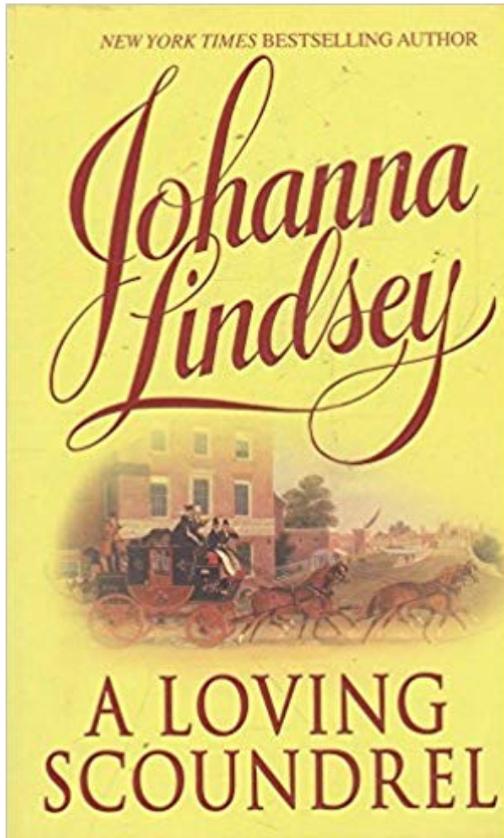


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Orphaned as a child, Dani grew up on the streets of London as a pickpocket. One night, she is caught by the handsome libertine she is attempting to rob. Impressed by her skills, Jeremy Malory decides to hire Dani to steal back jewels he lost in a card game.



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Review:

Danny is a spunky and opinionated thief living with her merry band of wrongdoers disguised as a boy simply so not every man she meets will molest her or more. She crosses paths with Jeremy who needs her for his dastardly deeds aka her services as a pickpocket. He gets what he wants, but she is left with her little butt thrown out of the guild of troublemakers. And what does a feisty and determined woman do when someone else is at fault in her misfortune? She demands Jeremy for a job and a roof over her head. And that is exactly what she gets in the form of a maid job and a lot more in the form of the master of the house.

I'm especially drawn to rags to riches, Cinderella, underdog heroine, secret identity romances - so, this book was perfect for me in that aspect, because it included all those tropes. It is also a blessing if the heroine actually has a backbone and isn't a meek wallflower, someone who knows what she wants and isn't held back by proper etiquette to ask or do what is needed. In addition, a woman in historic fiction who is determined to steer clear of the hero and isn't easily swayed is all good in my book. Needless to say, I thought Danny was awesome.

The relationship between the main couple was another pro to me. They was a constant power battle going on between them and with the balance shifting back and forth, it was interesting to observe these two on who would raise the white flag to the other first. Another positive aspect: Jeremy's unwanted, but very determined suitor with her lies was handled brilliantly and the outcome was like watching a funny situation comedy.

I haven't read any previous books of the Malory series this story is part of so I can't really show the reoccurring characters the proper amount of excitement and love they probably deserve, instead, I read this book with an outsiders point of view. Despite lacking the recommended pre knowledge, I enjoyed this story heaps and didn't have any issues with warming up to obvious old favorites.

I didn't, however, entirely enjoy how the virginity issue was handled and what lead up to that and at times I had slightly issues with the believability of everything going on. Also, too much limelight given to the assassin was also not necessary and distracted from the romance. Nevertheless, these all are very minor issues that didn't distract me from enjoying this book.

Characters:

Danny: Independent, tough and resilient. I admired her determination to still find and become a proper woman and lead a respectable life with a nice husband and children, despite her background and difficult situation. I simply liked her as a woman and character, she didn't annoy me at all and that is quite rare.

Jeremy: Supposedly, he is also from similar background of gutter life as Danny, but I felt that he had left that life far far away in the past and he had also forgotten what it was like in regard to his treatment of Danny. I felt he wasn't really as supportive of her issues and her goals as he should have been. Despite this, he manned up managed to be a decent hero. Has to be mentioned: his family was lovely.

Overall:

I really liked this romance, luckily, I've never really hit and missed with an historical oldie and this is another win for me. There were many aspects to like, but the heroine Danny was my number one in this book.

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*** Back cover synopsis ***

When Jeremy Malory hires Danny, a young woman who grew up on London's streets disguised as a boy, as his upstairs maid, he secretly intends to make her his mistress. But Danny surprises him with her dreams of becoming a refined lady and a gentleman's wife. As she transforms from urchin to elegant beauty before Jeremy's eyes, she unwittingly captivates the charming scoundrel. Now high society tongues are wagging: Who is this mysterious newcomer, and what is the truth about her past? No matter that a life-long adversary will go to any lengths to ensure Danny's downfall, Jeremy, who vowed never to succumb to matrimony, finds his resolve weakening as he pursues a woman whose strong, passionate nature rivals his own and promises the kind of challenge a Malory man can't resist.

*** Personal opinion ***

I was so looking forward to Jeremy's love life ever since starting the Malory novels and after taking a glimpse of the synopsis on the back cover of the book, I have to say I had my hopes up a little bit too high. I gave this book a 4 star because I do think the plot is well written and the chemistry that past between Jeremy and Danny is enjoyable to watch, well, only for the first half of the book until Jeremy finally got her to bed.

Danny's fifteen years of living as a male on the streets allowed her to think like a male more often than a female, and when she started her "relationship" with Jeremy, her confrontations of the situation reminds me of a modern woman, which allowed Danny to be perceived as a very strong character.

My favorite parts of the book was at the beginning of where Jeremy met Danny and the part where James Malory and Drew Anderson along with two other male companions showed up at Bascomb's place, on Jeremy's behalf to throw Emily Bascomb's lie back in her face. That part has got to be the most funniest part in the book for me.

The only thing that refrained me from giving this book a 5 star was the expected danger moments weren't that thrilling at all. At some point, it just seemed like Lindsey was just trying wrap up the book. The parts where Danny was about to get clubbed at her own room and the part where Jeremy thought she had died could've been done in a more refined way to show the danger at the moment but disappointedly, that wasn't the way.

All in all, this is still a very enjoyable book. The things that Jeremy does and say to Danny are just priceless. Jeremy Malory is definitely a loving scoundrel.

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