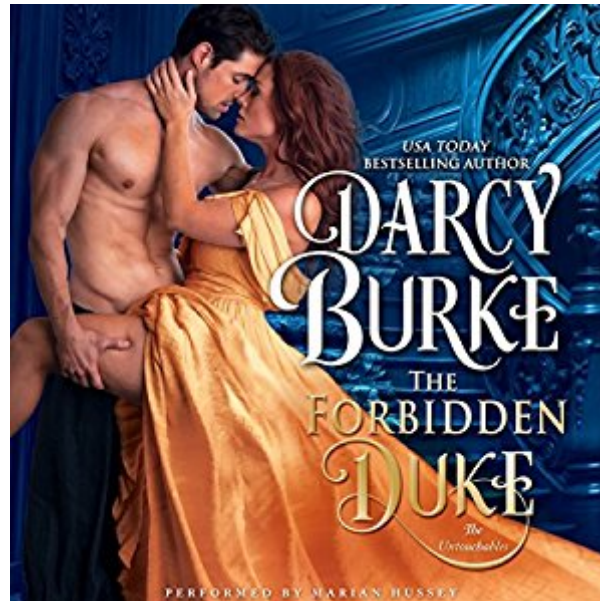




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# The Forbidden Duke: The Untouchables, Book 1



## Synopsis

Spinster Miss Eleanor Lockhart is suddenly homeless and employment is her only option. Ruined after succumbing to a scoundrel's excessive charm nearly a decade ago, she's lucky to obtain a position as a paid companion and committed to behaving with the utmost propriety. She definitely shouldn't be in the arms of a man capable of utterly destroying what little remains of her reputation. Titus St. John, Duke of Kendal, is known as the Forbidden Duke, a mysterious, intimidating figure who enters society just once each year at his stepmother's ball. A decade ago, he was a devil-may-care rake until his idle roguery brought about the ruin of Eleanor Lockhart - and his resulting self-imposed isolation. Now she's back, and she needs his help. But by saving her, he may just ruin her life all over again.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved reading the Forbidden Duke!! from Darcy Burke's new series the Untouchable. The Untouchables are the Hierarchy of the Ton those whose titles make them above the rest of the Ton. They are the Dukes, Marquis and Earls!! I love anything about a Duke if it is reasonably possible and The Forbidden Duke was believable. Ten years ago Miss Eleanor Lockhart was ruined by one kiss in a garden. The Untouchable rake Lord Haywood refuse to marry her. As she was not in the hierarchy of which he seek nor did she have a diary. Lord Haywood ran in a circle of young rakes who thought they could do anything and get away with anything. The Leader of the group was Titus St. John 5th Duke of Kendal. Kendal learned from his terrible mistakes as a young, after realizing the

ruined and hurt he had brought upon Eleanor/Nora. She was banished by the Ton and sent back home to live with her father in the country. Now ten years have passed and Nora's father has announced he can no longer keep her. That he has no more money at all. He lost it all in a bad investment. Nora must fend for herself. After being employed by Lady Satterfield as a Lady's Companion Nora meets The Duke of Kendal. He is Lady Satterfield's loving step son. At the time of her ruin he was the Marquis of Ravenglass so she doesn't recognize that he played a part of her downfall. Titus knows immediately who Nora is and what part he played in her downfall. Titus is so sorry and does all he can to put Nora's life to rights. Titus has removed himself from his friends and the Ton only attending his duties in the House of Lords and his Beloved Step Mother's annual Opening of the Season Ball. As Titus and Nora begin to build a relationship, Titus's heart begins to thaw, he also begins to fall in love with Nora and Nora with him. I loved both Titus and Nora; they are well-written, loveable characters. The story is believable for the era. I enjoyed all the characters, Lady Satterfield and Lady Dunn. This is a well-developed storyline with just enough back story to give it credence. The building romance between Titus and Nora was so romantic and lovely. I kept rooting for them to get together. There is only one sex scene and it was written tastefully. I do like a bit more sexual heat to my stories. But I didn't miss it; the story was just that good. I am off to read bk2 in the Untouchable series, Duke of Daring!! I hope it is as good. I highly recommend The Forbidden Duke!!

Nine years ago Nora was ruined by a rake whom she thought wanted to marry her. It was just one kiss but that's all it took. Now told by her father she needs to make other arrangements because he is broke, she goes back to London to be a ladies companion. But what she doesn't realize, her life is about to change for the good! Titus has kept everyone at bay after he was one of the ones responsible for Nora's ruination and has tried to make amends ever since. When she happens to become his step mother's companion, he sees this as a chance to help her. But in helping her, he also helped himself. A wonderful read with a great ending.

First but not last Darcy Burke book I've read. I LOVED IT! I loved the characters and really loved Nora and Titus! This was a book with no "speed bumps" (incorrect usage of English and/or modern words never used in this era) and pure enjoyment. I read the reviews against this book but I believe the reviewers forget that when you're deeply in love, sometimes the brain learns to trust again and take a chance again. The building love that Titus feels is true to the character and these two people were balms for each other's problems. The writer made this enjoyable and the story builds to a

crescendo and you want to yell HOORAY when they both give in and "allow" themselves to love! The step-parents are just wonderful characters and it's a nice break from rigid stiff characters in other novels. This is a book to enjoy--to escape your cares, to go to a place in time where good things happen to good people! The ending is just so perfect and makes you feel warm. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys good plots without tons of sexual details you do not want to know! This has characters and happenings that are full of the color of the period!

I love regency romances! I read the 2nd book in this series first and liked it. The premise of this book was mildly intriguing - debutante takes a job as a companion out of necessity, only to find the stepson of her employer had a hand in ruining her many years ago. The heroine, Miss Eleanor Lockhart, was compelling - beautiful, mature, and poised. The hero, Titus St John, Duke of Kendal, was also compelling - handsome, aristocratic, and loyal. They had good chemistry. The storyline was fairly simple and predictable. I like this author's writing style - none of the usual misunderstandings and contrivances. Overall, a good book, and I liked it. I'm looking forward to reading book 3.

Nice plot but needs just a little more regarding sizzle. Also, it would be interesting if Mr. Dawson was more evil underneath his meek and kind demeanor. This is the second time I have read this book. Quite enjoyable.

The author's writing style is fine and the characters had potential, but I didn't find any real sizzle in the book. It was a short novel but might have been better in short story format.

I have to say that the description of the first kiss in this book was simply breathtaking! It was one of the best descriptions of a kiss that I've ever read! Good, quick story filled with passion. I liked the fact that the heroine was a little older and still have her second chance. Another good book from Ms. Burke!

A sweet story. An easy read. Just what one needs to get away from the real world. No violence and only one explicit sex scene. I read the book in one sitting and will definitely read more stories written by this author.

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