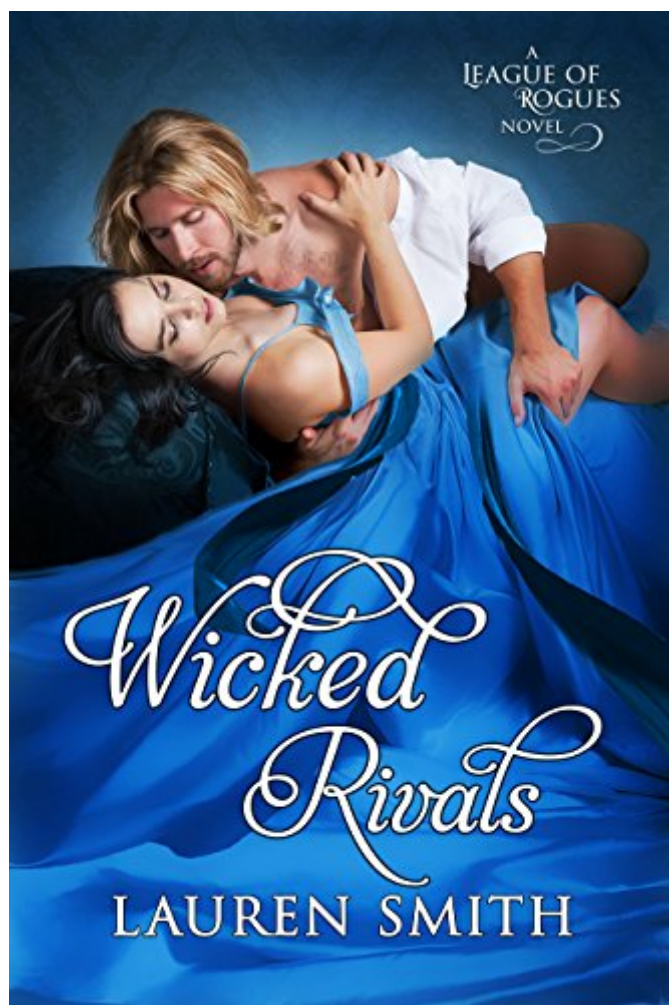


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Wicked Rivals (The League Of Rogues Book 4)



Synopsis

Fans of Julia Quinn's Bridgerton Series and Johanna Lindsey's Malory Series will love the passionate romances and gripping adventures of the League of Rogues. A LORD WITH LEGENDARY CONTROL | Merciless and powerful, Ashton Lennox is a wealthy man because he puts business before everything else, especially love. As a member of the infamous League of Rogues, he's no stranger to scandal. His bedroom conquests are as legendary as his fortune. As he searches for a way to bring down an old enemy bent on destroying the lives of his friends, the last thing he needs is a Scottish widow getting in his way. A FIERY WOMAN WHO WON'T BACK DOWN | The daughter of a Scottish lord with a dark and treacherous past, Rosalind Melbourne has spent years distancing from her past. After escaping her tyrannical father and marrying an aging English lord, she has become a powerful widow with a business empire at her command. Her business dealings are everything to her, leaving her no time for love. Especially not with her business rival Ashton, a man with a scandalous reputation as striking as his blue eyes. A GAME OF WITS TURNS TO A GAME OF SEDUCTION | Ashton is fascinated by the strong-willed, intelligent and sensual lady who, up until now, had outsmarted him at every turn. Rosalind wishes she could deny she is falling for the brooding, handsome baron. How can she possibly trust him when doing so could cost her what she values most - her freedom? When Ashton discovers Rosalind might hold the key to saving the League of Rogues, he knows he will do anything to woo his wicked lass. As their pasts return to haunt them and dark forces rise to keep them from exposing a deadly spymaster, their game of love turns to a game of survival. | Warning: This book includes a brooding baron who's wild in bed, a crafty Scottish lass who never knows when to quit, a wicked game of strip chess, and a merry band of rogues whose first instinct is to run they hear wedding bells ring.

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Customer Reviews

Was sent an ARC by the author at no cost. After months of friendly competition with Lady Rosalind Melbourne, business becomes anything but friendly for Ashton, Baron Lennox. The willful Lady Melbourne has taken dirty dealings to a new level, forcing Ashton's hand and bringing out his ruthless side. Now, Rosalind must appeal to Ashton's better nature in order to regain control of her life and she finds herself praying that he has one. All the while things are not what they appear for the League of Rogues as Hugo Waverly has now found a new way to infiltrate the League, and a personal concern has made him more dangerous than ever. This book continues the fabulous narrative started with *Wicked Desires*. With each book Lauren Smith draws readers further and further into the world of dark desires and dangerous deceptions. Even knowing that each story will eventually end with a "Happy Ever After" the suspense created to build the story allows the reader to wonder just how much the author is willing to put her characters through. One of my favorite things about this series is that the women are strong in ways beyond simply being able to stand up for themselves.

They've always had characteristics that have been contrary to stereotypes of the time. Emily's head for numbers, Horatia's fascination with Astronomy, Anne's knowledge of horse breeding, and now Rosalind's business acumen. Beautifully, the author points this out in a superb section of dialog that had me weeping with appreciation. While not my favorite of the series of course, *His Wicked Seduction* is rather hard to unseat in my opinion as this offering ranks rather high. It was wonderfully structured and populated with fabulous characters to support the already tortured hero and heroine. Now, hopefully, it will be time for Audrey's story! That one is VERY much anticipated. Especially after this one.

Lauren Smith's *Wicked Rivals* is an engaging, sensual story filled with romance and intrigue. The romantic tension between Lord Ashton Lennox and Lady Rosalind Melbourne has been building during the last two *League of Rogues* novels. Lord Lennox initiated an encounter between the couple in *Her Wicked Proposal* and was not amused when Lady Melbourne bested him! I have been waiting to read Ashton's story - - and it exceeded my expectations! Lord Lennox and Lady Melbourne are fierce business rivals. Rosalind has outmaneuvered Lennox several times during the past few months. Lennox has lost several lucrative shipping contracts to the Scottish widow. Ashton sets a trap for Lady Melbourne when he meets with the heads of five of the largest banks in London. The end result of these meetings is a promise from each banker that Lady Melbourne's credit will not be extended. Lennox's friends have bought Lady Melbourne's loans and he arranges to have the notes payable immediately. Rosalind has no money or credit and Ashton owns everything, including her home. Both Ashton and Lady Melbourne are strong characters. Ashton is a calm, cool entrepreneur who thrives on buying and selling companies and thinks in terms of possessing people and businesses. Rosalind is my favorite heroine in this series. She has survived her father's cruel treatment, married well and has learned to make her way in the world of business. As a widow, she has more freedom than many women and she treasures it. Rosalind will not be owned by anyone. Lauren Smith has created a unique group of characters who have banded together to fight a common enemy, Hugo Waverley. Waverley's presence is felt during each of the novels in this series. The reader learns of a new connection between Waverley and a main character. As the story intensifies, the reader learns that Waverley has placed spies within the *League* households and inner circle. The author provides a subtle clue as to how the reader can identify Waverley's employees in the next novel. I enjoyed how the author blended the romance between Ashton and Rosalind with this suspense filled storyline. The pacing in *Wicked Rivals* is superb as each word, each scene leads the reader towards the novel's stunning conclusion. I can't wait for the next book in this series!

The evil Hugo Waverly continues all out war with the *League* in order to destroy them in this 4th installment of the *League of Rogues*. Meanwhile Lord Ashton Lennox makes plans of his own to destroy Waverly. Little did he know by snaring Lady Rosalind Melbourne in his plans he would be snared by her. Author Lauren Smith somehow manages to keep this series fresh and action-packed

with the continuing cast of characters and new ones entering into the fray. Well-done and challenging HEA, intelligent dialogue and strong, believable characters moved the nefarious plot along to another satisfying conclusion with a view to yet another novel as Charles has yet to meet his one, true match.

Wicked Rivals (The League of Rogues Book 4) This the fourth installment of the League of Rogues Series. I got hooked on this series back in October of 2014. Mrs. Lauren Smith did not disappoint me. It was a home run of a series. I could not wait to devour this book. I love each and every one of the rogues. Ashton Lennox is the level-headed of the group. He would always have a plan and a way to execute it. When Ashton meets a rival whom gets under his skin. He has to dominate her. Rosalind Melbourne had to fight all her life. She was not goes to let Mr. Lennox get the best of her. It was a crazy and wild ride. I love every minute of it. It is good to revisit the other characters like family. I can't wait to read the next book. This story is a wonderful book.

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