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# A Midsummer's Kiss



## Synopsis

Enjoy A Midsummer's Kiss this summer! Spend time with some of your favorite USA Today Bestselling and award-winning historical authors as they bring you a fabulous collection of kisses. This set includes these stories – Her Scandalous Wish by COLLETTE CAMERON - A stolen moonlight kiss, the threat of a duel, and the subsequent scandal result in a marriage offer obligated by duty and an acceptance compelled by desperation. Enticed by Lady Elianna by AMANDA MARIEL – Lady Elianna has been forced into servitude by her cousin. Still she dares to dream. Lord Sinclair is intrigued by her and determined to discover her secrets. Might he be the key to her freedom? RONE Award finalist - The Redemption of Julian Price by VICTORIA VANE – She gave him a chance to bury his past – but the price would be his heart... A Legendary Love by CATHERINE KEAN - When a freak accident almost causes Lady Helena Marlowe, Tavis de Rowenne's intended, to drown, she vows never to see or speak to him again. Yet, when her father falls ill, Tavis might be the only one who can save him. Does she dare to trust the roguish Scot with dangerous secrets? Lady and the Scot by HILDIE MCQUEEN - Entangled in different battles, destiny brings two lovers together in a way neither of them imagined. Lord Quickthorn's Bargain by BARBARA MONAJEM - To save her sister's virtue, must Gwen sacrifice her own? Worse, will the promise of passion make her long to do so? Caroline and the Captain by MAGGI ANDERSEN - A mysterious death, a secret from the past. Can an arranged marriage become a love match? And Then The Moon by ALLY BROADFIELD – Lady Madalene's father demands that she marry before the end of the season, but when she receives an offer from Lord Alstead, her father refuses to give his permission for her to marry him. Cherished Protector of Her Heart by LAUREL O'DONNELL - The honored LADY of Aquitaine prepares for her upcoming marriage. Her BETROTHED battles the unwanted visitors that have come for more than just celebration. Will his past catch up to him and ruin all he has fought so hard to protect?

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## Customer Reviews

A wondrous tale of knights, ladies, and intrigue in Older England. A delightful way to spend an afternoon or evening.

I really enjoyed reading these stories. Usually there is an author or two that just isn't that good, but these were. I have even found a few new favorites.

A Midsummer's Kiss is a boxed set of six Regency and three 13th century romance novellas. Obviously, "the kiss" takes center stage as the falling-in-love catalyst in each story. Her Scandalous Wish by Collette Cameron is a sweet and clean story about star-crossed childhood sweethearts. Years later, each makes a wish and fate steps in to give them both a second chance at love. (4.0 stars) Enticed by Lady Elianna by Amanda Mariel is the sweet and clean Regency retelling of the classic Cinderella story with just as enjoyable an ending as the original. (3.0 stars) The Redemption of Julian Price by Victoria Vane is the story of two best friends since childhood. As adults, he was changed by war and she was changed by life. This well written Regency romance tells the tale of friends, to lovers, to mutual redemption. I loved this sweet story, but it does contain some descriptive intimacy. (5.0 stars) A Legendary Love by Catherine Kean is a clean and sweet tale of 13th century strangers who, as teenagers, are betrothed by their families. However, circumstances separates them until fate is ready for them to meet again under dire circumstances. Will they grab the second chance they've been given? (4.0 stars) Lady and the Scot by Hildie McQueen is a tale of woman in distressed that is saved by a brave Scottish laird. This

story is neither sweet or clean. There is explicit sex scenes and the writing is just so-so. (2.0 stars) Lord Quickthorn's Bargain by Barbara Monajem is a sweet, light-hearted Regency style story with a little Fae magic for good measure. Along with some wise relationship insights, there is sexual tension and a mild intimate encounter without explicit details. (4.0 stars) Caroline and the Captain by Maggi Anderson is a beautifully written Regency era love story with visually pleasing descriptions and believable dialogue. In addition to the story of finding love, the plot has an element of mystery, suspense and danger. There is a marital bedroom scene. (5.0 stars) And Then the Moon by Ally Broadfield is a sweet upbeat tale of the unwanted daughter that takes her future into her own hands with a HEA result. This Regency romance is fanciful with some sexual intimacy. (4.0 stars) Cherished Protector of Her Heart by Laurel O'Donnell is a dark and sinister 13th century tale that pits the past against the present. The shadows are an interesting contrast for the deep love between the hero and heroine. This tale has the feel of a novella that was written to be released between two other novels because of the back story recaps. There is sexual content. (3.0 stars)

Some stories are delightful. Some are not so good. I, personally, do not care for, pardon the pun, blow-by-blow descriptions of sex. All in all I say get the book. Read the ones you like.

Romance is the name of the game in this book. This book delivers what we all want more romance and excitement in our life. Overall I am very well pleased with this book and the excitement it has brought me. This book had me unwilling to put it down until I turned the last page as I was so enthralled with the plot. The author of this book knows how to deliver the good in this romance novel. Would I recommend this book to other people? Yes I would including friends. I absolutely think this is great book. All opinions are my own and they are not influenced by anyone but myself. If this review helped you at all please vote yes below.

I saw this bundle for 99c and recognised a few of the authors so I bought it without looking into it. As a result I discovered that I'd already read a few of the stories. To help others here goes: Her Scandalous Wish - Colette Cameron - 3 stars I'd read this one before. Here is my review of the book: "I'm in a bit of a quandary to explain why I didn't give this book more stars. Perhaps if it were longer and not a novella then the author could've had my buy in. The main characters were in love years before the start of this story but the H believed that the h died in the fire that scarred her. The h hates the H because he never came back for her. He has a reputation of being a rake and she is heart-broken by it. I think my main problem is that it's a second chance love story and I don't like

them much. I also don't like stories where the H has everything going for him e.g. looks, status, charm, women flocking after him: and the h has very little going for her. The premise that the h's brother catching the two kissing and insisting that they be married was farfetched. It's a pleasant enough short story though."

**Enticed by Lady Elianna - Amanda Mariel - 3 stars** This is a new author for me but I doubt I'll read more by her because of her writing style. I found it a bit "modern", although it was a clean novella but a lot of the situations I found jarring. You'd think after all these years I'd be relaxing my standards but it's the opposite. This is a bit of a Cinderella story. The h is an earl's daughter and was orphaned. The new earl and his family moved in and made the h a little more than a servant. The H is a viscount not looking to settle down but he met the h when she was chaperoning the new earl's daughter on a shopping trip to London (don't even get me started about this situation). The H is intrigued by the h and accepts the daughter's invitation to a house party so he can uncover the mystery surrounding the h. Before you think it sounds great let me point out that for more than half of this short story, the H was clear he wasn't going to marry and that he preferred the bachelor life of booze, women and gambling. That of course changed in a minute. Oh well, each to his own.

**The Redemption of Julian Price - Victoria Vane - 3 to 4 stars** Taken from my original review of this story: "I pre-ordered this novella as I remember enjoying "A Breach of Promise some years ago and this seems to be linked. It wasn't at all risque, unlike the De Vere series. I quite enjoyed the sweet story of the main characters, who grew up together. The H has returned quite changed by his war experiences and he is down on his luck because his Uncle left his estate in ruins. The h discovers she feels way more than brotherly love for the H. Saying more would ruin the short story. On the negative side I didn't like the unrealistic meeting between the h and the H's mistress. On the positive side this wasn't a 'mistress' story." This story contains some sex scenes.

**Lord Quickthorn's Bargain - Barbara Monajem - 2 stars** I was hoping I hadn't read this one but I have. For some reason I haven't posted a review on the individual book but I will do so now. Why is it that I always remember the ones I dislike? This one is about an H, who is part fairy and he also has a terrible reputation as a rake in London. He is tired of London and decides to come home to his village where his sister, a fairy, asks him to be the guardian of the well while she is away. The h comes to the well to request a boon and that is that her sister's advances are not to be reciprocated by Lord Quickthorn, who just happens to be the guardian of the well. He is intrigued and agrees but she has to agree that Lord Quickthorn can try with her instead. She agrees to that hoping she'll be able to resist. I swear I'm rolling my eyes as I'm writing this. The h's sister had been engaged to a local man but they broke it off when he refused to bed her before they married. More rolling eyes. The brat of a sister thinks that if she makes a play for the H, he will marry her because

she's so beautiful. Need I say more? A Legendary Love - Catherine Kean - 3 stars I'd read this one too. I still remember it and not with fondness so I didn't re-read it like I did the others. Here's my review: "I truly hate being the first to review a book. I like this author and I've read a number of her books. This is medieval story that starts off when the H is 14 and the h is 13. They first meet because their fathers want to betroth them and both aren't keen. They sneak off to a nearby lake, where the H persuades the h to get into a boat with him. She's terribly afraid because she can't swim. Inevitably the boat capsizes and the h nearly drowns. Fast forward 10 years and the H is a widower with a young daughter, when he encounters the h again. She of course hasn't been married and her circumstances are dire because her father is being taxed into poverty. It's not fair to say more seeing as it's a short story. It was a cheap and easy read but I was left feeling a bit irritated. Why is it that the h always ends up the lonely old virgin? I'm not a fan of "second chance" stories so it could just be me.

Caroline and the Captain - Maggi Andersen - 3.5 stars It looks like I've read all of these stories. Here's the review I posted: "I've been reading a lot of this author's work lately and I've been enjoying it. I had no hesitation in preordering this story as a result. It's an enjoyable story about about an arranged marriage between the main characters. It's very short so I'm not going to say too much. The H was the second son and not expected to inherit his father's earldom. He went to war as a dutiful second son but was called back when his older brother was killed in a riding accident. The H returns home to find his estate in ruin and the h's father approaches him to marry the h. The h had been betrothed to the H's brother and so it was a little strange but the H needed the money from her dowry. The h has secrets and is very skittish. There is definitely a question mark around the late brother's riding accident since he was an accomplished rider. I wanted to love this story more but given the nature of a short story, there was too much going on for real character development. I liked the suspense aspect but it became a little melodramatic. I loved the interaction between the main characters, it was the best part of the story for me but there was too little of it (imo). I struggled with the depth of their feelings after such a short time - I wonder if it would've been better to leave it to our imaginations a bit more. The editing errors were also distracting. I'd still say it's worth reading."

And then the Moon - Ally Broadfield - 2 stars I haven't read this author before and I don't think I'll bother again. The h has had 3 seasons and not made a match. Her father is a very unpleasant individual and he gives her a few weeks to become betrothed otherwise he'll arrange something. The H sees feet under a hedgerow when he's outside at a ball. He discovers the h where she's lying on the ground because she's twisted her ankle. They agree to a fake betrothal so that she gains space from her father. The h will then help the H find a wife. It's really a stupid story with a ridiculous misunderstanding towards the end. There are a number of sex

scenes just be even more annoying. Cherished Protector of Her Heart - Laurel O'Donnell - 2 stars I really dislike this author but I always forget. She writes modern historicals with sex scenes. This story is not a stand alone as it comes between the last chapter and the epilogue of "Angel's Assassin". I did read this short story even though I hadn't read Angel's Assassin and I was fine. The H and h are living happily (him in her bedroom at night but he leaves before dawn) before their wedding. Guests begin arriving and there are a few surprises: A wicked Count and Countess who propose an encounter between the 4 (rolling eyes emoji). The H's long lost father who sold the H and his brother to slavers when they were kids. In between there's jealousy, an attempt on the H's life and then finally the wedding.

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