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A dangerous technology could conquer the universe. Love could set it free.

Jane Austen Space Opera, Book 1

Charlotte, Duchess of Wyre, once held the Queen's highest confidence-and the technological secret that keeps the royal heart beating. Fearful of what atrocities that Britannia might commit with her research, Charlotte turned to the galaxy's most infamous assassin, Lord Sigmund Regret, to stage her own death.

Even without the simplest of luxuries, seven years hiding in the Americus colony is preferable to one day in the Tower of Londinium. Until a bounty hunter's bullet forces her to revive her research. Now the same nanobots that keep the Queen alive also run rampant in Lord Regret's body. Making his yearly Solstice visits increasingly...intimate...and complicating her courtship with the safe and honorable Sheriff Gilead Masters.

When the Americus colony declares independence, and her humble sheriff makes a shocking confession, Charlotte has had enough. Weary of running, tired of living without tea and silks, she fires a warning shot across Britannia's bow: cease hunting Lady Wyre, or lose the technological power the crown holds so dear.

Her next task isn't so simple. Somehow she must keep the two men she loves alive-and prevent them from killing each other. Warning: Ladies in positions of power, stylish spaceships, BDSM. A menage a trois featuring a duchess on the run, a gentlemanly assassin, and a rough-and-tumble sheriff willing to gun down anyone who gets between him and his lady.

## **Lady Doctor Wyre Details**

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## From Reader Review Lady Doctor Wyre for online ebook

### **Mara says**

Erotic, steampunkish novella.

Please, read Ilona's review <http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/....>

I'm sorry mostly about the missed potential, the idea was good but was wasted.

Enjoyable as long as you don't expect much. Above all DO NOT expect a jane austenish romance. It should be clear from different clues that the title is link bait, but better warned :)

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### **Angela says**

This was interesting and enjoyable for me. I wish it didn't end where it did or perhaps there is a book two coming??? I want to know how they all get on.

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### **Ilona says**

This was one of those books that had a good idea and the characters could have all been very interesting but wasn't.

I'm not sure what it was the whole story just seemed to lack depth. All the surface stuff seemed good; the world, the plot, the characters. But as I read I just had this feeling that it was lacking anything beyond the words on the page. I didn't feel drawn in or particularly care for the characters even though I liked the idea of them all individually, however they just seemed flat when read.

It almost feels like there was a book written that was really good and filled with all these awesome characters in this big interesting world filled with intrigue and romance and power struggles, which got turned into a miniseries written by a writer who didn't care then this book is the written version of the middle two episodes of the miniseries by someone who wrote it as they watched it.

It just felt like there was all this missing stuff and descriptions and emotions and history that I wasn't getting. Not to mention the romances which were just as flat as everything else. Hell the sex scenes felt flat and I just wanted to pause everything and have the characters explain why I should care or believe they want each other. There was zero chemistry between any of the characters.

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### **? BookAddict ✎ La Crimson Femme says**

An aristocratic lady on the run who happens to be an amazing scientist? Remind me why it has taken so long to read this book? This short story is a quick and riveting read. I sucked it down in about an hour and craved for more. Fortunately, I have the next book in this series in my hot little hands.

Lady Wyre is on the run from the Queen of Britainia. As the saying goes, absolute power corrupts absolutely. The Queen who was once saved by the brilliant Lady Wyre now wants to Lady Wyre dead. This

bit of assignation plot always gets my blood flowing with excitement. How does the prey avoid being caught?

Lady Wyre is quite wily as she piles her feminine wiles. There are two luscious men dancing to her attendance. The notorious bad boy Lord Regret is a perfect killing machine. His life line tied to Lady Wyre, he serves her willingly, even if it is tied up as she rides him hard. His counterpoint is the sweet good boy Masters. He's a delightful addition to this dangerous duo. Now these three are tantalizing threesome! How did I miss the menage in this story? If I had known, I'd have read it faster. The only draw back is the menage is a m/f/m, not a m/m/f. Ah well, I guess I can't have everything.

This cyberpunk space opera is recommended to kinky menage lovers.

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### **Dee Wy says**

A 4 1/2 star read, bumped to 5 stars. Joely Sue Burkhart has created an interesting steampunk world in outer space - very creative and fun with Londinium and Americus as the major planets in the story. Lady Doctor Wyre is in hiding, because she holds too many secrets. Some would kill her for them, others want to force her to share them to gain power.

If that wasn't enough to keep the plot moving, she has two men in her life, one who wants her to marry him and another who needs her and haunts her in a way that she cannot dismiss. Lots of action and intrigue keep all three characters in the spotlight.

Lady Wyre is a very resourceful woman, and though both her men work to keep her safe, she's not afraid to take care of herself when she needs to. Neither man knows which of them she'll choose and they try hard to hate each other, but circumstances keep bringing them together as a team.

Fun world, great characters and lots of action with a touch of light bdsm and a heroine not afraid to be dominant. Give it a try, I think you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

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### **Vivian says**

Toys, of the mechanical and male variety.

Fabulous steampunk worldbuilding by Burkhart. A sheriff, an assassin, and a scientist make for a delightful compilation in this polyamorous tale. Even though Lord Regret and Gil are hot, supernova hot--I'm intrigued and beguiled by Lady Wyre's creations.

Downside? Too short. More!

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### **Am4u ~ AprilMarie4u ~ says**

What a unique world! Really loved the mix between regency, science fiction, historical, western, & cyberpunk. How did the author put all those genres together and smash them into a smorgasbord of greatness?!?! I have no idea but it rocked!

I loved the three main characters also. There's the smart & sexy Lady Doctor Wyre who more than held her own with whatever situations came her way. Then there is the lethal & deadly assassin Lord Regret who acts like a namby-pamby when it suits his needs (which was really freaking hilarious). And lastly our big & rough Sheriff Masters with a gentle heart.

My one & only complaint is that it was much too short.

Recommended to anyone looking for a ménage romance in a unique world with fun characters.

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### **Ivelisse Roberts says**

Absolute fantastic read, historical/sci-fi with a twist! Lady Doctor Charlotte Wyre has become my new favorite heroine with the most fascinating and honorable hero's by her side, Lord Sigmund Regret and Sheriff Gilead Masters. From page one you will be enthralled and completely engrossed by Joely Sue Burkhart's world where women rule but are still able to hold on to their femininity. I really enjoyed the twist and turns, as soon as you thought you knew what was going to happen you would get hit with another shocker. Can't wait to see how this series progress. If you are fascinated by corsets, silks, futuristic technology, space and some good lovin' this is definitely the book for you. I highly recommend it.

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### **Caroline The HEA Lover says**

*(This was originally posted on **Book Lovers Inc**)*

Lady Doctor Wyre isn't like anything I've read before. I wouldn't say it's Steampunk but it's very close. It feels like a historical romance with futuristic technology. And instead of different countries, we have different planets. I first read some parts of the prequel Joely Sue Burkhart posted on her website, and I'm glad I did. The prequel really helps get a feel of the world. It also give some hints about the heroine's past and how she came to be in the situation we find her at the beginning of the book.

I love Historicals, and I could find all the things that appealed to me about this genre in this book. And so much more! In this world, women are ruling. Charlotte has a complex past, she's a Duchess on the run, or better said she is playing dead. She was the Queen's Doctor (a very intelligent inventor/scientist) and she knows too many things that could compromise the queen. If she found her it would be the end for Charlotte. She's been hiding for years on Americus, (yes the planets have names of countries we know, it does help to

imagine the history and politics between those planets). She gave up her experiments not to be discovered, she also gave up all the luxuries she was accustomed to.

What I usually hate about love triangles, is that one of the 3 always ends up hurt. Well you can imagine that this book was perfect for me. The heroine for once doesn't have to choose between the 2 men in her life.\*joy\* One helped Charlotte escape Britannia and fake her death years ago. Lord Sigmund Regret is a dangerous bounty hunter, I love how intense he is. I loved his needs and kinks. He is a wild element.

The other one, Gilead Masters is a sexy sheriff who's been Charlotte's only good friend on Americus. Only he wants more than friendship, he's been courting Charlotte for years. I can't say much without revealing some of the plot but I really adore those 3. They fit together and I really hope there's more to come. It's a fascinating world and it felt like we just brushed the surface and it promises so much more. \*nom\*

I don't do justice to Joely's writing, it's hard to describe the world she created. This book is a mix of Science-Fiction and Historical Romance. I loved that it feels like a Regency Romance, with the pretty dresses, the corsets, the silk, the rules of British society but with nanotechnology and spaceships. It felt right. It never felt 'weird', which is often my main problem with 'Sci-Fi'. Joely found a way to make it work. Well it also doesn't hurt that the smex is pretty hot. \*fan self\* Sig and Gilead are very different on so many levels, but in the end they are both perfect for Charlotte. She's a strong woman and she's not afraid of taking matters in her own hands \*waggles eyebrows\*.

As with most novellas, I only wish it was longer \*wink\*. Joely created a captivating world, with very sensual and mysterious characters (I still feel like I don't know half about them). The writing is deeply erotic and the words flow easily. The world is both complex and simplistic. My only complaint is that the ending felt a bit rushed, but it's mostly because I wanted MORE!! I can't wait for more. If you love Historical Romance, Sci-fi or Steampunk, you should give this book a try you won't be disappointed.

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I give *Lady Doctor Wyre* 4 & 1/2 Bookies.

### **Susi says**

A Jane Austen Space Opera- that's was the first thing I heard about *Lady Doctor Wyre* and I wasn't sure what to expect. I'm not a huge fan of Jane Austen inspired books because I usually like the originality of the author's own imagination more but let me assure you this novel didn't feel like one of those inspired stories.

*Lady Doctor Wyre* is set in a steampunk universe that resembles our world in a rather inventive way. It's a mix of historical and science fiction with more than just one steampunk element- very intriguing and something I haven't seen before. We visit a galaxy of planets like Britannia, Americus, Francia and so on which resemble the countries we know. Each one has its own way to live with what their resources allow. One thing all of them have in common is the reversed gender rules. In this world the women rule and take the lead in every situation- politically socially and sure in bed too. \*wink\* It was very interesting to see how Burkhart envisions such a world and I smile so often while reading about a shy men or the incredulity of a man proposing a woman.

As the title suggests the story centers around Charlotte the widely known and feared *Lady Doctor Wyre*. She's a Duchess in exile but more known for her obsession with everything technology can produce. She's an

inventor and probably the one who created the most advanced technology known to this world. Her reputation makes her seem ruthless but deep inside she is a woman who loves all things pretty and shiny. I loved to see this contrast in her character- a sharp mind that still appreciates a pretty dress or good tea. She's a really complex character and with every page we discover another facet of her personality. Charlotte is a woman I can imagine myself being friends with even more if she would invite me into her world.

Her life wasn't easy in the past and she was forced to leave the life she knew behind in a exciting coup that left her dead in the eyes of the world. This wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of the master assassin Lord Sigmund Regret who nearly lost everything while helping her. Her lives are connected now and not only by emotions.

In her seven year long exile Charlotte missed her "lost" live but in the last year she met Sheriff Gilead Masters- who captured her heart with his thoughtful courtship and admiration. These 2 were so cute together- they reminded me of a typical historical romances couple just with reversed roles. Gil is heartfelt and headstrong and he would do anything to keep our lady safe.

The story wrapped around this love-triangle was really engaging and I was fascinated by the world. I think this is the strongest factor of *Lady Doctor Wyre* - the world-building is exceptional. I loved how everything was different from what I normally read- it's a very fresh and unique approach for a romance novel.

But there were also some things that rubbed me the wrong way. The characterization of our two heroes could have been a bit more thorough. I didn't really connect to them as I would have liked to even though I really liked the idea behind them. Perhaps I would have needed more time to really warm to them. I think this is also the reason why I actually didn't care that much about the actual smex scenes or the romance aspect of the story- with the missing connection to the male lead characters I wasn't touched.

*Lady Doctor Wyre* really fascinated me. An inventive setting with an enthralling adventure plot. The mix of historical, steampunk and science fiction is masterly woven together and the detailed view you get in the novel will leave you breathless. I would have wished a bit more time and space for the romance part but I still really enjoyed this one. I say bring me more Lady Burkhart!

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### Nicole says

At its heart, *Lady Doctor Wyre* is a steampunk story. However, this is a steampunk set not in an alternate past, but an alternate future. (Sort-of.) It takes the history of our world, and transfers it to a matriarchal universe where countries are planets and all of history's famous men have become famous women. It's quite amusing to read about Madame President instead of Mister President, and how ships — space ships, naturally — are called "he". Joely's all about the details.

Even though I would class *Lady Doctor Wyre* as a steampunk, it's not your traditional steampunk. Many of the traditional elements are present, while many others are morphed into something more futuristic. This world mixes silk stockings with space ships, corsets with nanobots. The strict Society rules found in many steampunk novels are in effect, but they are entirely presided over by women, both in the political and social realms.

*Lady Doctor Wyre* is also a romance. Not in the "every other scene is sex" style, but in the sense that it is a character-driven, emotion-driven story with themes of love and loss. Now, if you are at all familiar with

Joely's writing style, you will not be surprised to hear that there is sex in the story. Pretty darn near the beginning of it, in fact. But you will also not be surprised to hear that it is all quite believable and enjoyably written. I didn't spend a moment rolling my eyes in disbelief about any part of the story — sex scene or otherwise. As with every story she has crafted that I have read, Joely blends fantasy with reality in a completely believable and utterly enjoyable fashion.

*(I received *Lady Doctor Wyre* as an e-book review copy from the author.)*

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### **Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says**

Well, well, well this was a fun ride! Lady Doctor Wyre is one of those punks. Don't ask me which one, I've no clue. Cyberpunk, steampunk, skatepunk, Daft Punk... whatever. There are references to nanobots, assemblers, the wild wild West, space travel on a catamaran \*looks around questioningly---->space travel on a sail boat?\*, datapads, corsets and pink stockings so \*shrug\* got me. You figure it out.

Lady Doctor Wyre... **WAIT** can I just say, I'm a little bit obsessed with using the full title here. She's not just a Lady or a Doctor nor is it the possibly misogynistic "lady doctor", no. She's Lady Doctor Wyre. I'll be typing this a lot because it makes me happy. Anyhoo, Lady Doctor Wyre has gotten herself into quite the pickle. Seems she's in high demand throughout the universe and Queen Majel is after her so, with the help of her trust friend Lord Regret <----yet another great name she's been hiding out on Americus for the past 7 years.

Americus the primitive, back woods, country bumpkin land \*seems someone British is still holding a grudge over the revolution\* where she's become smitten with the town Sheriff, Gil. Trouble is Lady Doctor Wyre's still holding a bit of a torch for Lord Regret, among other things. Let's just say they have an intense connection. The fly in the ointment is, it seems, Gil has some secrets of his own which land him in cahoots with Lord Regret to save their lady love.

Lady Doctor Wyre sucked me right in. I was completely engrossed in this world and these characters. The world Ms. Burkhardt has created puts women in power positions from Lady Doctor Wyre to Queen Majel to President Jaxson to the pirate Laffite. Lady Doctor Wyre is cunning, brazen, quick-witted and calm in a crisis. She's no wilting flower. I love strong women characters especially when they're portrayed as level headed and not cold as ice.

There is still much to be told in the saga of Lady Doctor Wyre. It's far from over. I'm really hoping Gil and Lord Regret get a little more... ahem... comfortable with each other as the story unfolds.

**Yes. Yes, I would most enjoy that.**

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### **Fifi LaFleur says**

Ok, so I read the second book first. I see the humble origins here and while I love Her Grace's Stable a bit more, I still really enjoyed this. The world building and character development is spot on and I can't wait to read more about this trio. On to book 3 pronto! I want more Regret!

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### **Lisa says**

Joely Sue Burkhart is an author who brings the seemingly impossible together and makes it work and work well.

Lady Doctor Wyre brings elements of Victoriana and Sci-Fi, combines them with true love and a harsh alpha-male dance for dominance and dominion.

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### **Kris says**

A bit of a sad excuse for a book, really. Take one beautiful, poised, smart, articulate, and technology-inspired aristocratic lady and place her firmly in the middle of a love triangle with two very different types of men, one dashing aristocratic assassin and the other a rugged lawman. It will invariably - to no one's shock - end as some ridiculous roll-your-eyes ménage à trois. Ugh. I don't count this as a spoiler because it is soooo obvious from the beginning that this is where it was going to end up.

The premise sounded so good and the writing style was lovely as well so it is quite sad to see how utterly ridiculous this story ended up being. I don't see **any** Jane Austen in this - and I absolutely adore *Pride and Prejudice* - but rather an excuse to use that name to draw Jane Austen x fantasy/sci-fi fans in to pick up this book. But towards what end? Some smuttier version of an uninspired Regency Romance space opera? Sorry to say but no thanks; I'm gonna have to pass on this one. I'm giving this two stars rather than one because at least the writing style was polished enough that it wasn't a horror to read. Just frivolous.

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