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**Unmasked by smoldering desire, a rigidly disciplined madame gives in to the ultimate temptation in Lavinia Kent's seductive new eBook original novella.**

As the proprietress of London's most discreet house of pleasure, Madame Rouge—Ruby to her clientele—prefers to keep her own company. The first rule in her establishment? She never, ever personally entertains the customers. However, the tall, dark, and provocatively tattooed American sailor who shows up on her doorstep makes Ruby wonder whether some rules were made to be broken. If she indulges, even just once, Ruby's loyal patrons might get the wrong idea. If she doesn't, she may never stop fantasizing about where that tattoo leads. . . .

No complications: That's all Derek Price, captain of the *Dawn's Light*, asks of his consorts on shore, and he's willing to pay handsomely for the favor. But of all the women at Madame Rouge's, the one he wants is the only one he can't have, for any sum. Derek is not a man with an abundance of patience. However, for a night with Madame Rouge, Ruby, whoever she is, he's willing to make those lush curves and sapphire eyes come to him.

***Revealing Ruby* is an erotic romance intended for mature audiences. Don't miss a preview of the next novel in the Bound and Determined series, *Bound by Bliss*.**

**Praise for Lavinia Kent's *Mastering the Marquess***

“Steamy . . . Kent’s lively prose keeps the reader drawn in from start to finish.”—***Library Journal* (starred review)**

“Sexy, steamy, and completely erotic . . . an entertaining read.”—***Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews***

“[A] tale of sexual exploration and liberation . . . the hottest historical romance story I’ve ever read.”—***Heroes and Heartbreakers***

## Revealing Ruby Details

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## From Reader Review Revealing Ruby for online ebook

### Sandy N says

What can I say ? another keeper from Lavinia Kent. A very sexy, hot read.

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### Sheila Melo says

"Intimacy was dangerous. it made one wish for things that could not be."

**THE STORY:** Ruby aka Madam Rouge is the madame of a brothel. She is called upon to deal with a dissatisfied customer. Captain Derek Price was a man with an intriguing dragon tattoo who attracted Ruby when she watched him with one of her house girls the night before. She spent more time than required checking on him. Derek is on his way to a marriage that will help his family but that he doesn't want. When he sees Ruby he wants her, but she insists that she doesn't take lovers from her brothel's clients. The intense attraction between Ruby and Derek is not something either really wants to walk away from.

**OPINION:** This is a hot little story. These are two people who do not want any intimacy from their relationship and yet cannot help but find kindred souls in one another. The story is intriguing in that the author is able to provide much insight about the characters while the focus of this novella is on the sexual relationship between the characters. In the same way that the relationship between Ruby and Derek is really more than sex even while they deny it, this book is more than the sexual acts that are depicted therein. I was glad that this novella did not end with a quick pat happily ever after because both Ruby and Derek have deep complications in their lives, but I will be seriously annoyed if there is not a resolution to their story in a future book.

**WORTH MENTIONING:** Readers should note that this novella ends on a cliffhanger and the relationship between Ruby and Derek is not resolved by the end of the novella. Although there is no explicit indication that there will be future installments of their story, I hope these two will end up with a happy ending.

**FINAL DECISION:** I was very intrigued by this novella. I found Ruby and Derek to be interesting characters and I was intrigued by the beginning of their story. I would give this a lower rating if I didn't believe that there is more to come of their story.

**CONNECTED BOOKS:** REVEALING RUBY is a novella in the Bound and Determined series. This novella can be read independent of the first book.

**STAR RATING:** I give this book 4 stars.

**NOTE:** I received an ARC of this book from NetGalley in order to provide an honest review the book. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions expressed are my own.

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### JG says

Very well written historical erotica, again Lavinia Kent has managed to make these sensual encounters between two characters as much about their feelings as well as the physicality of their experiences. This actually runs parallel to Mastering the Marquis and has an open ending. Hopefully it continues on to the next book.

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### **Gigi says**

#### **Incredibly sexy**

‘Revealing Ruby,’ is an incredibly sexy and passionate look into who is Ruby... The choices and circumstances that have shaped whom she has become. It was a surprising and very intimate glimpse.

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### **Diane K. Peterson says**

A nice, sensual introduction to the story of Ruby, the whorehouse madam and her unexpected attraction to a visiting sea captain. Very sexy, but not necessarily erotic.

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### **Jennifer says**

Hot little story about Madame Rouge from Mastering The Marquess. I enjoyed the way that the author balanced the emotional and physical aspects of Ruby and Derek's relationship. But, damn that cliffhanger ending!! I hope there will be more soon.

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### **Angie Elle says**

*Thank you to LOVESWEPT and Netgalley for providing a review copy in exchange for an honest review.*

I was intrigued by Ruby from the moment we were introduced to her character in **Mastering the Marquess**, but I never expected we would get her story! It was obvious from the care and compassion she showed Olivia that there was more to Madame Rouge than met the eye.

**Revealing Ruby** wasn't overflowing with plot, but it did give us a good grasp of the main characters. Ruby is a shrewd business woman; she knows exactly what needs to be done to make her business thrive and keep her girls safe. But when it comes to herself, she isn't quite as savvy. I don't want to say too much because I don't want to give anything away, but I will say that really enjoyed the way Ruby's past was written into the story. I liked Derek's character, as well. He wasn't as complicated as Ruby, but he did have his own issues that he needed to work out. It's clear that he has some tough decisions ahead of him.

Smokin' hot. That's how the sex was in this one...smokin' hot! Ruby and Derek could not get enough of each other, and I couldn't get enough of them! I have to say, I really appreciate the way the author bucked the trend in this one. It seems that in most books I read where BDSM is involved, the main character realizes they are a Dominant or submissive, and then boom! So is every single person they've ever known. That's not so in this series, and I think having the Madame be the one who isn't into it made it more interesting.

If you're looking for a quick, hot story where things are wrapped up at the end, you're going to be disappointed here. Ruby and Derek have way too much going on in their lives for things to be resolved in a single novella. Not only do they have things to work out with each other (hopefully!), but they also have their own things they need to come to terms with. I just hope they aren't a side story in another book in this series. I'd like to see them get their own novel, or at the very least, another novella where the focus is solely on them. If you enjoyed the first book in the series, I think you'll enjoy this one.

*This review was originally posted at Badass Book Reviews.*

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

*Revealing Ruby* is a novella so it's a very fast, not too complicated read. I love to read historical romances, but I've never read one with this kind of plot line before, so I was very interested to see what it would be like. It's a good story and I enjoyed reading it.

This book is an erotic romance, but it's not all just about sex. It is a very big part, but the whole book is tastefully written. Ruby is a madame, but her brothel isn't a dirty, depraved place. She cares about the women who work for her, she protects them, and even when Ruby and Derek do stop resisting each other, it's not completely meaningless sex to them. They have a connection not just physically, but emotionally as well.

*Revealing Ruby* had tender, sweet moments, moments that made my heart ache, and extremely HOT, sexy moments. I loved the sweet and tender moments the best, they melted my heart and made me smile. It's very well written and I really liked reading it!

*Revealing Ruby* is part of the *Bound and Determined* series, but this is a new couple and it's told from both Derek and Ruby's POV. The ending leaves you hanging because it doesn't necessarily end with a HEA. I don't know if this couple is going to have another book where they will get their happy ending or if this is one of those deals where the reader decides the final outcome. I hope the author does write another book for them because even if it is up to the reader to decide and I can say the HEA does happen, that doesn't satisfy me because I don't know for sure that it ends that way. That's just me though, so don't take my words to heart because it might be different for you and despite all of it, I truly don't regret reading this book. ~ Paige, 4 stars

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### **Mandy says**

This is a very hot little novella about Madame Rouge and a sailor that comes to her brothel. This is a very steamy historical novella and I really enjoyed it. I did read the first book in this series and enjoyed it but I think this novella could be read as a standalone if you are looking for a short, erotic, historical story. The downside is that it doesn't have a resolved ending and ends in a cliffhanger, which I was not expecting. I

hope that we'll get more of this story in the next book in this series.

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### **Lee says**

I am so intrigued by Ruby and was so glad to see this novella on my kindle. Just as I thought, there is much depth to Ruby, or Madame Rouge as her clients know her. She maintains honesty and integrity in her business and is known for her discretion and confidentiality. Straight off I felt I was in her shoes, living a life that she did not plan but has resigned herself to, living it with grace and dignity in a world that looks down on her profession while secretly needing her existence. I found Ruby to be wise beyond her years and I longed for her to find her own happiness. When a sailor walks into her establishment looking for help for one of his crew, she is instantly drawn to him as he is to her. Their chemistry is powerful and palpable and when she finally decides to take a chance and give in to her desires, she is given a glimpse of what could have been. Their night is sensuous and intimate, both affected by each other, but realising their lives are on different paths.

Derek wasn't looking for a relationship, he likes to indulge in pleasures of the flesh and he initially sees Ruby as a beautiful way to scratch an itch. What he didn't count on is the emotional connection they have. His life is already mapped out, however, and Ruby is not a part of the family obligations he feels he must abide by. Derek was a very intriguing character I he still has so much to tell us and, that tattoo well, the pictures you will conjure in your mind after reading about it will be hot. Derek was a force to be reckoned with in the bedroom, commandeering in the bedroom, open and forthright about what he likes and how he likes it, while also being giving and in tune to what Ruby needs. Ruby compliments him beautifully and this really puts his heart in a bind. What will their future hold, if there is a future for them at all? I am intrigued.

Overall, I really enjoyed the next in this series and eagerly await the next installment. Revealing Ruby does leave us hanging, and when I finished the last paragraph I immediately looked on Goodreads to see if there will be another book for Ruby. I am overjoyed to see that there will be a conclusion to her story after the next book in the series. She still has so much to share with us and I hope she gets her happy ending.

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### **ies says**

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Madame Rouge, tempat prostitusi elit di London dgn mucikarinya bernama Ruby, gak ada yg tau siapa si mbak, yg pasti die cantik, sensual dan ramah.. gampang banget diajak ngobrol dst. Nah si

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## **Kristine says**

Original review can be found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2015/01/revealing-ruby.html>...

3.5 stars

I received an ARC from Loveswept via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! The expected publication date is January 20, 2015.

This is book 1.5 in the Bound and Determined series but reads as a stand alone novella. At only 98 pages my only expectation was to get lost for a short time in a quick story. This book did just that. My thoughts will be brief on this title because there is only so much you can say without telling the whole story in a novella.

Basically this story is about Madame Rouge (Ruby) and Derek Price a client she encounters at her establishment. Ruby has strict rules about fraternising with her clients but finds herself instantly attracted to Derek and his dragon tattoo. When he comes to her with a problem regarding her establishment, sparks fly and the chemistry is beyond description. The only things I can say to describe it is hot, hot, hot! There is not much of a plot to speak of but more a story of character development. Through their conversations (when not busy with other things) you get a sneak peek at their lives while still being somewhat kept in the dark. It left me wanting to know more about them. It ends with a cliffhanger and leaves you anxious for the next instalment.

Overall I enjoyed this brief story and I am anxious for the next instalment to learn more about these two characters and where their story will go. I have a feeling that it will be even better than this sneak peek at them!

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## **Erica Chilson says**

I received a free copy of this book to read & review for Wicked Reads.

3 stars.

Revealing Ruby is a lusty novella, with everything centering around the physical, with a thread of suspenseful mystery lying deep beneath the seduction.

Heavy on the description of the characters' attributes, the clothing, & their surroundings, but very light on the content of their character. Monologue & dialogue are essentially about wanting & how to get.

Physical chemistry & smoldering scenes ended with a cliffhanger, when the next book is a different set of narrators.

Recommended: Historical fans who aren't too picky about the details of the era. Erotica fans who enjoy sexy scenes with a very small slice of story.

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### **Ellen Klock says**

Revealing Ruby by Lavinia Kent is a short Regency novella exploring the character of Madame Rouge (Ruby) and her relationship with Captain Derek Price. It's book 1.5 of the Bound and Determined series, following the first novel, Mastering the Marquess, where the character of Ruby is first introduced. This is just a snip of a story. The premise is that Ruby of Madam Rouge's House for Gentlemen of Taste (the best and most discreet house in London) has rules and number one is that she never patronizes her customers, no matter how many times they ask. Then in walks Captain Price, complaining that he has been gypped by one of her girls who was supposed to show up that morning to service his injured shipmate. Rudy patiently informs the Captain that he is mistaken, the services she offers to her customers only take place on the premises. He returns that evening for his refund and decides to rent out the lush room which previously belonged to the original owner, a duke's mistress. Underlying this transaction is an overwhelming sexual magnetism drawing the two main characters together. Ruby decides to give in to temptation and silently slips in to join Derek as he takes a shower bath. She arrives, not as the Madame, but as the woman beneath the costume. A woman who appears for only a short period of time each night before she retires. Together they express their passion with a marathon love making session which is described in graphic detail. In addition to the erotica, is a sharing of past events which provides a glimpse into their lives. Their disparate backgrounds leads to the question, "What comes next?" Can they continue to act upon their mutual attraction or does their current situations preclude any further contact? That's why this is only half a story, a teaser, promising a return of these characters in future books of this series.

There's not much plot, although there is a lot of erogenous lovemaking. Despite the author's intent to explore and develop the characters, I wanted a little more than she was willing to reveal. I guess I'm not the type of person who is happy with a one night stand, even if it consists of hot and torrid sex. Three stars.

I'd like to thank Loveswept and Netgalley for allowing me to download a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Ruthie Taylor says**

"I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads"

I really enjoyed the writing and the story in book 1, so was sure that this would be good - and it certainly is.

Ruby was central to the plot in Mastering the Marquess and here we get a snippet of her true self, or is that selves. It is definitely hot, but also poignant and amusing. Captain Price, (oh what I would give for a picture of his tattoo) I am hoping we will meet again in future installments. Once again, good writing and interesting plot lines that had this reader up till late and wanting to know what happens next.

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