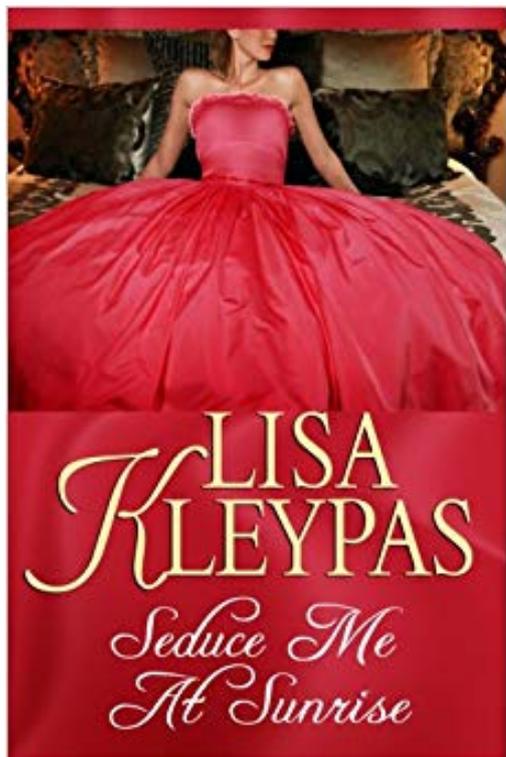


Seduce Me at Sunrise (The Hathaways) *by* Lisa Kleypas



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Refusing to give in to his feelings for the tempting Winnifred Hathaway whose family had rescued him from death as a boy, Kev Merripen, tormented by the mysteries of his Gypsy past, is reunited with his long-denied love as he competes for her affections and struggles to confront a dangerous secret concerning his destiny. (Romance)



Reviews of the **Seduce Me at Sunrise (The Hathaways)** *by* Lisa Kleypas

Drelahuginn

I've been re-reading the Hathaways and I remembered that I didn't love this one. I wasn't wrong because it didn't improve with re-reading. There are loads of reviews so I'm not going to rehash the plot.

+++Spoilers+++

I didn't like the way the H treated the h at all. Ms Kleypas tries to soften the blows to come by telling us how the H has always loved her. He never feels good enough and rejects her over and over again to the point of being really painful to read. He compromises her and publically rejects her by not offering for her. Later he pulls a caveman move but it was too late for me. Worse still is that after he finally 'commits' to her - she makes him promise not to go back on his commitment. What happens? He wavers again because she 'lied' to him. As for the h, she flung herself at him from beginning to end and it was awful to read - it's not a plotline I like at all. Lastly and I don't usually find this with this author but there were a lot of steamy scenes (not too explicit) but they didn't further the story so they seemed like 'fillers'. I doubt that I'll ever pick this one up again

Why not a lower rating? Because I love the series and liked the glimpses of the other characters. Plus the author's writing is superb.

Nikobar

Dear god, how tedious this book is! I love Lisa Kleypas and she is incredibly talented, but dear lord. Merripen, our hero, is exhausting. The whole book is basically one giant therapy session for this guy. He treats the heroine horribly; he is irrational, joyless, and entirely one note. The whole of Merripen's character is his obsession with the heroine. The book might as well be titled "The Merripen Show". Let me tell you: a grown man who behaves like an emo 13 year old with a huge surplus of testosterone? NOT fun.

Poor Win, our heroine. This neanderthal treats her horribly throughout the entire novel; he bullies her, pushes her around, plays hot and cold, and deploys his "me Tarzan" schtick every 5 minutes. The first 30 % of the book is all right because one keeps hope for SOME growth for our whiny hero, but no. The whole thing becomes unbearably tedious about two thirds in. Sorry, but this one was a huge miss for me.

DireRaven

The second book in the Hathaway series features Win and Kev, although the other family members are satisfactorily present as well. Win and Kev have the long unrequited love situation, ever since the Hathaway family took Kev in as a boy. Kev, given his known background, feels he is in no way worthy of Win's affection. Win, still recovering from scarlet fever, is willing to spend two years in France under medical treatment to prove to Kev that she is well enough to marry. However, even when she returns healthy, Kev still remains reluctant to commit. Fortunately, there aren't any wilting violets in the Hathaway family and the siblings are more than willing to give the recalcitrant couple a shove in the right direction. Of course, it's not all just about Kev and Win, Leo's stay in France as Win's chaperone did wonders for his health as well. Kev busied himself rebuilding and managing the estate while they were away, Cam and Amelia settled into married life, and the two youngest girls procured a very interesting governess. I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who enjoys seeing a robust family dynamic woven through the story. All of the Hathaway clan make each book so much more entertaining than if they just focused on the couple themselves.

Jorius

I give this two stars only because I like Lisa Kleypas' writing, in general. If this hadn't been written by one of my favorite authors, I would have given it one star at best. The storyline is downright boring. The book was a drag pretty much from the outset. By Chapter 2, I was starting to skim the contents. I just couldn't get into the story. In addition to a bland storyline that held no interest, the H/h were both unbearable. I found nothing to like about Kev Merripen. He was an annoying jerk with zero personality. Win wasn't a jerk, but she was annoying in her own way. She acted like a desperate idiot throughout most of the book. There was just nothing appealing here, and definitely nothing that ever got me interested in the story. It was a total drag from start to finish, and I was relieved to finally be done with it. A very disappointing entry from Ms. Kleypas.

Vushura

Book two in the Hathaways series, *Seduce Me at Sunrise* is a lot like *Wuthering Heights*, but with a happy ending, make of that what you will. Another Romany hero, Merripen is an intense, brooding hulk who has lived with the Hathaways for many years. The love of his life, Win Hathaway, has been an invalid since her bout of scarlet fever. Sent to France to recover, she comes back in full health to make good on the promise of their years of mutual longing. Merripen fights valiantly and seemingly endlessly against his attraction to her. His objections to the match are twofold: first, he feels himself unworthy of Win as the result of childhood trauma; second, he is convinced that her health is too fragile for a marital relationship. Win disagrees with him on both counts and tries to convince him before surrendering to his intractability. Merripen is guilty of some major come-her-go-away. He is also almost completely humourless, and while Kleypas plays this well, there was too much sturm and drang for me.

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