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Although swept off her feet by the mysteriously handsome rake, Eloise has more pressing matters to address. Her rebellious young client has escaped into the night with a local rogue and is nowhere to be found. Stepping in to assist, Lord Drake must try to resist his desire to indulge the longing passion he feels for Eloise. But once a scoundrel, always a scoundrel . . . or has the untamable Lord Drake at last been tamed?

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Karen says

Oh my, what a guy!

Rachel Rogers says

Another enjoyable, quick read. I like the family and am going to keep looking for more of this series.

L says

I wasn't sure if I was going to like this one, but it hooked me right from the beginning. I enjoyed Drake and the Bocastle family and have decided to look into reading the others in the series (this was my first Bocastle book). I enjoyed the way it was written but I didn't give it a five star because I felt that the steamy scenes happened a little too quick and a little too easily... in particular the first one - he basically breaks into her house, and sneaks in and watches her bathe - they haven't even got to any understandings yet and he's there kissing her in some very intimate ways! Too soon.

But it was a really good read and I enjoyed the parts from his point of view, watching him realize he was falling in love... that was really well written! And they talked! No stupid misunderstandings that could have been cleared up with a conversation! Instead when something came up they confronted each other and it and voila - resolution! Love that!

Laura V. says

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Drake Bocastle ha llevado una vida de comportamientos censurables a los ojos de la sociedad. Con un carácter temperamental y tendencia a aburrirse fácilmente se ha pasado la vida siendo el favorito de las cortesanas, mimado y consentido en burdeles. Pero como suele suceder, llega un momento en la vida en que se hastía uno de las tonterías de la juventud y los juegos se vuelven repetitivos en esto de robar besos y conquistar corazones. Drake está totalmente amargado con su existencia y no encuentra absolutamente nada que lo anime, ni siquiera la perspectiva de tener a la cortesana más deseada y exclusiva de Londres. No por nada esa misma noche conoce a la dama de compañía de la muchacha más despelotada entre todas las muchachas.

Eloise intenta llevar una vida recta, impoluta y su máxima aspiración es llegar a convertirse en una de las institutrices de la selecta academia de Emma Bocastle. Pero qué te digo, Eloise tiene un alma salvaje en su interior y el pasado la persigue y Drake como quien no quiere la cosa huele a millas un alma corrupta y no es coincidencia que haga de conseguir a esta mujer su mayor objetivo en la vida.

En libros anteriores sabíamos que "Los Menores", trío conformado por Drake, Devon y Chloe eran los muchachitos más salvajes del clan Boscastle, vivían escandalizando a la sociedad, jugando con los límites. Entre Drake y Devon la camadería era tal que aparte de ser los mejores amigos eran los compañeros en aventuras, siempre en busca de la siguiente cosa que animara el fuego. Por eso es un tanto extraño ver a un Drake tan hastiado de esa vida y tan dispuesto a tirar todo la por la borda con una señorita que no tiene gran cosa de memorable.

Como resulta extraño y a veces la evolución de los personajes me dejaba confusa, sé que es una historia no recordaré mañana. Que voy a intentar hacer memoria y el nombre de Eloise no me saldrá, qué buscaré alguna característica de su personalidad para caracterizarla y ni siquiera puedo pensar en estricta porque no lo era, salvaje tampoco porque tenía cierta moral, me es difícil enfocarla en estos momentos.

No puedo negar que sí serán una pareja adecuada el uno al otro porque la veta indomable de Eloise encuentra en Drake su máxima expresión y porqué Drake nunca podría aburrirse de la inexperta inocencia de Eloise, que sin fingimientos busca descubrirlo todo. Pero qué se yo, podría haber sido mejor.

Grayson y Jane son amor puro, y con un niño de por medio ni les cuento.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

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The life of a companion isn't usually this exciting or fraught with peril and intrigue but Ms. Hunter has written a heroine as fascinating and unusual as a woman can be. It was a great reading experience and I enjoyed every minute of it.

Eloise is all about duty, responsibility and plans. She's focused, dedicated and suffers the indignity of caring for a spoiled rotten young lady who causes more problems than one woman should. All the heroine has to do is keep an eye on her until the wedding and then she's free to pursue her goal of joining a lady's academy. It's almost a done deal, except for two things -- a chance meeting that causes a sensual explosion of her well organized world, and her charge disappearing with the most unsavory character sets in motion a romance that shouldn't have had a chance.

I liked Eloise because for all of her innocence, she's no dummy. She observed the people that she came in contact with and learned the signals that told her to beware and avoid. However, nothing prepared her for Lord Drake Boscastle. I don't think any woman could ever understand what it's like to meet a man such as he. The hero is cynical, jaded, bored with life and too good looking for his own peace of mind. He's at the point in his life where he knows he's missing something and tries to take on a challenge that would jump start his interest in life. Instead he accidentally dallies with an intriguing young miss and his world is never the same. Readers will get a kick out of how easily and completely he falls under the heroine's spell.

Eloise has secrets that are pretty darned funny but the most amazing thing is what the author decided to do

with that secret. The saying, “What goes around, comes around” has never been truer. As the story unfolded, a certain possibility reared its head and I couldn’t shake the feeling that I knew something about someone in the book. Imagine my delighted surprise to realize it was true and once again, Ms. Hunter used a unique development to good effect in furthering the plot. It was funny, bittersweet and for the hero, quite the shock.

The whole conversational scene between Drake and Devon, his brother, was fun and 100% entertaining. I liked Devon, he’s got style and I hope to see more of him. The best illustration of their relationship is this bit of repartee,

Drake shook his head in exasperation. “What do you think, Devon?”

“I think you’re a damn moody swine.”

“I never claimed to be a bloody ray of sunshine.”

I loved that! What came next gave me the giggles. And after that was excitement. Then after that was a most intriguing hook that kept me glued to the pages. This book had it all.

The conflict threads are basically: staying one step ahead of the gossipmongers, keep Thalia pure and present for the wedding, have Eloise keep her own reputation intact, solve the mystery as to how to get rid of a certain burr and nuisance and the big one, how to be the perfect mistress when the hero is too dense to realize he’s really looking for something else. The interesting thing about the above mentioned list is how it changed throughout the book. Much like real life, goals and wants change with the experiences of life and new possibilities open up and take people on new adventures. That certainly happens in this story.

Secondary characters make the book fascinating. They spice up the lives of the hero and heroine with humor, steadfast support when things get really dramatic, and they help showcase just how wonderful Eloise and Drake really are for each other. The dialogue was entertaining and peppered with quips and side comments that amuse and inform. The villain was a worm and deserved what he got. Oh, and Thalia’s brother is a moron.

The Wicked Games of a Gentleman is an entertaining and engaging tale that prompts a reader to grin, gasp and keep glued to its pages. The book is filled with excitement, has a spicy and delicious romance and a hero and heroine that I enjoyed getting to know. It was a lot of fun and the characters were written well enough that I am inspired to find more stories on the Boscastle brothers. Thank you, Ms. Hunter for introducing readers to such interesting and challenging men to redeem.

Stephanie Burkhart says

Hunter plunges the reader into the Regency period of England in this deliciously sinful romance, “The Wicked Games of a Gentleman.” This novel is a continuation of her Boscastle series. Drake Boscastle is a scoundrel who has everything – money, good looks, and charm. However, he believes he’s incapable of love until he meets a woman who challenges him in ways he never thought possible. Hunter’s pacing never lets up. “The Wicked Games of a Gentleman” is a gem of a romance that’s hard to put down.

The novel starts with Drake planning to meet famed courtesan, Maribella St. Ives. Before he does, he attends

a party and immediately becomes involved in a scandal when he's unwittingly drawn into a duel against his cousin, Gabriel. As Drake stalls for time, he meets Eloise Goodwin, a ladies' companion who has temporarily lost her charge, Thalia Thornton. Drake coaxes Eloise into a dance and they share a spontaneous kiss. Drake then leaves to meet Maribella, but his mind lingers on Eloise. His evening with Maribella is spoiled when Gabriel shows up with Eloise. Eloise asks Drake for his help in finding Thalia. He agrees to help, leaving Maribella.

The next morning, Eloise discovers her employer, Lord Thornton, has left, due to his gambling debts. She's got her hands full trying to manage the house, keep the creditors at bay, and finding Thalia.

Drake, to his chagrin, finds himself irrevocably drawn to Eloise. She's beautiful and clever, two traits he can't resist. To win points with Eloise, Drake finds Thalia and brings her home, ignoring Maribella. Eloise thanks him appropriately, but Drake steals not only a kiss, but intimate caresses as well – caresses which Eloise simply can't resist.

Soon Drake finds himself spending more and more time with Eloise. Maribella creates a bit of a stir when she leaves Drake, but it's Drake's family that threatens his growing romance with Eloise. After an old boyfriend comes into Eloise's life and attempts to blackmail her, she agrees to let Drake be her protector. Their physical consummation is all consuming. Drake wants to make Eloise his wife, but is apprehensive about his family will react.

Hunter writes in a third person omniscient point of view, changing perspectives with no clear line breaks or divisions. This is known as a "Lonesome Dove," perspective and most professional editors discourage it, but the romance genre is very forgiving of it. The story moves fluidly. Drake, Eloise, and the supporting cast are likable and interesting. Hunter's dialogue is crisp and sharp. Her descriptions put the reader in the moment, and her love scenes are vividly passionate. The story's ending gives the reader rich satisfaction. "The Wicked Games of a Gentleman" is one romance that can't be put aside easily.

Courtney says

This is book number four in the Boscastle series. Even though I didn't start reading them in order, I think I will go back and continue from the beginning. It was very cute with lovable characters. Eloise and Drake are a perfect match for each other. I can't wait to read about the rest of the Boscastle siblings!

Melissa says

Eloise is a great heroine, fun to read.

The scene with "bobbing for apples" was priceless.

Cheryl Tollestrup says

Reads like a romantic comedy! Enjoyed it very much! I would rate it a PG-13.

KarenF says

It took me a little while to get into this one. For some reason I just didn't connect with Drake and Eloise right away. Plus I was getting confused with all the Boscattles. I had to go back and read the summaries for past books to remember who was who. Once I got that out of the way I really enjoyed it.

Bookcrazy says

Aha.... ein vierter Teil, deswegen wurde immer auf einige verheiratete Boscattles angespielt.

Ich hab jetzt keine Lust das deutsche Cover hinzuzufügen.

"Skandal im Bett der Gouvernante" hat mir vor allem in der ersten Hälfte ziemlich gut gefallen.

Lord Drake ist ein wenig unzufrieden mit seinem Leben und setzt seine Hoffnungen in eine Liaison mit einer wunderhübschen Kurtisane. Doch immer wieder kommt ihm Eloise unter die Augen - eine Gouvernante, die ihre Schutzbefohlene bis zur Hochzeit noch betreuen muss, und alle Hände voll zu tun hat. Er fühlt sich natürlich zu ihr hingezogen....

Gut war auch, dass das erwartete Drama aufgrund der gegenseitigen Missverständnisse ausblieb und die beiden miteinander redeten, AER zum Ende hin hat es sich aber etwas gezogen und wurde mir zu schwülstig, wie "Vom heutigen Tag bis in die Ewigkeit" und sonstigem Kitsch, schade...

Sara Reads (mostly) LOTS of Romance says

2.5 ehh forgettable stars

The only reason I liked it was because the heroine was a nice gal. Otherwise it was just boring

ChloeLeeNH says

Fast paced and quick. A bit predictable but a fun read none the less.

Allen says

Lord Drake Boscawen has everything--smoldering good looks, extreme wealth, and devilish charms. Everything that is, except true happiness. Hoping to alleviate his growing discontent, he is due to meet one of the most celebrated courtesans in England for a heated rendezvous. But on the scheduled night of pleasure, Lord Drake's world is turned upside down by Eloise Goodwin, a wholesome, spirited governess with voluptuous curves and a beguiling wit. Even as an experienced seductress waits to satisfy his every need,

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Very good book. Would like to read the other 4 of the Boscastle series.

Traci Lee says

I have recently decided to go back and read the Boscastle series again. It is one of my favorite families. Each book is characterized with a strong female lead, which I adore. But out of all of these books, The Wicked Games of a Gentleman really stands out to me. I love that Drake is the black sheep of the family. The scenes are a little hotter and there is a bit more mystery to this book. The connection between Drake and Eloise really draws me in. Normally, I'm big on starting a series from the beginning. But if you just want to try out a new author, I would suggest starting with this book!
