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Lord Michael Sutherland, Viscount Ellersleigh, is infamous amongst the ton for his powers of seduction and his prowess as a lover. Running from his own ennui and a lover who fancies herself his future wife, Michael retreats to the country and a crumbling, haunted castle won in a game of chance... a castle occupied by an innocent and oh so tempting young woman, Miss Abigail Barrows.

But country life proves to be anything but quiet. At a debauched house party, Michael finds himself confronted with an unfortunate quandary, marry Abigail, an innocent, or hang for murder.

Residing at Blagdon Hall, Michael's faced with the dilemmas of seducing his new wife, who seems to be impervious to his charm, and unraveling the mystery of Blagdon Hall's resident ghost and the nefarious goings on at the neighboring estate.

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Mojca says

Lord Michael Sutherland, Viscount Ellersleigh, flees London to seek solitude in a derelict property acquired through a game of cards. But before he can relax in his new home, he has to evict (for propriety's sake) his new home's young female resident, Miss Abigail Barrows, cousin of the previous owner. At least, she has a place to go—the neighboring estate, to live with her stepsister and her husband.

Michael accepts the stepsister's invitation to a party the next day, but only to see for himself that Abby is well. Unfortunately, the party turns into a barely-veiled orgy, Michael has to fight off the stepsister's advances, save Abby from the stepsister's husband's advances, while also acquiring an alibi for the murder of his new home's previous owner.

But marrying Abby, who provided the alibi, is the least of his problems. And just the beginning...

While the previous story was well-paced in terms of the main plot, paranormal elements, and mystery, intrigue and chills, this one wasn't so lucky. Nothing was jarring, because nothing *could* be, since everything moved at a snail's pace. It wasn't boring, but it wasn't swift and overly interesting either. The least interesting aspect turned out to be the mystery, since there was nothing mysterious about it—everything was out in the open; no red herrings, no misleads, no mysterious villains lurking in the shadows, no obscure motives. Everything was clearly laid out, resulting in a very flimsy suspenseful subplot with a sluggish, heavy pace. The paranormal element was also barely present—one measly ghost. And a benign one to boot. Meh.

The only saving grace were the characters. I've loved Michael from the first moment he appeared in his friend's book, and I adored him in his story as well. He was a bit stubborn and high-handed at times, but nothing overly boorish. His heroine was likeable, when she wasn't acting slightly TSTL-ish and argumentative for arguments' sake, but that's pretty much all the impression I got. She was pretty bland and generic. I'm looking forward to Spencer's story—he's redeemed himself in my eyes in this one, and I'm curious to see what makes him tick. It was lovely seeing Rhys and Emme again, and their two scenes together truly livened up the story.

This one would've worked better with a little more meat to it, with a little less overt suspense/mystery element, and a more hefty resolution compared to the rather easy fix that was the end of this story.

2½ stars

Rgreader says

The title & the plot description grabbed my attention unfortunately that's all that grabbed my attention because the storytelling was dull as watching paint dry.

Also other characters thoughts were mentioned. They will have their own books but their stories suffered from the dull storytelling and left me uninterested in their story.

A very lackluster effort in telling a story about a rogue's redemption.

Cindy Woods says

Really liked this book

I have to admit this didn't end like I expected....thankfully. I'm a book or two a day reader, and I assumed the ending would be the same old way It was good! I truly liked the main characters and the villains were well defined, too. Would definitely recommend this book as original, sensual, romantic, suspenseful, exciting and mysterious. I will be reading more from this author now.

Eve says

I loved Michael! I loved these characters. They were just such a wonderful group of people with so much color. Please read this book. It's a great story that I had a very hard time putting down.

MaryD says

Lord Michael Sutherland has won an estate in a card game, but when he goes to claim it, he finds it inhabited by a young woman, Abigail Barrows. To save her reputation, he sends her back to live with her stepsister and brother-in-law at a nearby estate. When Michael is accused of murdering the former owner of his new estate, Abigail steps forward and they are forced to marry. What he doesn't know is that Abigail's stepsister and BIL are deeply embroiled in debauchery of the worst kind and seek to use Abigail for evil purposes.

Throw in The Gray Lady who haunts Lord Sutherland's new house, an cadre of evil that seeks to destroy innocents, and the growing love between Michael and Abigail and this story makes for a book that kept me reading far later than I should have.

Lana Birky says

I really enjoyed this book & would have give it 5 stars if the proof reading had been done correctly - too many mistakes with punctuation, Abby vs Abbi, misspellings of words etc - I am not a proof reader but it was glaring mistakes. I won't retell the story but it was full of danger, intrigue, dark offerings, romance & of course HEA. Lord Michael Sutherland, Viscount Ellersleigh is well known around the Ton for his seduction powers & expertise as a lover. He wins a castle in a card game & goes to visit it (to escape an overly pushing mistress) & proceeds to meet an innocent & tempting young woman, Miss Abigail Barrows. All the action begins here & there is a lot of it - sometimes dark but always entertaining! The supporting cast in great in the book & I can't wait to read about Spencer & Larissa! I highly recommend this book & the whole series - you won't be disappointed.

Victoria Haugen says

Lord Michael Sutherland comes out the winner of a game and finds himself the new owner of a castle. It's in bad shape when he arrives, and also was not empty. Meet Miss Abigail Barrows. When she's forced to leave

the estate she goes to a nearby estate. Someone is murdered and this begins a daunting and sizzling ride for Michael and Abigail. Danger all around, crazy feelings....

Michael and Abigail are both complicated and very independent, and makes for a good match. These characters were really fun to listen to.

This is chock full of steamy romance, thrills, mystery, intrigue, history, with a splash of paranormal. Makes for an exciting listen!

Very well-written steamy romance and loved the narration, all in all a great story, enjoyed it :)

I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review.

Zena says

Enthralling!

I originally read the ebooks as part of a box set of this series and reviewed these on 1st January 2018 on my usual platforms.

I was recently asked if I would like to listen to the audiobook of the second story and because I had enjoyed the books so much I agreed to do this.

This is what I now have to say about this story:

Chasity Bowlin knows just how to combine a regency romance with a bit of heat, mystery, murder, good guys, bad guys and a bit of the occult or witches or special abilities thrown in.

This particular story is a stand-alone but the people involved in all three of the books that I read are close friends and/or siblings and they really care for and look after each other. This is really made clear in each story.

Lillian Yves narrated in her usual splendid way which makes the story even more interesting and entertaining.

These two talented people make a great team and I am happy to recommend both the ebook and the audiobook which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I received an advance copy of the audio and this has been my voluntary and unbiased review of it.

Glenna Maynard says

Loved it. Couldn't stop reading. This is becoming a favorite series fast, but will have to slow down my reading pace so I don't burn through them by next week. These books have everything you'd desire-romance, mystery, steaminess, and great writing. I can't wait to start Spencer's book next.

Gilgamesha says

I was in love with Michael when I read the first book. Most of the time when writers bring secondary characters into focus they change their personality so dramatically that you no longer recognize the character. To realize the author managed to keep him the same in this book was a major treat for me. For me it is a testament of a good book when I am forced to read every page without skim reading....I enjoyed this book thoroughly and read every page with undivided attention. I also loved Abby. It is so rare to find

heroines in this genre who remain sensible despite their attraction to the hero. Looking forward to the next book.

Heather says

Like the previous book I LOVED this one. Michael is an admitted rogue and doesn't apologize. When he's made to marry his wife his roguish ways help him in seducing her. But also in seeing that there's more to life than just sex. They make a perfect couple because she calls him out on his bs!! I can't wait for Spencer's story

Heather says

When Lord Michael Sutherland wins a country estate in a game of chance, he doesn't expect it to be falling to pieces, or for it to be haunted. The estate also comes with another surprise, Miss Abigail Barrows, the orphaned cousin of the previous owner. Guilty over forcing the young woman from her home, Michael follows Abigail to a neighboring estate where a murder is committed and Michael is the lead suspect. The only way to prove Michael's innocence is for Abigail to admit they'd been alone together, compromising her reputation. To save Abigail's reputation they quickly marry and Michael is faced with the unique challenge of seducing a woman immune to his charms. Meanwhile, a cult with dark motives gathers near Michael's estate and both Michael and Abigail are in their crosshairs.

I absolutely loved the first book in this series, *The Haunting of a Duke*, it's the perfect blend of romance, suspense, and the paranormal. The first book introduces Michael, and I was really looking forward to his story. Despite his rogue reputation, he's loyal and honest. In this book, he's matched with a woman as headstrong and independent as he is and they're perfect for each other. Abigail is a strong character who can be a little argumentative for the sake of arguing, which made her more real to me, she's not a perfectly perfect heroine who forgives instantly. Together, they're the perfect cult fighting team!

The narration was well done, it pulled me right into the story. The narrator performed accents and voices for each character and gave each character their own personality. It made the whole book a pleasure to listen to. I requested a copy of the audiobook, and I'm voluntarily leaving a review.

DKC says

I'd really rather give this 3 1/2 stars, but I can't quite go to 4.

Second in the series, and a surprise, because silly, silly me - I thought maybe there'd be something between Michael and Emme's sister, Larissa. Yeah, I know they sort of shot it down at the end of the previous book, but still...

Ah, Michael. So complex, and just the right mix of anguish, guilt, rebel, and hotness!

Abby, hm. Ok, I thought she was a little bland. But, that said, it's hard to match an alpha male. I did like her sensibility, but it didn't seem consistent throughout.

But holy cow - what her stepsister does by (view spoiler)

And I did like some of the plot revolving around the cult, or whatever it was. Made my brain recall Jill Tattersall books with fondness, and I felt the shades of Anne Stuart's Heavenly Host crew.

There were several revolting characters in this story, for sure, yet I kind of sensed the ending was a bit rushed. Granted, it was a no-holds-barred kind of situation, but it felt, I don't know, a bit pat. I will say, I rather like the attitude of these former soldiers, though. No wishy-washy stuff from them; they take care of business!

So, despite me not getting my preferred choices for the couple in this story, I enjoyed it. Glad to see Michael's HEA!

Toula says

Have it in audio

This is my first Chasity Bowen audio . She writes heart full historical stories and this was no different.

Hero is Michael a tittled gentleman . Michael is a Viscount. And because he thinks his title entitles him , he likes to gamble . On one game he gets lucky and wins an estate .

Lord Michael has no choice but to leave London . He decides to go to the estate. Once he reaches the estate , Michael has one unpleasant task of removing a former resident. Michael has to tell Abby to leave . It's his property now. He has an idea of where Abby should go.

Grab it and find out how and where Abby goes and how she takes it

The narrator was good . Lilian had a strong clear voice. . All the characters were told perfectly

Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says

STORY WAS OK!!

I was looking forward to Michael Sutherland, Viscount Ellersleigh story The Redemption of a Rogue.. He was one of the main characters in bk1 of the Dark Regency series. He was interesting in bk1 The Haunting of a Duke. Michael's story seems to lack development. Its very similar to bk1.

Micheal has won Blagdon Hall in a card game from Lord Allerton. Not knowing that Bladgon Hall was occupied with Lord Allerton's cousin Miss Abigail Barrows/Abby he moves right in. There is a resident Ghost The Grey Lady in the story but who is she? Why is she haunting the Hall. This part of the story is sorely lacking in development. Michael and Abby are invited to her step sister Lavinia house party where all kinds of sex is going on. Michael rejects Lavinia's attentions and Allerton is murder. All fingers point to Michael, but Abby saves him by admitting that Michael was with her all night. You know what happens then. They must marry and quickly. Abby and Michael make a good couple. They investigate the scarification murders and rape of young girls and even men who have gone missing in the area after several attempts on Michael and Abby's lives. You know immediately who the villains are in the story as it opens with a bloody ritual sacrifice of a young man on the alter of cult worshipers .

The story has good bones but was rushed and needed a lot more development and thought given to the

storyline. I am not sure I will read bk3 although I am interested in Spencer's and Larissa's story. They are good character you meet in bk1 and get to know better in bk2., But I am sick of the rape of very young children. This doesn't make the story Paranormal. The ghost does but you have to have a developed storyline about the ghost.
