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One of the most notoriously eligible bachelors in Europe is finally ready to marry . . .

For fiercely independent Grier Hadley, being the illegitimate daughter of one of London's most unsavory characters has only one advantage: an enormous, ill-gotten dowry.

Prince Sevastian Maksimi knows where his duty lies: he must find a well-bred young lady—one with a considerable fortune to her name—wed her promptly, and get to the business of producing an heir.

The last thing Grier needs is some unattainable *prince* curling her toes with his smoldering glances and wicked suggestions. As far as Sev is concerned, she lacks the breeding to become a princess. And yet one kiss from this arresting female is all it takes for him to realize that anyone else in his arms would be unthinkable . . .

## Wicked in Your Arms Details

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## From Reader Review Wicked in Your Arms for online ebook

### Hbeebti says

This was so good. All I know is that I need to look into some more Sophie Jordan books! Grabbed me from page one and I couldn't put it down.

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### Rachel (BAVR) says

Most fantastic villain death I've read in a long time gains this formulaic piece an extra star.

Review to come.

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### Lucy Qhuay says

I'm extremely disappointed with this book. It had a lot of potential, in terms of plot and character, but it didn't live up to it.

First of all, I got tired of the amount of times Sevastian said or thought Grier was ineligible and that she wasn't good enough to be his wife and, consequently, the future queen.

As such, I thought the romance came up short.

How can you feel some sort of enchantment toward the love story if the hero thinks the heroine is nothing but a lowly peasant and a bastard most of the time? I don't think that's romantic.

Plus, I was pissed when Sevastian described what he was feeling for Grier as an 'itch'. What the hell? If you have an itch, go scratch it with some common whore, you bastard!

Also, I didn't feel much emotion while reading Wicked In Your Arms. It was all very 'blah' and that's bad. I prefer to hate a book right away rather than being in this grey limbo.

I think this was my first Sophie Jordan book and the experience wasn't very good, but I'll read some other books to see if I like it.

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### April says

Wicked In Your Arms by Sophie Jordan opens with a prologue in which the male love interest, Sevastian Maksimi discovers he is the new heir to the throne of Maldania, a fictional country, after his brother dies in war. It is Sevastian's duty to his country to find a bride among the English ton, preferably one who will bear many children. Grier Hadley is a bastard, but her father, Jack, is super rich and provides Grier with a generous dowry, as long as she marries a titled man. However, the ton does not love Grier because her blood isn't blue. Her path crosses Sev's after she overhears him saying she is fit for bedding not wedding. With

boiling blood, Grier dumps her drink all over him. Yet sparks fly as the two are continually meeting. Will Grier swallow her pride? Will Sev get over his prejudice? Read *Wicked In Your Arms* and find out.

Read the rest of my review here

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## **Mary Gramlich says**

WICKED IN YOUR ARMS by Sophie Jordan

Book #1 in the Forgotten Princesses Series

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Are we able to overcome the expectations set for us?

When you are born into life with no discernible lineage, trying to find a good match becomes close to impossible. Despite the fact that her father is ridiculously rich Miss Grier Hadley is viewed as his illegitimate daughter and the large dowry he is offering is the only reason she is invited to parties at all. Grier is convinced she will marry a common man not a titled heir despite what her father wants.

Crowned Prince Sevastian Maksami is looking for a queen with impeccable taste and breeding and he needs to get that done today. He is to be King and everyone expects him to produce numerous perfect heirs with this flawless to be chosen queen. His interests are not to be considered and once Grier dumps her drink on his head, he is sure that she can be ruled out of any race to the altar despite her money and exquisite good looks. A man does love a feisty red head with freckles who can sass him without breaking a nail and funny things do tend to happen on the way to destiny.

Sev may have the title but Grier has the magic that is drawing him to her and making him want to stop her from talking with a kiss. That one kiss turns into some roaming hands, deep breathing, and the thought that he might get her out of his mind if only he could get her into his bed for one night. He may know he cannot marry her, but does that have to rule out having a relationship with her?

Grier is not going to back away from any fight as she has held her own since she was left to her own devices at a young age. She has known despair and the stigma of name calling so this future king can take a flying leap; she is not going to be any man's temporary fling. Yet the harder she fights to stay away the more she is drawn to him and he to her with total abandon to king and country. Sev has always fulfilled his duty but just this once he wants to know what it feels like to make his own choices and decide his own fate and love whom he desires.

Sev and Grier stumble over each other enough that once they figure out that love has a way of making decisions for you. They are lost in one another's passionate embrace and while the past may cause some blips on Grier's radar and Sev's family seems to have more issues than he ever suspected if they can get past all that to move this may prove to be the best decision they independently make together!

You have to prepare yourself that once you pick up this book the dishes will not be done, the family will have to fend for itself, and you will not be able to stop reading Sev and Grier's story. You feel the pain and passion from both of them and the adventure they are on is fabulous! The only unfortunate part is the book does end so do as I did and read it again and again and again.

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## Lorka says

Holy Hellfire!! (as the heroine would say, many many times). The first half of this book was great, I thought. I felt this hero was written and described perfectly to portray a serious, stoic prince. I loved how the author would describe his facial expressions as I could totally picture everything that was going on and believe what she was telling us, the reader. Sometimes the heroine would be spouting a reprimand to the hero, and his response would be to just stare at her for a full 20 seconds before responding. I bought that, as recently I've read HR books where the hero was supposed to be brutish, stoic, unsmiling.... but quite the opposite was what I read. So, this hero I liked.

I did not like the heroine so much. After awhile, she seems to come off as a whining 18 year old, instead of a mature 28 year old. She was all over the place wishy-washy. Every time that she would "finally" let the prince kiss her, she would get mad/scared at how much she enjoyed it so she would run away. So many chapters would end with her 'running down the hallway to her bedchamber, her dress material swishing and she would not look back'. That scenario got really old, and by the time that they finally went at each other, I had lost interest and wasn't pulling for them any longer :(

While I loved the authors writing style with describing what's going on so well, it then became very predictable. So many words over used. The heroine gasped, was mesmerized, hissed sooooo many times it almost became comical to read. I stopped about 3/4 of the way thru, I just lost all interest. On to the next book....

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## Pam Victorio says

Oh Sophie Jordan, you enamored me with Firelight and steamed up my nights with Wicked in Your Arms. It's been quite a long time since I read a romance and when this one showed up on my doorstep I did a little happy dance. I knew I loved Jordan's teen writing and I couldn't wait to see how her prose was used in the romance genre.

Sevastian seems to be a foppish prat, concerned only with finding a well bred girl to marry and bed down with heirs for his kingdom. It is after all his duty. Grier is as much a feminist as her time period allows, when she first encounters Sev she dislikes him immediately, enough to pour a glass of lemon water over his head. It was quite the satisfying scene.

As the book progresses we learn that Sev isn't as douchebaggy as it seems. He is in quite a rough position being the son who was never supposed to inherit the kingdom and he just came off of a long war campaign. Still no matter how much he cares for/ is entertained by Grier the fact remains she may have the money but not the breeding.

Grier and Sev part ways knowing they can never be together until the unthinkable happens and they both have to decide which road they will take and if they both will defy the constraints of society and try to be together.

Wicked in Your Arms is lush, full of peerage and courtly mannerisms and is a very satisfying read.

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## Shannan says

To say Sophie Jordan is my hero is an understatement. She gets to write a highly successful YA paranormal romance trilogy, sexy historical romance books, and paranormal romance books (wowza!). Now why is she my hero? Because what goes on in that head of hers makes me blush and I like it!!

While I haven't read many historical romances, I have to say I really enjoyed this one. The beginning seemed to go on a little too long with the differences between Grier and the Prince. However, I liked the story once it started taking off and I was hooked.

Grier possessed some serious spunk. I don't like when the women in the story are doormats and boring. I like an exciting personality and that's what Jordan gives us.

Holy hellfire (I love that saying), the ending was worth waiting for and boy did I read that quickly. I couldn't get enough. Actually, I wish the ending had been longer with more information about the Princes cousin, Malcolm. However, if she had given us too much more, maybe it wouldn't have been so believable. What does one want in reviews of historical romances? Yes, it was historical and man-oh-man was it romantic. I'm still giddy over it and feel like a schoolgirl who needs to be scolded for peeking in the boy's locker room. Not that I've ever done that... hmmm...

Wicked in Your Arms was a fun and fantastic reads and has spawned me to make a few purchases on my Kindle all under the heading "historical romance." It's taken me too long to get here and I'm not going away yet (take that Stacy!!).

I give Wicked in Your Arms 4 STACKS

Love, STACKGirl Shannan who can't stop blushing

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## Ellyce says

This book was actually going perfectly fine until well over halfway through. The hero might have been an alphahole, but at least he wasn't randomly popping out of a corner and jumping on the heroine. Then, bam! He GOES INTO HER ROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT and starts taking off her clothes and his as well and says that YES DEAR, WE MUST CONSUMMATE OUR RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE THERE IS NO TIME LEFT. Wow, what a stellar catch, and how UNCREEPY. \*eyeroll\*

I liked the heroine well enough, but god, their love story was so terribly smashed together that my head was spinning from one "plot" point to the next. There were SO many opportunities for Jordan to flesh out characters and plot points, but once again, this was another book of hers that disappointed.

Also, WHY IS THERE NO CUNNILINGUS IN ANY OF THESE BOOKS???? Have the males who are ~experienced~ lovers seriously never heard of the concept? Yes, what a real way to please a lady by just shoving yourself inside of her. /sigh/

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## Lauren says

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5 Stars

At the end of years of civil war, Prince Sevastian Maksimi's country is in dire need of stability and he is determined to do his duty and marry a suitably well-bred heiress. Grier Hadley, the illegitimate daughter of one of London's wealthiest yet most unsavory underworld denizens, has nothing to recommend her except for an enormous dowry. Grier and Sev couldn't be more wrong for each other, but that fact cannot stop the undeniable passion and desire that spark every time they touch ...

This is my first Sophie Jordan book, but it will definitely not be my last. Grier and Sevastian's love/hate relationship is captivating and the minor suspense plot only enhances their chemistry and romance.

Sevastian starts out as one of the more obnoxious heroes ever to grace the pages of historical romance. That said, as the story progresses and the extent of his attraction and subsequent devotion toward Grier becomes evident, he more than redeems himself and becomes one of my favorite heroes in the genre.

No stranger to social stigma and ostracization, Grier is a strong and resilient heroine who faces the petty cruelties of the *ton* with dignity and pride. She is well aware that her only asset in the eyes of society is her father's wealth, but she has a nobility of spirit and a profound sense of self-worth that makes her all the more appealing.

Sev and Grier's chemistry is sizzling and their sparring is delightful. The story moves along at a rapid pace and the suspense and excitement of the climax and resolution are an added bonus.

In sum, a sensual and steamy romance with well-developed and engaging characters. Looking forward to continuing with the series.

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## Desi says

Leído en Agosto 2014

Me gustó en general y me pareció muy entretenida!!

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## Katie(babs) says

DNF by chapter 2. Heroine and hero meet and sparks fly because heroine overhears hero saying some not so nice things about her. She pours lemonade over his head. Sounds great, right? But then in chapter 2 heroine comes upon hero boinking a married woman, and then hero and heroine hide in a closet because married woman's husband comes upon her. Hero gets very friendly with heroine in closet even after he's been diddling with another woman. Heroine gets all hot and bothered.

Sorry, not into the troupe where the heroine finds the hero getting down and dirty with another woman and a few minutes later, tries to get down heroine's drawers or under her skirt. So not sexy.

## UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Free today on amazon.com! Thanks for the heads up, Summer!

<http://www.amazon.com/Wicked-Your-Arm...>

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## Laura the Highland Hussy says

Read this review on Demon Lover's Books & More

4.5

I got this for free the other day and thought I'd flip through to see if it was something I'd like. Within minutes I was hooked. I read this in one night, on my phone because my husband was asleep next to me.

The crown prince of Maladonia Sevastian Maksimi is being told by his aging grandfather the king, that after a decade of war and bloodshed, his people need something to look forward to. He wants to see Sev settled down and married (preferably to a wealthy woman) before Sev becomes king (ie before grandpa dies).

Sev was not supposed to be king, but his brother was killed in the war, and Sev is now doing his absolute best to be a good king, and to put his country above his own wants and needs. So he heads off to merry ol' England to search for a bride. It's all very practical and diplomatic. Until he meets Miss Grier Hadley.

Grier is in England to snare a titled husband. Her father knocked up her mother years ago and now he's a very wealthy man who owns a very profitable gaming hell (I think more could have been done with that-I think he could have used his contacts and called in debts to see his daughters married off, but that wouldn't have worked with this plot). So her father has found his bastard daughters and settled a huge dowry on them. Seriously huge. Huge enough to let the likes of Grier into Society. (FYI she's lived as a gameskeeper in Wales her whole life-ladylike isn't exactly her forte).

So at a ball one night, Grier overhears pretty much everyone talking about her and her sister. None of it is flattering. But the worst is when she hears Sev speaking about her as if she is cattle to be bought. Her flaws (of which there are apparently many), and the only good quality is apparently her money.

Grier dumps her drink over his head-Oops!- and he is not the least bit perturbed. In fact he's...intrigued. The two are thrown together again and again, but I liked how they were together. Sev is surprised she turns down his offer to be his mistress, and is surprised that he's becoming fascinated by her. At one point he pulls the alpha "she's mine" bit with his cousin, and instead of being surprised at himself, he decides that she will be his. Simple as that. But of course, it's never that simple.

Grier has a man from her old life who tries to marry her for her dowry, and that is really where we Sev change. Not just out of jealousy, but out of love. He's starting to realize this "thing" he has with Grier is more than just wanting her, and it has been for a while. But he has to convince her of that.

There is a twist at the end that felt like it wasn't even part of the book until the last third or so. It wasn't bad

or anything, but it didn't need to be there. Or it could have been woven in sooner so it didn't feel like such a surprise.

Other than that, I've been recommending this book to everyone this week. In fact I just got the next in the Forgotten Princesses series and I've requested the latest one for review (so look for that one coming soon!How to Lose a Bride in One Night ).

Wicked in Your Arms is still free, grab it and I don't think you'll regret it!

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## **Becca says**

Sophie Jordan is not one of the best writers out there, but she is a great storyteller and I will definitely be reading more by her.

The Forgotten Princess is about Grier, an illegitimate woman who does not fit the mold of a proper lady. She loves the outdoors, can ride like the devil, and prefers to speak her mind. In short, she is earthy and the furthest thing from boring. Sevastian is a crowned prince looking for a suitable and wealthy bride for his kingdom. Grier is not really suitable for the role, but the sparks fly between them.

While I thought Grier had a lot of self doubt and Sevastian thought Grier unsuitable for a touch too long, the story was engrossing. After a few disappointing books, it was a pleasure to fly through a book filled with tension, longing, and a vivid description of ton behavior.

It was somewhat anachronistic in terms of the informality of address, but it didn't bother me. I was very invested in the outcome of Sevastian and Grier. Be warned, there is a random plot device toward the end that I anticipated but still thought unnecessary, but it resolved quickly so it didn't reduce my enjoyment for the novel.

This was my first full length novel that I've read by Jordan. I really enjoyed it. It was quick, simple, and fun.

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