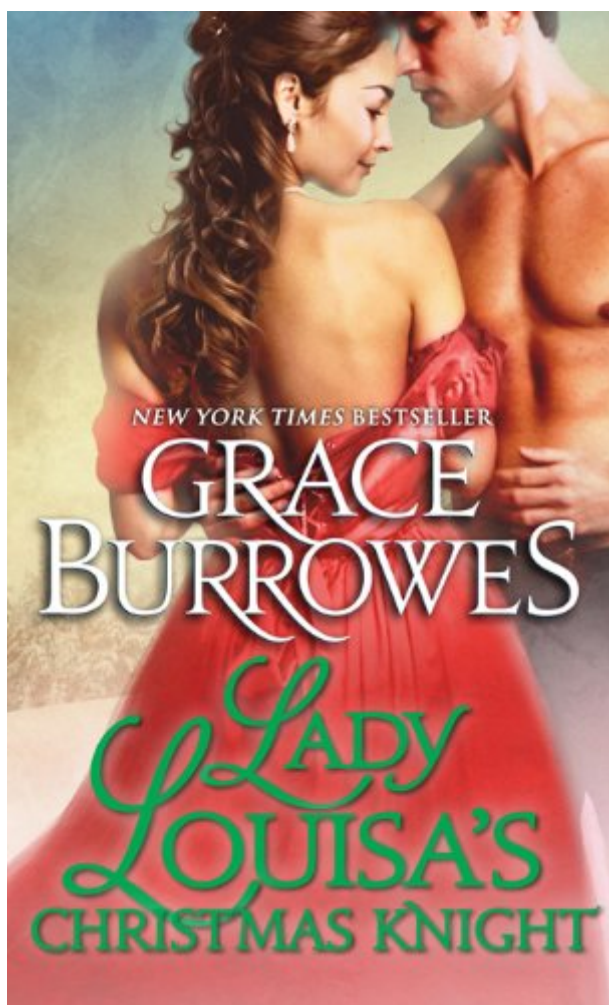




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'Tis the Season for Scandal...Years ago Lady Louisa Windham acted rashly on a dare from her brother, and that indiscretion is about to come to light. She knows her reputation will never survive exposure. Just as she's nearly overwhelmed by her dilemma, Sir Joseph Carrington offers himself to her as a solution...But Sir Joseph has secrets as well, and as he and Louisa become entangled with each other, their deceptions begin to close in on them both...Windham series:The Heir (Book 1) The Soldier (Book 2)The Virtuoso (Book 3)Lady Sophie's Christmas Wish (Book 4) Lady Maggie's Secret Scandal (Book 5)Lady Louisa's Christmas Knight (Book 6) Lady Eve's Indiscretion (Book 7)Lady Jenny's Christmas Portrait (Book 8)Praise for RITA-nominated Lady Sophie's Christmas Wish:"An extraordinary, precious, unforgettable holiday story."âRT Book Reviews, 4â stars, Top Pick of the Month, Best Historical Romance, RT Book Reviews 2011 Reviewers' Choice Awards "My Christmas wish for you is that Santa brings you this book...a joyful sensual read."âUSA Today Happy Ever After"Supremely sexy, emotionally involving, and graced with well-written dialogue...a fascinating, enjoyable read."âLibrary Journal"Burrowes continues to write outside the usual Regency box with strong characters and humor similar to Amanda Quick's."âBooklist

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Customer Reviews

I love Ms. Burrowes' wonderful use of our English language. I recently enjoyed, a great deal, *Worth Lord Of Reckoning* (Lonely Lords) and since I already had Lady Louisa's story in my TBR collection, I began reading it in happy anticipation. I liked Sir Joseph...up to a point. Ditto, Lady Louisa. Before I get to spoilers, I'll complain about the Major Irritation. The entire book was heavily populated by characters from other books I didn't know. I think I would have *liked* to have known some of them, but no such luck. It's like being in a crowd of laughing people, and you're the only one who's not in on the joke. This was a Major Irritation to me. Does Ms. Burrowes do this to entice readers into buying the other books? ***Spoilers*** Sir. Joseph's Big Secret was nonsense. The author certainly did the man no favors making him act like a senseless wimp. Lady Louisa's Big Secret? Equally ridiculous. She's brilliant? I don't think she has sense enough to bell a buzzard. That stuff in your little book is old news, Louisa. For years, you did papers for every kid at Eton. Your poetry and translations couldn't possibly have any shock value left for that crowd.....and they're all grown up now and members of the ton. Your scribblings are old hat. Then there's the Blackmail Scheme. It isn't the silliest thing I've ever read, but it ranks way up there. Not just silly, but contrived, as well. ***END SPOILER*** I'm really disappointed that I wasn't just crazy about this book. Maybe I'm just getting cranky. UPDATE 5/25/14: I have read such glowing reviews of many books in this series, by reviewers I respect, that I've decided to start at the very beginning, *Courtship: A Novella*. Ms. Burrowes' writing is brilliant and I'm determined to learn to love these novels. I refuse to be left behind! lol

I love Grace Burrowes. Her first book, *Heir* (The Duke's Obsession), was the first romance novel I ever read. And had I read a lesser romance novel, I might not have decided to read more. Plus, her *Virtuoso* (The Duke's Obsession) is one of my most favorite romance novels to date. But there are times when I find her writing style, which can be wordy, and the character development to be difficult to work through as a reader. I struggled at the beginning of Lady Louisa's Christmas Knight to even figure out what was going on. I felt that perhaps I was supposed to already know something about Sir Joseph from Burrowes' earlier books in the series. I was re-reading sentences or passages to see if I could make better sense of their interactions or even the physical scene itself. This struggle through the beginning stayed with me throughout. Joseph doesn't think Louisa would stoop so low as to marry him even as she shows interest. Both protagonists have a secret and hide it from the other but, as is true in many romance novels, the secret doesn't seem so salacious that it must be kept. And yet it is and that creates manufactured drama and stress and

anti-climatic moments of revelation. I have high expectations for Burrowes and I expect to be swept away in her stories. When I'm not, that disappointment feels more acute than with some other authors. Perhaps that is not fair to Burrowes but it is only because when she is great, she is truly great. 2.5 out of 5 stars. [Full Review at scATX Reads]

My first book of the series and I LOVED it. Full to the brim with romance, this book sizzles with scandals, secrets and sensuality. The reviewer who compared this novel to the delightful anticipation of slowly unwrapping a gift was spot on. What an appropriate analogy! This book has just the right blend of elements! Everything is rather unexpected - and therein lies the magic. You have an honest to goodness, down-to-earth hero. A REAL hero, brave without question - a retired soldier who now lives with a painful leg injury. Nothing else is precisely as it seems. He's not titled, but has real possibilities despite his preference to remain without said title. He's a self-proclaimed 'farmer', but his farm includes thousands of acres. He's a widower attempting to raise two daughters and 'requires a wife.' He is not looking for a romantic attachment - but he certainly gets just that, and in a beautifully unfolding, slow building romance. I consider this book a gift - it was that good. He doesn't start out as a romantic figure, but - believe me, he fully qualifies as one. Sir Joseph Carrington is such a vivid hero, he remains with me even now. His injury is so well presented that the reader almost feels the residual ache in his thigh and winces at his lack of grace when attempting to sit/rise; yet so romantic when the heroine steps in to relieve his ache. The heroine is equally well done. She's intrepid, intelligent and as socially uncomfortable as he appears to be, and together they make a simply lovely couple. I loved the way their marriage developed. So, so romantic. And I loved the twists and turns they encountered on the pathway to the final revelation of both their secrets. It was so nice to be a bit in the dark as to what the reveal would be, but at no time did I feel their happy-ever-after would be in serious jeopardy. It was such a bone-deep satisfying read that I think I'll have to read it again - starting right now. Don't hesitate to order this book. If only all books were as good...

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