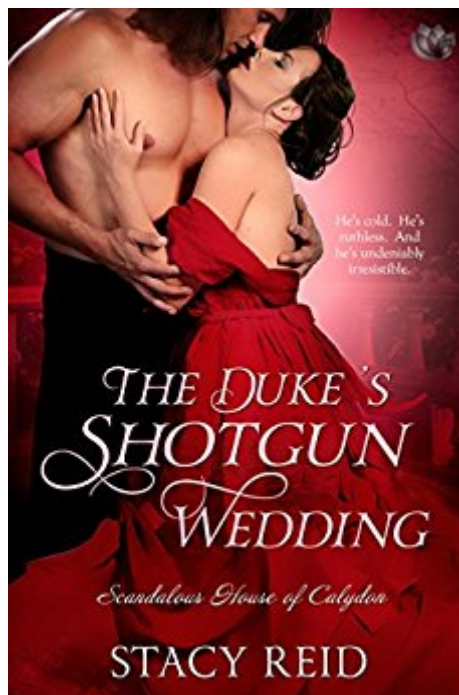




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The Duke's Shotgun Wedding (Scandalous House Of Calydon Series Book 1)



Synopsis

A 2015 Virginia Romance Writers HOLT Award of Merit recipient for outstanding literary fiction in the Romance Novella category. Victorian Era England...
As far as rash decisions go, it was formidable. But Lady Jocelyn Rathbourne's will remains strong. If the only way to save her family's estate and reputation is by aiming a small pistol at the Duke of Calydon, then so be it. For Lady Jocelyn demands satisfaction - and she will have it at any cost. Even if it means demanding the hand of the intense and foreboding Duke himself...
But she's made the first move against a very dangerous opponent...
For Sebastian Thornton is no stripling to be trifled with.
The lady has played her hand.
Now it's his turn. For Sebastian is in need of a wife.
And to find a wife with spirit and fire - even if she means to only marry for his money - would be a great prize indeed. And he intends to thoroughly take his pleasure with her... and demands his own satisfaction in return.

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Customer Reviews

This romance read started with a feisty Jocelyn pointing a derringer on the cold & unfeeling Duke of

Calydon, Sebastian. All Sebastian sees is a hellion with an inner fire that gets him hard! She is pissed off because his brother (book #2 in the series), Anthony, teased her with marriage & her dad's estate is falling around her young siblings' ears. Sebastian sees what he wants & totally agrees to marry her. Sebastian believes all females are liars & unfaithful, courtesy of his mom, her lover, that she marries after only 3 months after his Father's death, & the discovery of his brother & sister's true father. These 2 have absolutely no problems in the bedroom, desk or even a couch, as Jocelyn's inner HO is unlocked by Sebastian's lips, tongue & glorious hands. When they are out of the bedroom, it sucks royally! I read this book after *The Irresistible Miss Peppiwell*, which is book #2 in this scandalous series, but I think I enjoyed it that way. Either book stands alone, but Ms. Reid teases you with her writing style & she makes you CRAVE the next book. I think Ms. Reid could write cliffhangers for TV shows, like *Sleepy Hollow* or the scandalous *Scandal*! Ms. Reid gifted me with so many "PULL THE FIRE ALARM" & pantie melting scenes that I needed a chocolate fix ASAP! I loved both of her books in her *Scandalous House of Calydon* series & I am waiting, NOT SO PATIENTLY, for Connie's story. I must give my top score of 5 fingers up & 10 toes & I am even adding my furry reading buddy's 4 paws into my score because she had a derringer as a fairy Godmother & that my peeps takes writing talent!

Well, I debated between three and four stars for this story because I did find it entertaining, but ultimately it just didn't engage me much emotionally. For a debut and a novella at that, it was a decent read though and I do think the author has potential. While I didn't hate Jocelyn and Sebastian, both were definitely flawed and hard to like at times. Their romance was rushed but passionate, and although the love scenes may be a bit too explicit for some, they worked for me. Though not always realistic, it was still a fast and enjoyable read for the most part. In the end I'm not really sure I'd recommend it, but I'll pick up the next book in this series and see how it goes...

I read all the reviews for this book both negative and positive, at first I let the negatives put me off. One day out of boredom, I decided to give it a try. I'm glad I did, all the negative reviews make me wonder if they actually comprehend what they read? Fiery passionate women did exist in that time period, but they were shunned by society. The fact that Jocelyn stayed in the country never entering society does not suspend belief for me. If it did then *Pride and Prejudice* wouldn't be so popular. Give this book an honest try, the hero has reasons for being closed off and it is explained if one pays attention to what they read. The heroine's actions as unorthodox as they are are explained. The issue over the currency was blown out of proportion, one only needs to do a little research to see that it

is possible for a person to own £100,000 then and realize due to inflation throughout the 100+ years that has no real bearing on the concept of money today. If anyone decides to read this book remember two things, 1) it's fiction if you want 100% accuracy read non fiction 2) pay attention to what you're reading and do not make judgement until you actually finish. It is a novella and a true reader knows novellas are short and to the point with the storyline. True historical fiction romance readers know this. Take a honest chance with an open mind, you might just find you like the novella and disagree with the negative reviews

I had purchased and read previous books by this author and liked them. So I decided to give this one a chance because I had received a notification recommending book three in the series. I decided to start with book one in case book three was not meant as a stand-alone book. What a waste of time and money. The plot of this book was just beyond ridiculous. The heroine in the book was just ridiculous herself how can you supposedly fall in love with your husband the day after your wedding when he is a complete stranger. The hero of the book was just as ridiculous as her.

Completely unbelievable and not sexy enough to make up for it. SPOILERS: Basically, Duke proposes within 5 min of meeting her and they are amazingly compatible in the bedroom. Some misunderstandings occur but they have fallen in love in a week so all is well and they live happily ever after. All in 100 pages.

The first thing I did after finishing *The Duke's Shotgun Wedding* was go to Stacy Reid's website to find out when her next book would be out. This was a novella--and outstanding novella!--and I can't wait to get my hands on a full-length novel by her. As a matter-of-fact, my only complaint about the books was it had to end. :-)

The story begins with one of the best, kick-ass heroine moves ever! Lady Jocelyn Rathbourne bursts into the study of Sebastian Thornton, the Duke of Calydon, demanding satisfaction for his brother's broken promises toward her. With a pistol. How could you not love a book that starts like that? LOL! But from that point on the story never flagged. What follows is a sweet but HOT love story with complicated emotions, family loyalty, secrets, and healing. And hot love scenes. Did I mention that already? In a novella, Ms. Reid packed so much. I love brooding, icy heroes with a cauldron of emotion seething beneath the surface, and that is Sebastian! And Jocelyn is more than his match with her courage, stubbornness, and huge heart. A wonderful love story with heat and heart. Loved it. Give me more, Stacy Reid!

I really liked the book, it's short but I liked the story and the characters. One thing that bothered me is that the falling out felt a bit forced, and I could have done without it. Not every book needs it, and this one didn't.

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