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Don't miss G.G. Vandagriff's latest Regency romance where a simmering attraction combines with a dangerous mystery . . .

When the widowed Lady Marianne Deveridge is invited to spend the season in London with her friend Lady Penelope Wellingham, she has no idea that Penny and Beau have another guest: Captain Ernest Saunders, Beau's brother. Matchmaking is definitely afoot. However, after having been married to wandering explorer, Marianne has no intention of becoming involved with a wandering sea captain.

Her first sight of Captain Saunders in all his robust masculinity brings every one of her senses to attention. She knows then that her resolve will be difficult to keep.

Almost immediately upon making the captain's acquaintance, Marianne becomes the focus of a mysterious villain who is devising a horse racing fraud. What has she seen to endanger a deadly felon? She has no idea. Captain Saunders makes it his business to keep Marianne safe, and the two of them are brought closer by their investigation into the dark side of horse racing. Still, she thinks she is managing to resist his charms. It is not until her very survival is at stake that she realizes how interwoven their lives have become. Will her heart ever recover once she watches another ship put out to sea?

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Adrienne says

Widowed Marianne knows what it's like to have a husband who is gone all the time--her husband's adventures took him from home time and again. A sea captain is the last man Marianne would consider if she were to remarry--no matter how attractive he might be. So when Captain Ernest Saunders comes to spend his six-month leave with his brother and his wife, Marianne, who along with her daughter, is a guest in their home, is determined to steer clear of him. Ernest isn't used to having a woman reject him out of hand--but while he first seems Marianne as a challenge, he comes to find that she's much more than he expected and not the sort of woman he wants to walk away from. But how can this naval captain capture the heart of a woman who is determined not to like him? As Ernest seeks to win her over, he also finds himself desperate to protect her, as Marianne has unintentionally uncovered information about cheating at the horse races and a related murder.

The mystery aspect of this book was really interesting; I enjoyed trying to figure out who was involved and who wasn't. I liked Marianne, and Marianne's daughter was delightful; she made me laugh out loud. Ernest was a rogue who wasn't entirely likable early on, but I also enjoy seeing a character mature, so I liked his journey.

I received a copy of the book from the author. All opinions are my own.

Tom Prejsner says

Romance

Thank you for sharing these wonderful romance novels series books. Please keep writing more of these wonderful books. Thank you

Melanie says

Saunders Family

Well do e, I thoroughly enjoyed this read. Great characters and plot, well disguised who done it. Looking forward to more from this author.

Katie W says

(3.5 Stars) This is Book 1 in the series, but I felt a little lost, especially at first. I felt like I should know the characters and the backstory, but didn't and was wondering if I came into this book mid-series. Some of the backstory is filled in as the book progresses and it was okay once I kind of got the hang of it.

Marianne is a widow and has 12 year old twins. Gweet, the girl, is a handful, but is also darling at the same time and she stole the show, in my opinion. Captain Saunders is freshly back from sea after a long, long time and is also a guest at the house where Marianne and Gweet are staying. There is a simmering attraction between Marianne and Captain Saunders, but it felt like a very slow burn.

There is an element of danger and mystery that enshrouds a horse race and Marianne's life is in danger because of it. She becomes the victim of a lot of different incidents, trying to warn her away from the races, but the big mystery is who wants to keep her away and why.

I enjoy a clean Regency romance with the mysterious suspenseful twists and this one was fun and entertaining, but didn't completely sweep me away.

Content: mild romance, mild violence

I received a complimentary copy, which did not affect my opinion

Pat says

A simmering and intriguing romance with lots of mystery woven throughout and a very welcome and romantic ending.

Lorraine says

Another good story!

I greatly enjoyed this story. I was a little confused by familiar characters at first, because we visit with those from "Three Gentlemen of London", but this is its own story. The h and H are bumped together by well-meaning friends. Sparks fly, but they want different things. Throw in some horsey business with a little mystery, and it's delightful how they resolve their differences and celebrate their common interests.

Robyn Echols says

Love That Grows

This was a sweet romance about an older couple reluctant to involve themselves in a serious relationship due to their individual circumstances and their past experiences. Excellent character development and action kept the plot moving. Who knew horse racing could be so dangerous? An entertaining and thought-provoking read.

Sydney says

Love Unexpected by G.G. Vandagriff is an absolute delight to read. This regency romance novel is filled

with twists and turns involving a jockey and race horse that the main characters in the story somehow get mixed up in. This thrilling novel story with a bit of adventure and mystery within is well-written, page-turning, and one that readers will absolutely not want to put down. Vandagriff has a great talent in the way she writes, capturing her readers' attention from page one every time! And this fun new series is no different. I would recommend this novel to readers that enjoy charming historical regency romance stories.

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Phyllis says

Love Unexpected by G.G. Vandagriff

Love Unexpected, a Regency-era mystery, is part of a new series, yet it contains some beloved characters (and one that we love to hate) from some of the other books by G.G. Vandagriff.

Marianne's 12-year-old daughter, Gweet, (what a cute nickname for Margaret!), was so precocious. I love that she, upon meeting Captain Ernest Saunders, immediately proposed marriage to him. Though I wouldn't have been quite so bold as to propose when I was that age, I could most certainly see myself being smitten by a handsome sea captain and wishing for that proposal!

It was interesting to delve a little into the world of horseracing and the nefarious activities that can take place in that world of high stakes. The mystery surrounding the death of the jockey was well developed. It was not until the end of the story when the Captain solved the mystery that I knew the resolution, though I do want to take credit for having half of it figured out before then. The red herrings along the way served their purpose well.

Things seemed a little choppy at the beginning, but the story was interesting and sweet, and if it remained that way at the end, I no longer noticed.

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I would like to thank Mindy Holt for giving me this item. This gift did not influence my opinion or review.

Rebecca Garrett says

Repetitive plot

I have several issues with this story. First the plot of kidnapping of the heroine closely follows the same story as the last book in the series. Second Marianne was dead set against marrying the captain until the last ten pages where she did a complete 180. The story dragged out only to be quite rushed at the end.

Phil Ellenberger says

Another good one

Ms Vandagriff always writes a good tale. For she falls a star lower with the her mysteries. However, that is much like choosing an ice cream from ng among a set of favorites.

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

When I stated this book, I could tell that the characters had a relationship with history that I did not know. This book is the first book in the series, but has characters from a previous series of book that had a bond. I could tell that G.G. Vandagriff was writing a current story and trying to give the reader a back story as well. It was a bit confusing at first, but not hard get invested in this story.

This book has an older couple as the main characters. Lady Marianne Deveridge is a widow with twin children. Captain Ernest Saunders has spent that majority of his life at sea and is on furlough. I loved that the were not young and feeling the first rush of infatuation. They were seasoned in the romance department. Lady Marianne has a precocious 12 year old daughter who kept her on her toes. She added a lot of humor adored her mother.

The book also contains suspense. Lady Marianne was bashed over the head after being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The plot is embroiled with horse racing. Someone wants to keep a prized racer drugged. Captain Saunders makes it his mission to uncover the plot and bring the villain to justice.

This book has a lot of things going for it. I am not fond of the writing style. It is more of a narrative. The events of the book are told to the reader, I prefer feeling like I am in the story, instead of watching the story. Overall, I would say this is an engaging book. I loved the mystery and the characters fighting their attraction.

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Barbara Munson says

Clean romance, intriguing mystery

Mystery and murder amongst horse racing, angst in romance - to be or not to be. I loved this story. A quick, engaging read
