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*They are the notorious swordsmen of New Orleans, bound by a brotherhood of loyalty, skill and courage—infamous by day, dangerous at night, loyal only to each other and the women they love...*

At ease making life-and-death decisions between breaths, *maître d'armes* Nicholas Pasquale proposes marriage to a beautiful and desperate stranger, a woman who offers comfort to his irascible young charge and calmly tells him the boy needs a mother. It is a challenge he can't resist.

Nor can Juliette Armant. Though pledged to the church since infancy, she's been summoned to save her family in the only way possible...by marriage. Once she is wed, she will claim an ancestral marriage chest—and protect its secret contents from the dubious intent of her twin sister, who wants the treasure all to herself.

Juliette never dreamed such a practical arrangement would explode with heady desire when a rogue's kiss unleashes the sensual woman within. But someone is determined to stop the wedding, willing to go to desperate lengths to claim the chest, plunging Juliette into a fight to claim a legacy and a love worth any price.

## **Rogue's Salute Details**

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## From Reader Review Rogue's Salute for online ebook

### Molly Owen says

I've long adored just about everything Jennifer Blake has written, but when it comes to hilarious opening scenes, this book is at the TOP of my list. Rogue's Salute is just perfect from cover to cover.

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### Kristin says

I wish the book would of went into a little more detail on its ending, I was very curious to know how the main characters lives went, but despite the fact the ending was vague with the details I still enjoyed it. There were a few sections of the book where I got bored (where historical details were talked about in some length) but overall I really enjoyed the story and am very glad I read it.

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### Alice says

Historical Romance: New Orleans pre-civil war.  
Likable characters.

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### Elis Madison says

Juliette Armant desperately needs a husband—so she begs the Holy Virgin for one. Within five minutes, she receives a proposal of marriage from Nicholas Pasquale, the base-born *maitre-d'armes*-slash-Cassanova we've met in earlier books in the series.

Nick was joking, so when she instantly accepts....

Here's the story: There's this old trunk, see, and it supposedly contains a family treasure. But only the oldest daughter is allowed to open the trunk and check it out, and she has to guard it against any others, since if the wrong people open the dam thing, there's this curse....

And speaking of wrong people, Juliette's spoiled and selfish-to-the-point-of-bitchery twin sister and her creepy fortune-hunting boyfriend will do just about anything to make sure they get the trunk—oh, and they also want to be sure Juliette gets dumped in a convent. Because God forbid anybody else should have a life.

Juliette's dumbass mom can't remember which of her twin daughters came first, so it's a race to the altar—whichever of the girls marries first will get the prize. And her hubby will be HOH, meaning he can decide the fate of the other sister (did I mention that the bitchy sister and greedy boyfriend want to put

Juliette in a convent?). So even if Jules doesn't care about winning the trunk/treasure, she still needs to hook a groom first if she wants to marry someone other than Jesus. No offense to Jesus (he's not into shotgun weddings anyway, right?).

Nick, meanwhile, doesn't take long to decide this thing with Jules was "meant to be." See, he has collected this passel of street kids and it seems like a good idea to give them a mom. Of course he doesn't bother to ask until late in the game whether Jules, who is from a schmancy family, is OK with adopting a bunch of nameless, misbegotten, and not-so-fragrant urchins.

Now I should mention that in this story, Gretna, Louisiana is just across the river, and is set up with a justice who stands ready to preside over quickie civil unions. Juliette isn't into the idea. She wants the banns read, counseling with the priest, the whole nine. You and I may grasp the obvious—that the bitchy sister and greedy boyfriend won't be quite so choosy, but it doesn't occur to our H/h right off.

The villains in this piece are profoundly unlikeable, which makes the ending surprising—both in the "OMG I didn't see it coming" and in the "WTF" kind of way. While I love "didn't see it coming" surprises, the "WTF" bits left me feeling played.

3 stars.

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### **P.J.Masonsbcglobal.Net says**

#### **Nicholas ties the knot...**

Nicholas takes a wife ... both are in love... So His orphans have a good mother... But what about their feelings for each other... And a few more surprises for fabulous ending!

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### **Love2Read?HEAs? {Anne} says**

Rated 4.5 "I'm constantly swooooooning" Stars

Nicholas is my favorite hero in this series and his story was superior.

What a man, the perfect Italian lover! He definitely meets his match too.

He basically takes care of a street urchin, who follows him everywhere. Unfortunately, the little thug has zero manners and one day, in front of a church, he deeply offended a Lady, who became outraged and said to Nicholas, "What this child needs sir, is a mother"! Well, Nicholas took this as a huge challenge. Returning her comment, he asked, "Will you then, fair lady, take him on by becoming his mother by marrying me"? The young Miss tells him that, she will indeed think on it (she has secrets regarding marriage of her own as she has had a prearranged marriage in place since her birth, to a fraud of a man) They both intended that it be a marriage of convenience, and it was just that for quite a while.

This is an adventurous & suspenseful book, which I absolutely loved!!!

## Stef says

Another great historical romance series by Jennifer Blake I read this month. Swords & hot men & mystery, suspense, romance, tied together in awesomeness.

Although I think I liked books 1-3 the best book 4 was very slow going. But the rest of the series was good. Read the series in 2 weeks.

I have enjoyed reading all of her books so far. She is a new author for me in 2018.

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## Dinnl says

3.5 enjoying the series. Off to find the next one.

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## Ioana says

Paulette and Mrs. Armand must be two of the most annoying characters I've ever found in books.

Something that I was anticipating and didn't happen in the book is the discussion about what happened at the masquerade ball. Why, oh why???? There were so many hints about that...

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## Misfit says

This is the third book in a series Blake wrote about a group of masters at arms (swordsmen) in New Orleans. This series is more recent than Blakes older books, and without the old school tropes of forced seduction (so far), but without that and other older tropes, she's now heavier on the adjectives, not too much but still worth noting.

This heroine in this book is from a family with a mysterious casket that has been passed down over generations to the oldest daughter on her wedding, and since this heroine is a twin and supposedly the older daughter...her twin is in competition for the first to wed and claim the casket and its 'treasure'.

Bonus points in this book is the hero's 'adoption' of a group of street kids with no where to go, and I loved how the heroine took them into her home and her heart. Extra bonus points was including the H/h of the first two books in the story. The one downside is there was an issue/misunderstanding that arose early in the book that wasn't resolved at the end, as other reviewers have noted. If they had just talked to each other...

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## Annette Summerfield says

I liked it, but it wasn't spell binding. It didn't hold my attention and make a feeling of me that "I have to read it" ...though I did read it, so that means something. I liked Juliette and her swords man. I never like it when

people don't talk though. "I wonder this and I wonder that and I'd better not tell him this because he might think this"...that makes for crappy story lines.

I'm thinking "Oh for goodness sakes, just ask him or tell him as it'll either work or not"

I did skim read a bit here and there, mostly just past the middle point heading towards the end.

Then it all gets wrapped up. A nice book, not terrific.

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### **Tatrd says**

Nicholas Pasquale & Juliette Armant

He is a sword master who has "adopted" a gaggle of street kids who are all orphaned (as he was). She was supposed to be a nun but came home just weeks before committing. Her family had a family chest passed down to oldest daughter. They thought her twin was older but old nanny said it was really her so she must marry ASAP to get the chest before her sister. Sister elopes so Nicholas and Juliette do too.

Review

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### **Tabetha Waite says**

I thought this book was more interesting than the previous two in the series, though the early betrothal was a bit much to swallow. I liked Juliette's character, and that of Nicholas, but I have to say I am still rather intrigued about Gavin Blackford, the Englishman that is featured in the next book.

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### **Jan L says**

#### **Wonderful**

I have read this book many times over the years. Such lovely, interesting characters. I've read a few other books by this author but none I've liked so much as this one. Understated romance, insight into norms of the day and a magnificent swordsman for our hero. Perfect.

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### **Cindy Woods says**

#### **Good story**

This story was pretty good....not quite as good as the first two books of this series though. The story gets a bit convoluted. There's a little too much going on in this plot.

But I do enjoy reading this author's books, especially the historical fiction romances.

I'd recommend this based on the series as a whole, and because Nicholas is so very sexy.

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