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A Baron left embittered by war, a Lady who sees the man he once was, a madman bent on revenge, a daring rescue, a love stronger than fear.

Gerald Otford, Baron Tillingford, returned from war a bitter man, forever changed by the things he had done, out of necessity. Things that he can never discuss, and which no woman could ever know of without turning away in horror. Certain that he would always be alone, he turned his attention to his estates.

Lady Alyse Barrington, sister to Lord Tillingford's closest friend, has always been drawn to him, no matter the darkness that seems to tarnish his brightness, no matter the way that he remains aloof. The more men she meets, the more certain she becomes that there is only one man for her. All she has to do is break through his self-imposed isolation...

When the needs of his estate bring Lady Alyse and her brothers to his home, a madman sees the chance to enact his long-planned revenge. Can Lord Tillingford overcome his bitterness and withdrawal in time to save the woman he has come to love, despite himself? Can Lady Alyse accept him for the man that he is, or will his worst fears be realised?

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Candy Briggs says

Gerry is one of the hounds. His job was to interrogate prisoners, if they had one. Lady Alyse is Hunter's sister and of course, he is a hound. Gerry feels a lot of guilt for what he had to do for the crown.

I enjoyed this story. It was fresh and fun. As with everything, he loved Alyse but guilt followed him every where. He thinks he is not good enough.

The descriptions are very good and the dialogue fits the action going on. The characters are so full of life. The Dowager is persistent about Alyse getting married. She loves Gerry as well but apparently they don't talk. The plot gets twisted but it is such a good read. There is intrigue, danger and cruelty. I tried but could not put down the book.

ARC received free and voluntarily read.

Teresa Williams says

I have thoroughly enjoyed every nook I've read by Arietta Richmond! This one is just as great, with our hero fearing himself and what he could do because of what he had seen and done during the war. Lady Alyse, our heroine, really had to be strong, and have great patience, first to figure out what was wrong, then how to cope, then how to help. She also had to go through some trauma of her own, because of the villain in this story.

I was given an ARC to read, but the choice to review and my words are my own.

Lori D says

A chance for love, but will he take it? Gerald Otford, Baron Tillingford is a tortured soul. His time served in the war haunts him and he cannot seem to get past the darkness. The last of his friends to marry, he feels he will remain alone and is not worthy to be loved. That included Lady Alyse Barrington, the sister of Gerry's good friend Hunter who had always had an attraction to him. When Gerry and Alyse are thrown together due to circumstances at his estate, Alyse is determined to help him move forward and see the light. When a madman from his past seeks retribution from Gerry, he begins to realize that he can start to let go some of his demons and find happiness. This is my favorite trope, that of the wounded hero, because it is wonderful to see them be redeemed by a love that will last forever. Another wonderful story by Arietta Richmond, which is part of her series "His Majesty's Hounds" but can be read as a stand alone book.

Lokdyer says

Another wonderful story in this series. Gerald "Gerry" Otford, Baron Tillingford, is not truly happy. He thinks himself unworthy of any woman and that includes Lady Alyse Barrington, the sister of Gerry's good friend Hunter, Duke of Melton. Weddings are an especially difficult time for him; while everyone else is happy, he doesn't think he deserves and will never know such happiness for himself. Alyse is attracted to Gerry from the first time she meets him, but is confused by his actions towards her: one moment warm and

then cold. Gerry's past catches up to him when a man seeking revenge causes a near tragedy, which would affect his friends and their families. It takes a long time, but Gerry finally comes to realize he isn't really a monster, which allows him to find happiness with the woman he loves. I've enjoyed every book in this series and look forward to the next ones. I would recommend this book and the series to everyone. I received a pre-release copy of this book and this is my honest review.

Frances Law says

A bitter sweet tale.

This was difficult to review. I sympathized with Gerry in that he was obviously suffering with post traumatic stress. But, it became obvious that what had caused it had been blown up in his mind excessively. The story was never clear enough on this point. We never did learn exactly what he did but there must have been some pretty bad stuff if it 'broke' the prisoner. Of course, we are talking of a time when life was much crueler. People didn't react with horror at things that we couldn't countenance today. This is what makes me question this point. The men of that era were more inured to pain in others than we are today. So we just have to accept that Gerry was an anomaly for his time, a man with a conscience.

Alyse was the perfect young lady for him. With her artistic eye she was able to see past the surface to the man inside. She drew him as she saw him, without the pain and bitterness. Why he thought that she would repudiate him if she knew what he had done in the war was puzzling since this was an era where women expected men to be men and not to have finer feelings. Still this is a romance, a story where reality is suspended and all is forgiven.

Not the best in this genre that I have read.

Anna Swedenmom says

REVIEW: Loving the Bitter Baron by Arietta Richmond

Beautifully written storyline complete with amazingly sweet and complex characters. This tale of overcoming past demons and fears and of finding a love we can only wish for is completely spellbinding. I cannot wait to read the rest of this series!! Definitely a buy and enjoy book.

Cheryl says

This is the story of another of the Hounds, Gerald Otford, Baron Tillingford. Gerald has yet to come to terms with his activities in the recent war. This affects how he engages with Lady Alyse, to whom he is attracted. Lady Alyse returns the feeling but is confused by his hot and cold approach. They have several opportunities to meet. Unfortunately, Gerald feels he is unworthy due to his past. Someone from his past causes a danger and I found some parts a little chilling. However, this was an engaging read. I received a copy and have voluntarily reviewed it. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Phylis says

Loving the Bitter Baron book 11 is a stand alone in the series His Majesty's Hounds by Arietta Richmond. This is a splendid story. The characters are believable and watched with amusement by friends and family as they come to realize over time they love each other. My free opinion ARC Thanks

Danielle Carpenter says

Talk about self hate, this book really nails that on the head. How Lady Alyse can put up with the on and off switch in this man is patience in itself. How many times did he hurt her, even after he rescued her from the madman, and yet she loved him. Only when he stopped looking through his own eyes and through the way those who loved and cared for him did he start to get thing right. Forgiveness begins with yourself.

Annette Drewett says

I loved Alyse and Gerald's story. Gerald has been tormented by what he was required to do during the war. He is positive that he will not be able to marry as no lady of character, would want to tie herself to a 'monster'. Alyse is tired of the balls and the marriage mart. She wants a husband who will accept her as she is. Can these two lost souls find happiness together? I enjoyed this story very much.

I received a pre-release copy of this book and have voluntarily given my honest review.

Lesley says

Forgiveness comes from within.

Gerald Otford is the last unmarried Hound but his wartime exploits have left a stain on his soul. He does not believe that any woman deserves to be married to the monster he believes himself to be and is bitter and haunted by nightmarish dreams. The younger sister of his best friend Hunter is drawn to Gerald as she is to no other man, but although at times she sees warmth from him, all too often he pulls himself back behind a cold and formal wall. A madman after revenge leads him eventually to see an alternate view of his actions. I loved this story of a mentally wounded man having to learn to forgive himself and let love into his life.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author. I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own.

Kety says

A fantastic story, full of emotions, life and mystery.

Two souls bring together nevertheless the past and the peril. The new love will bring hope and a new future. An enjoyable story that will keep your attention until the last page!

I recommend this book to all that love historical romance.

Margaret Watkins says

War does terrible things to a person, especially those with a conscience who live with regrets for the acts they have had to carry out. Gerald Otford, Baron Tillingford was rewarded with a title and an estate for his services to the Crown, but it sits badly on his shoulders. Lady Alyse on the other hand, has grown up in a secure and loving environment and to an extent has been allowed to indulge her passion for unconventional art. There has been a simmering attraction between her and her brothers' friend so when the opportunity arises to visit the Tillingford estate, she grabs it with both hands. Gerald doesn't realise it, but in asking his friends to visit him, he is putting Alyse in danger and he is forced to face his own past. In this latest episode of the His Majesty's Hounds, a number of old friends make an appearance, but this is nevertheless a standalone with a very satisfactory ending. The book is well written with some suspense and a brooding hero who needs the love of a good woman to make him whole. I received a copy of this book as a gift and this is my honest and voluntary review.

Delbora Dixon-Green says

Enjoyed reading this book

This book showcases how actions you take in your life can change your perception of yourself. Gerry and Alyse saw him differently. She saw him as a naturally happy man and he saw himself as a monster because of his job during the war. The way the tale unfolds keeps you riveted.

Kimberly Rivers says

Slow

It was kind of boring for me. I found myself often skipping through a lot of the paragraphs and pages.
