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"Busbee is one of the grand dames of historical romance." --*RT Book Reviews*

A Perilous Temptation

Gillian Dashwood's wastrel husband wagered away her fortune. His scandalous murder ruined her reputation. Still, she'll do whatever it takes to protect her beloved elderly uncle from Lucian Joslyn, the cool-headed gambler whose arrival is as mysterious as his newfound fortune. Once Luc makes it clear he is certain Gillian is herself anything but innocent, she's determined to reveal the truth about him. But the simmering desire that draws them ever closer threatens those with vengeful secrets to keep. Now, trusting each other is a hazard Gillian and Luc never imagined--and a chance at enduring love is the one peril they can't resist. . .

"Powerful storytelling. . .sexual tension. . .memorable characters, revenge, murder and secrets. A stand-alone, fast-paced winner. Classic Busbee!" --*RT Book Reviews*, 4 Stars

"An engaging late eighteenth century tale due to a strong support cast. . .The storyline is action-packed as the two subplots come together nicely." --*Midwest Book Reviews*

"One of the best romantic writers of our time." --*Affaire de Coeur*

"Busbee is a pleasure to read." --*Booklist*

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Christine says

Pretty good story, easy fast read for a rainy day...enjoyed....

Michele says

I won this book from goodreads.. Loved this book. There was a few times where I was a little confused with the changes of point of view though. I love the building of characters and all the details she uses. This would definitely be a book I read again!

Kelley says

Novel courtesy of Goodreads.com Giveaway

When I received this novel, I thought I wouldn't like it at all because the cover and title make it sound like a romance novel. While it was a romance novel, I found it to be engrossing. The story and characters were very well developed. I found it a wonderful read!

Casey (KcLu) says

Review @ www.guiltypleasuresbookreviews.com ...

Virginia says

I'm starting to really like Busbee's writing and stories. I'll have to check out the rest of her books (hopefully, there will be many). My only quibble was for the editor to edit out the many "azure eyes" references. I get it. His eyes, as well as his relations, are azure. No more of that word now, please.

Beth Tilley says

Lucien, Barnaby's half-brother, bored now that his recovery his coming along, befriends an elderly gentleman in the neighborhood. When Gillian comes to visit her uncle, Lucien is immediately intrigued. First, by her looks and personality. Secondly, the dark secrets surrounding her. While the Joslyn's are still fighting the band of smugglers in the area, romance blooms. Can their love overcome her past?

Nessa says

THIS ONE WAS SURPRISINGLY ENJOYABLE!

You don't know how glad I am to find another pair of Busbee H/h who are not like her Louisiana series characters. Luc and Gillian were actually pretty sweet, albeit it was something of a whirlwind romance.

OUR HERO is a rather good man, also a gambler but nothing like Gillian's ex-husband. As the beginning of the story was long winded, I skimmed to the good parts at the middle and I find Luc to be a very loving husband and caring lover. There's not much about him that I can find faults with.

OUR HEROINE is a widowed beauty who has married a man who didn't love her for 9 years. Charles is dead and circumstances brought her into Luc's life and they fall in love. After getting caught in bed, the two are wedded and enjoys marital bliss with a murderer hanging in the midst.

OVERALL it was an enjoyable read but nothing overly fantastic. It was more focused on the murder mystery than the romance so it took awhile for me to warm up to it. By then I had already come to the end of the book.

Penny Hampson says

This seems to be final book in this series so far; I've enjoyed all of them and look forward to reading more of this author's books.

Crystal says

3.5 stars

Good plot, but the resolution is partly missing. This is the first Busbee book I've read so maybe that's because this is part of a series. I liked the characters, especially Luc. The heroine's issues with gambling seem a little over the top and it seems the author makes a LOT of things in the story blue. Not sure why that stood out so much, but it seemed like every other article of clothing or piece of furniture described was blue.

Heather says

Not as fluffy as I was expecting. Different plots and lots of characters. For me, it was a good quiet evening read. You will enjoy it more if you read some of her previous books first. The only reason that I didn't give four stars was that I would have liked more romance and less intrigue- just a personal preference.

AerinLuvs says

This one was the last in the series. It was not as well-written as her previous books in this series, and I felt like the plot and action was a bit tedious in places, I usually found these books impossible to put down until

I've finished it, but this one I had a hard time finishing, it just dragged in places. I found the gambling to be a bit tiresome for some reason.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

KcLu's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

3.75 stars

Desire Becomes Her by Shirlee Busbee is the first book I have read by her. It was a great visit back to historical England. I'm a huge historical novels fan, and I enjoyed this one.

The book opens with a prologue that was kind of a bang. Gillian Dashwood's husband gambled away not only her fortune but HER too. He gave a Lord the opportunity to have her for a night, but didn't even tell her that when he takes her to the party. That night ends with her a widow and the ton thinking she killed him.

Lucien Joslyn is a cool headed gambler who has earned the nickname Lucifer at the tables. Is new to the country, but has already made a strong friendship with Gillian's Uncle Silas. He has heard the rumors about Gillian, and doesn't trust her and her cousin's reasons for coming to visit Silas. He is determined not to let her use his good friend, but also doesn't understand the feelings she stirs up in him.

The last person on this earth Gillian wants to be attracted to is Luc, because of her former husband's gambling she wants nothing to do with another gambler. But she also can't get Luc out of her mind. She is confronted with shadows of her dead husband that threaten the happiness she has found in the years since he has been gone, and she has to find away to stop these things from killing her also. Can she trust Luc with not only her heart, but to help her deal with these dangers?

This was a delightful read. I found out after I started it that it was part of a series of books. I liked the book as a stand alone, but I think I would have liked it better if I have read the rest of the series first. I absolutely adored Uncle Silas, reformed gambler that he is. I hope y'all enjoy this one!! :)

Priscilla says

This is one of the best Historical Romances that I have ever read. The characters were well developed and interesting. The same can be said for the storyline. I do have to say, the back cover blurb did not make this book seem all that interesting. Which is why I put off reading it for so long. It does not do the story justice, at all. I am happy I finally gave it a chance, despite my initial misgivings!

Lindy says

This started out good but I found myself losing interest in the smuggling plotline about half way through the book. It overshadowed the romance. There were also a lot of characters to keep straight, and while I believe this can be enjoyed as a standalone book, reading the previous books would probably be helpful.

I received a free copy of this book as part of the Early Reviewers program on the LibraryThing web site.

Monica says

I won this book through Library Thing's Early Reviewers program. I have never read Shirlee Busbee before. I found Shirlee's writing style easy to follow and read.

Desire Becomes Her is a historical romance. The main characters are the Joslyn family and Gillian Dashwood and her relatives. Gillian is a widow and is thought to be a murderess. Luc Joslyn is a gambler that meets Gillian and is smitten right from the start. Gillian worries about what the ton think of her and doesn't trust Luc because he is just like her first husband Charles (a Gambler).

Gillian is just as attracted to Luc as he is to her. The awkwardness and side glances they do when they think no one is looking makes for a few smiles on the readers part. Luc questions his feelings at times as does Gillian. Neither wants to admit the love and attraction they have towards each other.

I loved the book for the twist and turns the story took along with the different plots in the story line. I did not get confused or lost in the different story lines. Looking for a new Romance Author then give Shirlee Busbee a try.
