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Her Wicked Proposal (The League Of Rogues Book 3)



Synopsis

Fans of Julia Quinn's Bridgerton Series and Johanna Lindsey's Malory Series will love the passionate romances and gripping adventures of the League of Rogues. He doesn't need his eyes to uncover her true beauty. Cedric, Viscount Sheridan, is cursed. Once the town's golden boy, the loss of his sight has left him a reclusive shell of man. His days of womanizing, horse racing and pistol shooting lost forever. Offered the chance to recapture a small part of his old life, he can't refuse—even if it means accepting the shocking proposal of the infamous ice maiden, Anne Chessley. Still reeling from her father's death, Anne's deepest wish is to avoid the hordes of fortune hunters who will soon be beating down her door. Proposing marriage to Cedric is an act of desperation, his unexpected acceptance a strange and wonderful dream. His only stipulation: she must respond passionately and wantonly in his bed. Her agreement barely crosses her lips before he begins a sensual assault on the icy walls bitter secrets have built around her heart. Yet even as they catch a glimpse of true happiness, betrayal is poised to sweep them away on opposing tides of danger. Warning: Contains an outwardly aloof heroine with a secretly tender heart, a once-notorious rake who isn't quite as rusty at seduction as he feared, and a band of rogues who join together to make sure happily-ever-afters do come true. *Includes Exclusive Scene Art and Illustrations! This book was previously published by Samhain Publishing and is now re-released.

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Customer Reviews

This was my third book in Lauren Smith's Rogue series. I knew when I read the first few pages that this one had the potential to be the best ...and it didn't disappoint. Cedric, the Viscount Sheridan, is a member of the infamous League of Rogues. The League is a group of young lords who became best friends in college, and then created a loyal brotherhood of sorts afterwards. They became well-known for their Rogue activity, as well as other activities that were not always condoned by the ton. Different in personalities, but all good looking and athletic, they are appreciated by the ladies of the ton for their good looks, and both admired and envied by all for their loyal friendship. They stick together through thick and thin. Cedric, the Viscount Sheridan, became blind at the end of book two after saving his sister, Horatia, from the League's common enemy, Sir Hugo Waverly. This third book of the series finds Lord Cedric Sheridan aloof and disconnected from society. He has been blind for almost five months and it has been extremely difficult for him. He is continually humiliated by his inability to navigate so much as a simple dinner party without spilling wine or breaking his host's crystal. He is tired of getting in and out of a coach, and risking falling in front of others- to his embarrassment, and he has problems traversing the uneven ground without stumbling- even with a cane. His blindness doesn't work well with eating and as a result, he has lost weight. Life as he knew it is over. Cedric has become a shell of the man he was and as a result, he has withdrawn from society. Anne Chessley is the one woman that Cedric truly wanted but could never attain. She has lost her father to death and has inherited his profound wealth. But Anne's life becomes consumed by the hoards of fortune seekers crashing her gates to court her. She visits Cedric and proposes marriage. Cedric is stunned, and doesn't quite believe this good fortune could at last be smiling on him. He sees this as a way to finally get through the darkness and loneliness and grabs for it. But first, he makes Anne promise to behave wantonly - as a lover- when they make love. Unknown to Cedric, Anne has always loved Cedric - but has never let him know of her feelings, keeping them contained out of fear. It's the root of that fear that has forced her to keep Lord Sheridan at arm's length these past years. But with his coaxing and passion, Anne discovers in his warm kisses that Cedric may be able to break through her fears. His kisses stir her and she is suddenly aware of the heated needs he ignites something within her core, something that she felt

could never happen for her. Sir Hugo Waverly emerges again, determined to finally kill Cedric. This time he enlists another of Cedric's enemies and works out a vicious plan to kidnap and do deadly harm to both Cedric and his new bride. The story between Anne and Cedric is warm, witty, passionate, and sensual. Lauren Smith writes some of the most passionate love scenes in the industry. These scenes can make you weep and curl your toes in the same breath. Anne swallowed before replying. "Yes, quite dark." "Good. I want you to close your eyes. I'm going to make love to you and I want you to feel it as I do, with sensations and sounds, but no sight." Lauren Smith doesn't leave her readers in the dark. She is sensitive to those who may not have read her first two books and makes sure that the story makes sense to all readers. It's done in such a way that all readers appreciate the update. And all of our favorite characters from the first two books--the Duke, Lucien, Lady Emily, Ashton, Charles, Jonathan, and Lady Horatia, all participate. It's Cedric's story, but the bond with all of these Rogues transcends the storyline. Lauren Smith weaves this story of intrigue and romance in a way that has become her trademark. It is full of wonderful description- she brings her readers there, where they experience the story alongside the H and h. Cedric and Anne's love story was years in the making. And for them, it was complicated. When they found their chance to be together, they took it, both for different reasons. Their story has a level of passion and sensuality that is just breathtaking. The danger that their lives are placed in require that they are missed before the point of no return. The Rogues are separated and that help could come too late. It's a well-written book. This is not only Cedric and Anne's love story. It's also the story of Jonathan's decision to become a true member of the League. Her story had me from page one. I found myself thinking about it when I was doing other things --like working. I had to read more. I didn't really want it to end. Now that I have finished it, I realize I am only through another chapter in the lives of these Rogues and am anxious to read more. Please, let there be more! Five of five stars for this impressive book.

****spoiler alert**** I've read 1-4 of this series and I'm really enjoying each of the Rogues tales, however I have some issues with these because 1) They're becoming extremely repetitive, rehashing what's already transpired in the previous novels. 2) The heroines in each and supporting female characters are wonderful, but a bit TOO contradictory and unrealistic in their behavior. The majority are the stereotypical insecure female that jump to the worst possible scenario and thus doubt their hero, then they're for the most part either virginal or inexperienced yet they behave like they're knowledgeable in sex when this was unheard of in this time period. 3) Most of the Rogues come undone (literally, prematurely) just by mere touch/rubbing against their ladies, fully clothed!!

I'm sorry, but this goes against an experienced seducer/alpha male who is controlled. It's a bit too far fetched to me that these ladies with their innocence can cause these reactions from the heros. One or two, ok, but it's a pattern and that's where I get frustrated at the lack of creativity to each character. I am wanting to continue reading the rest of the stories as I'm truly enjoying the tales.

If you read the other books in this series, you'll understand how very sad the beginning of this book is. You have Cedric, Viscount Sheridan, who was once the toast of the ton, a womanizing, lovable, rogue, walking in his back garden having to count his steps because he is now blind. He falls, injures his hands and knees and hardly notices because he has gotten so accustomed to falling and hurting himself. Oh my -- just wrenches your heart after seeing the vibrant man he was in previous books and the heroism that cost him his sight. Then our heroine, Anne Chessley, finds him in that lonely garden and proposes marriage to him. Luckily, he has long held her in great regard and accepts. The marriage solves a problem for both of them -- he won't be alone and lonely and she will be free of the constant stream of suitors who only want her for her fortune. They wed and start to work their way toward happiness when, of course, the bad guys rear their ugly heads. First, the man who raped Anne tries to stir up trouble between them and then the villain of the whole series makes his play. There are villains, abductions, ships blowing up -- you name it and the excitement is there. The ending is wonderful and I won't explain it -- read the book to experience it.

Oh my another book in this series that has grabbed my heart. It was incredible to say the least. Cedric and Anne's horrific experience in this story really made me cry, I was so angry when their servant was struck down and dying. That terrible Slave trader and his goons,....oh you just must read it for yourself to find out what happened to him and the others. Again I can hardly wait to read the next book in this series about Ashton. Oh my what evil is going to befall him at Waverly's orders? This man must be stopped before he causes death to the Rogues and their loved ones. If even one dies I won't finish the series, my heart won't be in it anymore. I've grown quite attached to all of them. You must get this book, I highly recommend it.

I am writing this after reading the first five books in the series. I got book one on Monday and finished book five today, Friday. I loved them that much. I hate spoilers and read the description if you want to know what each book is about, my review is to let you know I like the writing style. There are a few bad words, nothing to pull away from the story. There are steamy scenes, so if you are looking for a clean read this series is not for you. Otherwise I loved all five books! You really

need to read them in order. Don't have to but the stories all connect. I can not wait for the next book in this series and all the sub series. I love all the characters. I am starting her other Seduction series.

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