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The Seldons and Dales have been mortal enemies for centuries, but that hasn't stopped the roguish Crispin, Viscount Dale and the impetuous Lady Henrietta Seldon from waging their own battle ... of the heart. Every stray glance, every chance encounter threatens to reveal the secret passion that keeps drawing them together.

But finally after years of flirting with disaster, Crispin and Henrietta find themselves locked in a wine cellar, and now there is no denying the love and loyalties that have lured them and torn them apart time and time again. Will this one last chance, this tempting night of desire be the one that ignites a fire that will never be extinguished, no matter the price?

## **Have You Any Rogues? Details**

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## From Reader Review Have You Any Rogues? for online ebook

### Anna's Herding Cats says

3.5 stars

Just what every Lady wants. To meet her true love while trapped in a patch of thorns--with her skirts well and truly stuck over her head. ::snort:: It's really quite the first impression and one that left Crispin smitten with the impulsive, yet charming, Lady Henrietta and willing to go against a centuries long family feud if it meant having the one he loved. \*girly sigh\*

It's been ten years since that first meet and Crispin and Henrietta have managed to get themselves locked in a wine cellar after going in search of a wayward puppy. They've not seen each other for quite a spell and while they wait for someone to discover them their story unfolds in a series of flashbacks to all of their "moments" together over the years as they tried to grab hold of their happily ever after but kept having it slip through their fingers because of meddling families, wars, misunderstandings and marriages. Some were sweet memories, some gigglesnort worthy, and some rather heartbreaking. But in every one the two, despite the circumstances that had kept them apart, just fit back together and felt whole. Like they were meant to be together no matter the bumps and bruises along the way.

He'd come home. Safe and whole.

"I thought you were lost forever," she said quietly.

He shook his head. "Just misplaced for a time," he replied...

I really liked Crispin and Henrietta right from the start. The two, despite their families, just have a spark between them and a way about them that made me smile. They've had such a hard time making their way to each other and damn I so wanted them to finally make it happen. Have You Any Rogues? was a quick read and just what I was looking for on a lazy winter afternoon. The flashbacks were nicely done, the romance pretty believable and it even managed to have a couple rather steamy scenes. Not bad at all for one little novella.

\*\*I do think 1.99 was a little pricey for length but it was very nicely written and enjoyable so hard to complain too loudly on that front.

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

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### JoAnne says

A super quick and fun read! And the Mr. Muggins puppies were a perfect addition.

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## **Anna Bowling says**

My favorite entry in the Rhymes With Love series so far, as the centuries-long feud between the Seldons and Dales erupts in the storied love affair between Crispin Dale and Henrietta Seldon. The course of true love never did run smooth, and in this case, it takes one aborted elopement, two marriages to other people, centuries of enmity and a love stronger than all of that put together. I hadn't thought it was possible to get an epic feel from a novella, but Boyle gives us enough of a taste to fill in the blanks and rejoice when the happy couple overcomes not only their own mistakes but those of generations past.

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## **Stevie Carroll says**

Previously reviewed on The Good, The Bad, & The Unread:

I've been avidly following this series of novels (all with nursery rhyme-inspired titles) about the ladies of Kempton – cursed to spinsterhood unless they want a terrible fate to befall their beloved – and about the centuries-old feud between the Seldons and the Dales – aristocratic families whose estates adjoin each other and who over the years have built up family legends about the terrible vices of the other lot. This shorter story fills in some of the gaps about the feud and about the former Lady Henrietta Seldon's infamous habit of marrying and being widowed in rapid succession (three times by the beginning of the series). It also gives us another Seldon-Dale romance after Henrietta's brother, Henry, ran off with one of the Dales in the previous full-length novel.

The beauty of this novella is that it concentrates on one couple (with not much in the way of random appearances by couples from previous books) and revolves around only one out of the series' two ongoing subplots. So I feel it could stand well on its own for those unfamiliar with the series. The story opens with Henrietta preparing for a trip to London, having been left with the charge of shutting up her nephew's house, as well as the care of her niece-by-marriage's rather unruly terrier (one of the recurring stars of the series). Enter the hero: Crispin, Viscount Dale, carrying a basket of puppies. These are the result of yet another Seldon-Dale mismatch, between said unruly terrier and one of Crispin's prized hunting bitches (the original feud is rumoured to have begun in a very similar way back in Elizabethan times).

Whatever the cause of the feud, and no matter how angry Crispin is at that moment with the Seldon family in general, there's no denying that he and Henrietta have a lot of history. Thwarted in their plans to run away together in their youth and since (once for each of Henrietta's impulsive marriages), they are forced to relive their history when a puppy escapes and they find themselves locked in a cellar as they search for him.

More than half of the story is told in flashbacks, which I know isn't a style to everyone's taste, but I like it, and I love the comedy each time the pair try to overcome their mutual attraction, fail, and then encounter unexpected obstacles – often placed in their way by interfering family members. Of course, it all works out in the end, but the fun is in the journey – and in finding out how each of Henrietta's marriages ended so disastrously, though never through any fault of hers: whatever the gossips might say.

A fun little read, which satisfied my need for more Seldons and Dales – at least until the next full-length novel comes out at the end of the year.

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## **Sarah says**

### **Quick, Sweet Love Story**

I quite enjoyed this novella about Crispin, Viscount Dale, and Henrietta Seldon, Lady Juniper. These are both prominent characters from the previous two Rhymes With Love novels. Like in the previous book, the Dale/Seldon feud is at the center of their love and the fact that they were in love but felt so betrayed by the other for so long (nearly eight years) makes sense of their behavior and vehemence against a Dale and a Seldon marrying.

Being in love but not being able to trust the other person simply because of their last name seems like a terrible burden! It's definitely a lesson in not judging people when you don't really know them!

This book is a short and sweet addition to the series. I suggest it being read after the two previous full length novels.

The story itself is only 119 pages. It's listed as much longer because of the excerpt from the next novel in the series.

There are two, pretty short love scenes. One in the middle and one at the end.

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## **Lady Lioness says**

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## **Tabetha Waite says**

Very cute novella. I've enjoyed the Rhymes with Love series and thought Hen and Crispin were intriguing characters.

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## **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

The Seldons and Dales was what I took from the previous books as being the worse thing every. The roguish Crispin, Viscount Dale and Lady Henrietta Seldon had a history. Learning that history was not as entertaining as one was expecting. I enjoyed but was truly looking for more.

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## **Angela says**

Meh. I'm not a fan of storytelling through flash-backs, and the meat of this tale is just that. Even if the writing style was more to my taste, the story itself is years of miscommunication and misunderstanding,

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something I could have understood in the H/h's youth, but not repeatedly.

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### **Farrah says**

A sweet, lovely story about love finally conquering all, *Have You Any Rogues?* was a wonderful historical romance novella. It was sweet, romantic, and a thoroughly enjoyable read.

Henrietta was a good heroine, for the most part. She was a strong character who was determined to live life on her own terms. Thing is, that came with some drawbacks. I didn't understand why her first response to having doubts about Crispin was getting married to someone else. I mean, what? The first time I understood because she thought he was dead. But marriages 2 and 3, those didn't make sense to me. If she loved him as much as she claimed, she should have given him the benefit of the doubt. It was a little frustrating, which led me to knock off a point on the rating. Otherwise, though, she was a great character. I might have gotten annoyed with her, but I still liked her.

Crispin was wonderful. He was so sweet and charming and absolutely devoted to Henrietta. He never wavered in his love to her, even when there was a lot of cause for doubt. He was perfect and I adored him.

The romance was lovely. It was mostly sweet, but there was a sprinkle of spice. I thought it was so sweet that, throughout all the trials and tribulations their relationship went through, they were always steadfast in their love for each other, even though they may have had doubts in the other direction and their feuding families were doing everything they could to keep them apart.. I thought they were a sweet couple.

The plot was fast paced. I was hooked the entire way through. I really enjoyed the story and I thought the ending was lovely, though I wish we had gotten an epilogue just to see the reaction of Henrietta and Crispin's family when they found out that the lovebirds got married. But, I still liked how it ended.

*Have You Any Rogues?* was a lovely historical romance novella. It was a sweet story of love enduring despite the very many obstacles in its path. Lovers of romance, this is a book you'll want to check out.

\*I received a free copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

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### **Genieve Ong says**

I... I don't know where to.... I mean I know from reading part of book 2 what Hen is about thrice a widow but goodness I never thought her to be some kind of annoying especially in her second marriage.... ha ha ha I dnf after that.. her first marriage s inevitable but for heck's sake! the second one is pure annoying and stupid... How I wish Crispin had married too... It's not fair for him to wait for her.. dream for her when she is just jumping from one marriage to another.... And I just can't arghhhhhhhh..

P.s. finished it anyway but still she's my opinion of her won't change.... The heroine annoys me to the bone..... (roll eyes)

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## **Ginny Lockhart says**

### **Great read!**

This is a great, quick read! It filled in a lot of gaps in the Sedon/Dale feud previously mentioned in other Rhymes With Love Series books. I loved Lady Juniper when she was first introduced in Preston & Tabatha's story and was intrigued by Crispin in Henry & Daphne's story. Love this book!

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## **Sarah says**

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## **Donna says**

This was a cute quick read. Seldons vs Dales for several generations. But Henrietta Seldon loves Crispin, Viscount Dale even though they've had several miscommunications and family interference. Thankfully a locked wine cellar forces them together. No more info as this a novella and I won't write spoilers. I enjoyed it and I love the cover!

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## **Laura the Highland Hussy says**

Review posted on Got Fiction? Book Blog

This novella is part of the Rhymes With Love series and while you can tell by the mention of other characters and couples that it's part of a series, it can be read just fine as a stand-alone.

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It's different than most Historical Romances you read today. Henrietta has been married. Three times. And not one of those times to the hero. But not for lack of trying. These two met early on and tried to elope, but something happened that prevented their marriage. With a sort of Hatfields/McCoys rivalry between the families, it's not surprising. But fate keeps throwing these two people together.

Crispin is hurt. Henrietta is hurt. Neither one of them is very nice to the other at the beginning, but that changes as their story unfolds.

Basically, the two get locked in a wine cellar together, but that's not really the plot. The plot is told through both flashbacks and current points of view, and we get a clearer image of why and how they never got together.

My only complaint is that they went through a lot, and I mean a LOT to get their happy ending, yet their ending is sort of implied. With the many other times they tried to marry, I really think that their marriage should have been shown in the story. Otherwise I feel it looks like it might not happen again.

It's an interesting way to tell a story, and I will say that I'm glad it's a novella as I'm not sure I would enjoy 400 pages of the back and forth, but I liked the way it flowed. We see how Crispin and Henrietta met and fell in love, and yet somehow never came together. And it works.

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