't come back for years?

I didn't like the ending, it didn't really feel complete. Like the author had to hurry up and finish or something.

Elena says

Just OK

As most of the reviewers say, the last chapter seems rushed, and inconsistent with the whole book. The events happening in the last chapter ruin the whole story.

Meredith says

I really have enjoyed this book. I want to read more of this author's writing.

Jess Swann says

Un petit e book fort sympathique... Rien de renversant, l'histoire est assez convenue (une amitié d'enfance devient une histoire d'amour) mais c'est raconté avec originalité (certains diront, fainéantise). On suit donc Chad et Gillian depuis leur rencontre jusqu'à la concrétisation en cinq baisers... Le premier baiser lorsqu'elle a 8/9 ans, le dernier lorsqu'elle en a 21. Entre les deux, on ne sait pas grand chose de ce qu'ils pensent, ce qu'ils ressentent... On apprend les aventures de Chad uniquement par ses confidences à Gillian et on découvre les sentiments de cette dernière uniquement à ce moment. J'ai eu un peu l'impression de lire une "romance en accéléré" . Ils se rencontrent, deviennent amis, puis il part, premier retour après une éllipse de cinq ans troisième baiser, puis encore trois ans d'éllipse et les deux autres baisers. On ne sait rien d'autre sur leur vie que ce qui est dit lors de ces épisodes ... Donc on apprend qu'il se fiance, puis rompt (je ne dis pas pourquoi) on la découvre jeune femme alors qu'elle réalise ses sentiments pour lui. De l'entourage de Chad on ne sait rien ou presque, en revanche on rencontre la famille de Gillian, orpheline de mère, et ses amis. Le tout peut avoir un gout d'inachevé mais en définitive sur le principe d'une romance historique courte, j'ai trouvé que c'était bien fait même si il n'y a pas de grosses surprises sur le scénario. Pour un e-book gratuit sur amazon, c'est plutôt une bonne surprise et je pense même que je lirais les autres romances de cette auteure si j'en ai l'occasion.

Ce que j'ai aimé : L'idée très originale de raconter une romance qui s'étale sur plusieurs années en cinq baisers. La présence de chats dans l'histoire (non mais sérieusement ils sont importants), les descriptions de Chad assez bien faites et plutôt attrayantes

Ce que j'ai moins aimé : Le revers de la médaille c'est que du coup, on ne va jamais profondément dans les sentiments des personnages, ni dans leur psychologie. On est principalement dans l'instant T et comme j'aime bien me prendre la tête ça m'a dérangée. Les événements sont prévisibles (les codes de la romance sont respectés à mort ^^)

En bref : Une belle histoire, originale qui se déguste comme un bonbon et s'oublie rapidement... C'est bien fait, mais de là à dire que c'est un croisement entre Downton Abbey et Jane Austen comme l'éditeur le promet.... A lire pour passer un bon moment, idéal dans les transports en commun

Ma note : 6,5/10

Brenda Sparks says

I cannot say enough about The Five Kisses. Karla Darcy transported me to England with the opening sentence. This is a sweet regency romance that follows the life up Gillian and Chad from childhood to adulthood. For a short story, the author did an amazing job of drawing me into the characters lives. Each was well developed and their stories told to completion. I fell in love with all of them, especially Gillian's father, who made me long to be Gillian. If you want a sweet, lovely read, don't miss The Five Kisses. It will not disappoint.

Jen says

Yay, a clean Regency with not-in-your-face references to God! This was a short Kindle freebie. I also got the first full book in this series by this author, as I have high hopes it will also be well written, clean and with religious tones.

The only thing keeping this from being a five star and not a four star review is that I REALLY don't like the double standard of, the man is thwarted in love, so he boozes it up and becomes a womanizer, but she is still as pure as driven snow when he realizes the error of his ways. Really? Is that necessary? Granted, his poor decisions happen "off-screen" as it were and I know this is a fantasy, but if he had done that in real life, he would have brought at least one disease home to his loving, faithful, pure woman when he was finally ready to marry her. Other than that issue, it was a cute story and I am looking forward to reading her next book.

Carla Soares says

It might have been a fine story, if it wasn't so short. The writing is pleasant, the time is well portrayed, the characters are promising (quite a lot, even the secondary ones) an the love story could have been really nice, because they are childhood friends... The way it's done, It seem to me that every development was quite abrupt... I sure wish the author would turn this into a real story... with a less disappointing ending.

full review (também em português) in

<http://monsterblues-cms.blogspot.pt/2013/01/the-five-kisses-by-karla-darcy.html>

Kristen says

I really enjoyed 95% of the book. Everything was so good, then the author had to go and ruin it in the last few pages.

Gillian and Chad have been friends since kids. It tells about the 5 different kisses they share. Very sweet. UNTIL the last one, where Chad has gone off to war and then after Gillian has heard rumors that he is a womanizer and a gambler, etc. Gillian chooses not to listen to the rumors, and then Chad comes home for another kiss at Christmas and after giving her a very passionate kiss she pushes him away a little and he says,

"I did not mean to fighten or offend you. My experience has been with women of a different bred. You are an innocent and will need time to adjust to my loving you."

And Gillian is supposed to turn a blind eye to his wandering one, and hands, and whatver and they get married and live happily ever after. WHATEVER! Ms. Darcy didn't need to put that in there, she ruined the whole novella. It would have been a 5 stars from me. Oh well.

Moral Note: Very brief talk of Chad's rakish ways. Otherwise clean.

Rose says

[A story about two kids who being their friendship, turned love story, from saving a mangy cat from a bully to saving each other in the end.

Quotes/parts of the story I liked:

Loc.291-291 *All at once he recognized the truth of his words:Gillian was becoming a beautiful young lady.*

Every Christmas...one of Gillian's family traditions is to kiss under the "kissing bough" after one person gives the other an apple. One Christmas, Chad gives Gillian a special gift...

Loc.421-422 *Suspende*

Ren says

This was an okay weekend read. I liked how it was clean but not cheesy. However, I wasn't crazy about the last two "chapters" where all of a sudden he's this intense, almost date rapist-like individual who all of sudden plans this surprise wedding for her the next day. You don't just almost force a girl one night, and then get up and leave with this perfectly eloquent explanation, warning her that "you'll be back," and then expect her to respect you the next day when you storm her house with a bunch of picnic baskets and a more chipper attitude. For real, I seriously thought he was going to tie her up and lock her in her house in that last part like those stalker men on Criminal Minds, but instead, he proposes, and everyone is happy. This is not normal! But... Good for them, I guess.

Gabs {My Full Bookshelf Reviews} says

Actually, I don't love Jane Austen or Downton Abbey. It's not that I don't like them, I just haven't read or seen them yet. I will someday, of course, it just hasn't happened yet. What I did love was that cover, so I got this book for free on Amazon. (Go freebies!)

This book was all right. It didn't exactly draw me in, but I didn't want to throw it across the floor, that's for sure. So, it's earned three stars.

I've never read many regency romances before. After reading this book, I think that I may try a few more. I really liked reading about this era; it's always been one of my favorites.

The romance was sweet, and it was fairly clean. It wasn't the best I've ever read, but it was by no means the worst.

But the ending was seriously rushed. He comes home and he's all like, I'm going to marry you, and she's like, sure. I didn't find this to be very realistic at all. It seemed a bit like the author just wanted to be done with the story, so she ended it.

So, all together, it was an okay book. It kept my interest, but that was more because it was during a time period that I like reading about then anything else.

This review can be found on: <http://myfullbookshelfreviews.blogspot.com/2012/07/the-five-kisses.html>

Isabelle says

Lacked excitement, no umph to the story

Pamela says

A sweet novel about a young girl Gillian, that meets a boy in a hilarious way, climbed on a roof, while she was trying to save a cat's life, by two boys whom were playing with a cat in a harmful way, one of them Chad. Gillian caught the boys, specifically Lester, the one who was more violent toward the cat; at that moment Gillian started to attack Lester with apples so he could stop the harm toward the little cat. Chad did not want to hurt the cat, so suddenly Lester receives the apple he got angry and knocked Chad's eyes.

After Gillian the girl, saves the cat from Lester, and helps Chad inviting him to her house to cure him; suddenly they get a thankful kiss without they even realizing it, and start a friendship that will last from long time till adulthood.

Both Gillian and Chad's life goes through time in five stages and five kisses. While they become teenagers they get their first kiss and so one during they get five kisses. The first kiss stars the journey of both lives.
