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A Saved Scoundrel...

Jonas Bacon Braithwaite wants to make peace with his grandfather before departing England. Once Nottinghamshire's favorite trouble-maker, he's since become an upstanding man of honor. But, the lushly curved thief hiding in his bedchamber makes him think twice about one last conquest.

A Stubborn Siren...

Livvy Halsey bristles at life's rules. Always has. Sneaking into the Braithwaite house to reclaim a treasured family heirloom is one way she upends the conventional life that awaits her. Duty demands she marry. But what harm is there in having a little fun with her childhood friend before the Twelfth Night ends?

And Twilight Temptation...

Stolen kisses fan hot flames. Surprising passion intertwines with friendship...but will it be enough to last forever?

(NOTE: This book will be a full novella. Please ignore the page count listed on Amazon.)

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From Reader Review Meet a Rogue at Midnight for online ebook

Kat Green says

Meet A Rogue at Midnight is a very enjoyable read. It has a well developed plot and very believable yet complex characters. It's a wonderfully different type of historical romance... meaning that there are hidden messages and lessons to be learned, scattered throughout the story.

Jonas and Livvy, the main characters, must decide whether they are willing to lay down their hearts, open and bare, or keep them hidden for fear of rejection. Jonas is quiet, suppresses his emotions, and is a hard one to open up because vulnerability scares him. He seems to be worried he won't measure up due to previous experiences of a daunting childhood. All his life he feels as though he has lived in his charming brothers shadow. With the help of Livvy, Jonas begins to understand the meaning of family and duty. How lonely his grandfather has been during his 10 yr. absence while he was running from the ghosts that have haunted him since childhood.

Jonas wants to keep his "secrets" but of course Livvy wants him to be totally open and real. She has her own secrets, her hopes and dreams of her future and is wary of trusting Jonas enough to totally let him in, letting him know her thoughts, feelings, and dreams.

Livvy - (Olivia), on the other hand is impetuous, outspoken, curious, intelligent, oddly unique and often doesn't fit the mould society would have her thrust into. Livvy is somewhat of a free spirit, vulnerable, yet feels responsible for her family due to fathers declining health. Livvy must weigh what she feels she should do as her duty to her family, against what her hearts tells her to do. The sexual tension is there, but not overly explicit, which I appreciate. It was more of the soft, romantic, interludes.

I would have no qualms at all about recommending this quick, entertaining, read to any of my Historical Romance friends. I throughly enjoyed it.

Denise says

Having Rogue and Midnight in the title, should be a precursor to what is expected in this book. What was unexpected was the humorous banter between Jonas and Olivia. Her last memory of him-kissing her sister. His last memory of her-braids flying as she rode away. Olivia/Livvy, is such a great heroine. She is intelligent, very quick witted and loyal to her family. Jonas is still attempting to find his way in life. Family disagreements have tempered his actions-good and bad. Meeting Livvy again, under very interesting circumstances, has him intrigued. He agrees to assist her with her actions and mutual respect and love is the outcome. (My only complaint-too short.)

Tracy D. says

*Receiving a free copy from the publisher did not influence my review.

I'm not really into reading regency type romances, but this was a goody.

A friends-to-lovers story, the friendship between Livvy and Jonas seemed genuine. Clearly, Livvy was more

in touch with her feeling when it came to her childhood friend. It seems she always had a crush on the boy. Jonas doesn't seem to comprehend his own thoughts though, daydreaming about Livvy while away at sea is far more than friendly regard. When circumstances bring the two back together as adults sparks fly. The problem is Jonas has no intention of staying as he's about to head out to sea again. Can Livvy change his mind?

Deb Diem says

Meet A Rogue At Midnight by Gina Conkle is a fairly short historical romance, perfect for those with limited reading time. Ms. Conkle has delivered a well-written book. Jonas is visiting his grandfather. Olivia is trying to do her father's work before everyone knows how sick he is. Their story is loaded with drama, humor and sexy bits. I enjoyed reading Meet A Rogue At Midnight and look forward to reading more from Gina Conkle in the future. Meet A Rogue At Midnight is book 4 of the Midnight Meetings Series but can be read as a standalone. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

Candace Nagy says

I love the cover! It is gorgeous! I enjoyed this story too. I am a sucker for love stories about childhood friends. I enjoyed the writing and characters and for the most part this story flowed nicely. It kept my attention and wasn't predictable. Overall a great story.

☞???? [Punya Reviews...] says

My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts... for more, visit [Punya Reviews...](#)

Meet A Rogue At Midnight by Gina Conkle is book 2.5 of her historical romance series Midnight Meetings. Even though the books have been published with quite a bit of gaps in between, I enjoyed this series so far. A new installment was a long time coming and so glad I finally got to read it!

Midnight Meetings is rather themed on the popular fairytales. Book 1, Meet the Earl at Midnight, was about a reclusive Earl whose face became somewhat disfigured from an accident. A nerd by heart, Edward wasn't meant to be the heir but fate led him to become the Earl of Greenwich when his elder brother died suddenly. Our h, Lydia was 'given' to him in exchange of a debt of her slimy step-father. One night from her comfy bed, Lydia finds herself doing something she wasn't even dreaming of; in a MOC with a stranger. An Earl no less! Edward, who was leaving for a scientific voyage very soon, needed to marry ASAP to ensure an heir for his legacy and this was his hasty solution. Not that he didn't like Lydia, oh no! He was smitten from day one, though he was never good at showing his feelings. So, after a bit of push and pull and some misunderstandings, Edward and Lydia find their HEA. Though I found the middle of the story a bit slow because of the above mentioned push and pull, I loved how it all came together in the end.

Book 2, The Lady Meets Her Match, is kind of based on the Cinderella theme. This is the story of Edward's ex-housekeeper, the beautiful Claire who had a 'past' but wanted to make a better future for herself. Claire had a good life in Greenwich Park, Edward's home but she needed to find her own footing in the world. With that in mind, she left her job and opened a bakery shop. Cyrus, our H, had a very small appearance in book 1. He's extremely wealthy but his roots lie in the streets of London. But Cyrus is a self-made man, who

worked hard to be where he is today. And he owns the block where Claire's shop is situated. This book is not directly connected to book 1 beyond the characters, which makes it a good standalone. It's based solely on Cyrus and Claire's sizzling chemistry right from the moment they met till the moment they decide to become lovers. This one, I totally loved and was eagerly waiting for the next book in the series.

Meet A Rogue At Midnight is a novella of Edward's right-hand man Jonas. Jonas made a few cameos in book 1 but I hardly remember him except that he was big and bald, and had been in America for a while even though he's an Englishman. I don't remember correctly how he and Edward met, but they had a great understanding and Jonas managed Edward's business and his ship (Jonas worked as a shipmate in the past) with deft hands. Edward considered him a friend.

In the beginning of the story, we find Jonas back at his home for Christmas after a long absence of 10yrs. He'd left without looking back and wasn't in much of a contact with his family. His twin, Jacob, has finished studying and now is a successful barrister living somewhere else. But Jonas has had a rougher life, not what you'd call a gentleman should have.

Like the previous 2 books, this novella is a well-written standalone. You don't need to read the first two books because there is no direct connection going on. However, for full enjoyment and an introduction to the characters, I'd recommend reading books 1 and 2 of the series.

Jonas and Jacob were born on the wrong side of the blanket. They never knew their father but their maternal grandfather had always taken care of them and their mother, never questing a thing. We get a bit of Jonas's background and why he left his home town as the story moved along. Back home, he finds that only his aging grandfather is alive. We don't meet Jacob in person, but I wish we did.

This story doesn't give you too much background on Jonas's life in between. There are vague mentions of this and that, but nothing significant. We though, find that he had a friend while growing up. Jonas was the 'less smart' of the twins, or so the whole town used to gossip about. He was treated quite shabbily, called names because of his big built (not fat, just tall and well-muscular in general). Gave me the impression they thought him dumb and slow which he decidedly wasn't. :/ I don't know how differently Jacob is built but he had always been lauded as the smart one. He was also given the education befitting his 'smartness'. But for Jonas, it wasn't a happy story. After being taunted his whole life, he simply snapped one day and left the village for a better life. In doing so, he did something he didn't even know. He left Olivia Halsey, who used to be his shadow, a friend and confidant, quite heartbroken.

Olivia Halsey has mooned over Jonas before she was even aware of mooning, crushing and whatever those feelings meant. She had known Jonas pretty much her whole life, followed him around, played with him. It was a relationship built on love, friendship and trust. Olivia had loved Jonas, which blossomed into something deeper as she grew up. But she was still a gangly young girl, unlike the beauty that was her older sister Elspeth. She was still too young for a young Jonas looking to make a way in this world. But that didn't mean it hurt any less when he left without a word to her.

In the intervening years, though Elspeth married, had children, and then became a widow now living with her family, Olivia took over taking care of the family. She was beautiful but somehow, she always came short in comparison to Elspeth. I'd never understand why. They had no brother, so when their archeologist father fell severely ill, unable to work any longer, Olivia stepped in. In a way, she was always a bit tomboyish growing up and loved helping her father; something Elspeth would never do cause she's a proper lady. Their mother being a foreigner, Olivia enjoyed more freedom than a so-called proper English noble woman would allow her daughters. Either way, they were known as an eccentric family and the people of the village held them in affection.

But in taking on the responsibility of taking care of her family, Olivia had to hide away her father's illness.

Hide herself away in the tower that was her workroom, day and night. She knew no one would take her word or work seriously because of her sex. Everything had to be done under her father's name. She did everything she could to restore artifacts and sell them, but Olivia could never take any credit for her hard work. It hurt to lie but she had no other options. She loved her work but she also didn't want to have to continue the way she was. Though she'd had a few beaux, Olivia had never considered marriage seriously. Because in her heart of hearts, she was still enamored of the tall, big boy with bright blue eyes, who had saved her from many scrapes and laughed and played with her. Olivia had long since given up on ever seeing Jonas again but how could she forget him easily?

Turns out, she couldn't.

Olivia was as surprised as anyone by Jonas's sudden return. Their first meeting after so long is where the story begins as if, anew, for them and their relationship that seemed to have been on hold until now. From the very first moment Jonas couldn't take his eyes off of Olivia and her, uh, new endowments that he certainly didn't remember from before. ;) He knew he wanted her in a physical sense from that moment, while Olivia found Jonas's tall, big built as much of an aphrodisiac as those eyes she absolutely adored. But when they came together, first as somewhat strangers, then friends and ally and finally, as lovers, Olivia and Jonas would find that they have their work cut out in both literal and metaphorical sense. Of how to make sense of this 'new' awareness that wasn't there when they were young.

I totally loved this sweet story because it seemed so... simple, yet not so. The author makes you feel very comfortable with Jonas and Olivia, as much as they are with each-other. Meet A Rogue At Midnight was definitely steamy. I'd have loved to read a few more chapters because I was really enjoying this comfortable relationship Jonas and Olivia had despite their differences. It's like you know they're meant to be together, the way they talk about each-other, defending one another without even realizing what they're doing. Jonas's story gave me a glimpse of the man within and I loved what I read. Olivia was a new character, loved her too. Recommended if you're a fan of friends-to-lovers stories. 4.25 stars.

Review copy received from the author, thanks Gina!

Lana Birky says

I loved this story - it was so romantic & tender with some spice thrown in.

Our hero, Jonas Bacon Braithwaite comes back to his childhood home after 10 yrs. at sea to make amends with his grandfather. He plans to stay a short visiting & then heading back out to sea.

Our heroine, Livvy Halsey goes against society's rules - opinionated, doing antiquity studies & work, dressing in breeches. She sneaks in to Jonas' bedroom to take her father's watch that he lost to Jonas in a card game. He catches her & doesn't recognize the female dressed in men's clothing - then the big reveal & he discovers his childhood friend all grown up & beautiful. They soon realize they were meant to be more than friends but a lot of things happen (even in this short story) but will they find a HEA or will Jonas go back to the sea & travels? I highly recommend this book & the series.

Coco.V says

? FREE on Amazon today (3/27/2018)!?

SuperWendy says

Part of a series, this novella stands alone well (I haven't read any of the other stories). Brainy heroine who is half in love with the hero, her childhood BFF. He was born on the wrong side of the blanket and has a reputation (unearned) for being all brawn with little brains. A pleasant enough read that lost some steam for me towards the end when it's revealed the heroine is "promised" to another. It all just seemed to come out of left field, tossed in to add some last minute conflict (kind of unnecessary in a novella - I mean the friends-to-lovers angle, her ill father, and the hero wanting to leave town ASAP really should have been more than enough conflict). Pleasant, but not earth-shattering.

Anissa says

Livvy and Jonas are friends since childhood. Jona leaves after years of abuse from his grandfather he runs off to a life on the sea. His grandfather felt he should take over the family furniture building business. He is back and finds his childhood friend all grown up, beautiful and hiding in his bedroom at midnight. Livvy is there to take back an item she believes belongs to their family. Livvy has been living a bit of a lie posing as her father (who has been quite ill) by publishing work under his name. The two both have secrets and once they learn to trust each other their friendship blossoms into love. Livvy teaches Jonas what family and love mean as he helps her restore a "family heirloom" but still harbors self doubt about Jonas and his ways. He finds a family in Livvy one he has always wanted...The two will love deeply whether on home or at sea...because the two will always be together!

Romancing the Book says

Review originally posted at <http://romancing-the-book.com/2017/10...>

Reviewed by Jen

Book provided by the author for review

I'll admit, when I was asked to review this title, I went into it blind. Really all I knew was that it was a historical romance and I'm always game for a historical read. The book is a novella in the Midnight Meetings series and I've not read the prior books. And it completely stood on its own. I didn't feel like I was missing any information.

Jonas and Livvy were childhood friends. Livvy had a crush on Jonas all those years ago and was heartbroken when he left town. Now he's back and they're getting reacquainted. Since this is a romance, we can be pretty sure there's going to be a happily ever after. But it's the journey to that point that is what matters.

Livvy was a bit of a bluestocking, but had an adventurous streak. I liked that she was devoted to her family, but also was willing to reach out and grab what she wanted — Jonas. Jonas on the other hand was a little broken. He had a rough childhood, always on the outside looking in and in a way, bullied. He ran away to make his way in the world. He has returned home and is just drawn towards Livvy. But there's this restlessness in him.

I liked both characters separately. And I liked them together. I enjoyed their interactions and the dance they

engaged in. I was rooting for them as they had to deal with misunderstandings and road blocks thrown in their path.

While it was a short read, I don't feel like I was short changed. The characters were developed and the plot engaging. There was enough back story and there was enough romance to make me happy.

This was my first book by Gina Conkle, but now I'm going to have to go find her backlist because I'm a new fan. If you enjoy historicals and friends to lovers themes, you might want to try out this book.

Monique says

James Braithwaite is back in Plumtree after ten years, but he never thought he would meet Olivia Halsey this way! Hidden behind the drapes, in his room, Olivia had gone to "fetch" an item for her dying father. Olivia had a young girl's crush on James when she was fourteen, but he left. James comes from a family of furniture makers, and Olivia needs his help to restore an antique chair that will allow her family's monetary worries. James is lost when he notices that Olivia is not a girl anymore...

It was so nice to see a romance which features characters that are not aristocrats, but working class people. I loved that the friendship between Olivia and James had not suffered greatly from their separation. Olivia is an independent woman, but I found her reckless and a tad foolish in her pursuit of James. I must admit that I am not a fan of historical "one-night stands" or flings when a proper, unmarried young woman is concerned, as James was prepared to leave within a fortnight; it feels anachronistic to me. I felt that Olivia was not considering everything that was at stake, and had it not been a romance – where we know the protagonists are going to have their happy ever after – Olivia would have found herself in one heck of a pickle. I had liked James until the point where I thought him selfish with regards to his conduct towards Olivia, even though he knew almost all the facts, and he didn't balk at the one he didn't know about. This said, I learned quite a few interesting facts about pirates.

MEET A ROGUE AT MIDNIGHT is an interesting story, beautifully written, and the sex is passionate and sensuous.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

3.5

Review posted on Got Fiction?

This novella starts out with our hero Jonas stepping out of the bath and drawing his pistol. He's realized he's not alone in his bed chamber. But when his mystery guest, hiding behind the drapes, draws a pistol as well, Jonas tackles the person, drapes and all. And surprise surprise, his housebreaker is not a man, but a woman. A lush and lovely woman. And after she scolds him, he realizes she's a woman he knows. And she's one of his best friends from childhood.

This is a friends-to-lovers story and started strong. Livvy and Jonas were neighbors and even though she was 14 when they saw each other last, she's always been in love with him. Jonas is a sailor, and he's coming home to tell his grandfather that he's staying at sea, and won't be taking over the family furniture making business. He'll be leaving after Twelfth Night.

Livvy meanwhile is trying to keep her father's reputation in tact. He was an expert in relics and antiquities, and she learned everything at his knee. So when his memory began to fade, and his body began to fail, she took over his research. The last book published under his name was written completely by Livvie. And if word gets out, they'll all be ruined.

As she and Jonas get closer, she tells him what's been going on, figuring well he's going to be leaving anyway so what's the harm? But as they get closer, we find out that there are more obstacles than just Jonas leaving. Livvy is engaged.

This is where I began to lose patience with the story. The pacing and flow of this novella drove me nuts. I'm not sure whether the previous full-length books showed how Jonas felt about home and his grandfather or not, but this sort of sprinkles it in throughout in places where you think, is that what his angst is? Why is that being told so late in the story?

His grandfather wanted him to apprentice as a boy. His twin brother was sent to school and Jonas was told, Oh let your brother be the smart one, you can be the furniture maker. I mean, what? There's no explanation leading me to wonder if it's from a previous book.

And then he's constantly called Big Ox as a slur almost, since he's so large and strong. Again, what? Why is this only being brought up 30% in? And if he has a twin, was his twin not as big and braw? And why is it so bad? All of this could have been brought up in the beginning when he's talking about letting his grandfather know that he's not staying with him and taking over the business.

All in all, I enjoyed the book, the setting was great, the pacing was an issue for me, but the story itself was good enough to make me want to read another book by the author. I bet I'd enjoy a full length novel.

(this is a quick note that we in Romancelandia should all read: the misplaced hymen. Holy crap, ladies, you need to know your own anatomy. Okay, so here's a link to Smart Bitches Trashy Books and the amazing post about it, and another by the History Hoydens. But the short version? The hymen is not several inches inside your body. He's not going to push in and feel a barrier. I haven't read one of these in years, and it was usually old school romances that misplace the hymen, so I was fairly annoyed to see this in a new book. This did not affect my rating on the book)

***ARC provided by the author

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Book Review For: MEET A ROGUE AT MIDNIGHT by Gina Conkle 'MEET A ROGUE AT MIDNIGHT' by Gina Conkle is book 2.5 in the "Midnight Meetings" series. This is the story of Jonas Bacon Braithwaite and Olivia 'Livvy' Halsey. Jones and Livvy were childhood friends once. Jones once liked her sister but he left their area when he was 20 and she was 14. Now he is back for a short time. Livvy is trying to help her family but does throw caution to the wind allot. When she tries to sneak into Jones room where he is staying they see how much they have physically changed since they last saw each other. Livvy always had a small crush on Jones. Livvy is asking for Jones help that will also help save her family. Really enjoyed their Story!<https://www.amazon.com/gp/profile/A2H...> <https://twitter.com/soapsrus68>
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Nola Arganbright says

Sensual and endearing

I can never get enough of reading Gina Conkle stories. I have enjoyed this series since its inception and look forward to each and every book. I love how each character is given a full and developed personality. The historical facts in the story ring true to the times. Objects and scenes are based on the times. I fell in love with Jonah, Livvey's pirate. Every family needs a pirate, and having recently discovered my family pirate, I was hooked. Jonah is the type man I adore. He is tall, strong and gentle and loves the quirky and independent woman he has known since their childhood. A perfect read for historical romance readers!
