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The Broken Duke: Mended By Love (Clean And Wholesome Regency Romance) (Regency Romantic Dreams Book 1)



Synopsis

Honor, Duty, Love – Can a Broken Duke ever be Mended? Reduced to \$0.99 for a limited time only and FREE on Kindle Unlimited – “Well, I do not feel like marrying.” Duke Harcourt Beckleham could not think of any woman who could tempt him to marry -- yet he knew that he must. For the sake of the duchy and for the sake of his sisters, he must bring much needed income into the estate. This is made very clear when an unfortunate incident leaves him indisposed in front of some local merchants. Can he keep secret the state of the duchy? Harry Beckleham was a soldier, much more at home fighting Napoleons troops than making polite conversation with the ton. However, he understood that as the Duke of Arleton he had duties. An overheard conversation between his sisters brought home just how real it all was. “I shall just pretend to be passionate about the older fashions. After all, I still have some very beautiful gowns.” Edith was as bright and light as always. “That’s not what others will see, darling,” a Georgian had told her. Harry knew she was right, soon everyone would know they were broke. This should have been his sister’s finest season. They could not attend in old gowns no matter how beautiful. He would have to marry. As the nightmares of his past life come back to haunt him he escapes to his town house for one last week little knowing that it will change his life forever. A meeting with a local seamstress, a plot to destroy the duchy, and a lady placed in danger are all part of this light, clean, and fun historical romance. A Clean and Wholesome Regency Historical Romance FREE on Kindle Unlimited by bestselling author Charlotte Darcy

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Customer Reviews

Harry is a Duke who has inherited his kingdom, but doesn't take good care of it. He has been in the army for ten years and when his father died, he hired an overseer to take care of the affairs of the Dukedom, which are slowly being decreased. His aunt wants him to marry a wealthy heiress so the family resources will be saved. Harry doesn't want to marry a spoiled rich girl, but feels he must to save his sisters from ruin. Harry has a wardrobe malfunction right in front of the local seamstress' business. He immediately falls for Katy the best seamstress in the town. She sews his buttons on and fixes his worn trousers. Harry still thinks he has to marry for money and not love. How these two solve their romantic problems makes for a very sweet story.

A cute story...predictable plot !! There are not any twists and turns in this story line. You will guess the ending before you reach the first third of the book. The author also limits her "clean" novel to amicable personalities (no real vilians). But, the characters draw you in through their emotional ups and downs. The reader will "cheer" for then. You will not lose interest before reaching the happy ending. Charlotte Darcy also gets points for sticking to the social norms of the era. This book is a quick read and a relaxing way to spend a few hours. Enjoy!

I had to give this delightful story at least 5 stars. There was room for elaboration, but it was unnecessary. Harry and Katherine's story is heart tugging and beautiful. Complete with tears of sorrow and joy.

Katherine's life was happy until she unexpectedly met the duke! It was close to love at first sight yet as seamstress there was no way anything could come of this romance. The duke was also very attracted to Katy but in order to survive financially he needed to marry someone rich. The woman he was introduced to only wanted the title of success and had no interest in the duke as a person. Katherine however truly loved him and you will have to read the book to find out if they eventually overcame all their obstacles.

The duke and Katy were lucky to have meet. So many twists to their relationship and so many problems. But good finally comes. It had an upbeat to it. Although, there are some places where you want to cry. I so enjoyed the book and highly recommend it to one and all.

The Broken Duke: Mended by Love is indeed a clean read, but it is also pretty syrupy sweet. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a nice clean period romance, but this piece was way too YA or Teen appropriate for my tastes. It read like a child's fairytale and I just could never really relate to the Pollyanna characters.

Harry was a good and honorable man haunted by war during his days as a soldier. The passages detailing his war experiences and their aftermath to his psyche were sensitive and compelling. Katy uses her fine skills as a seamstress to augment her family's income, by her working in a nearby town's dress shop. Harry and Katy meet by chance, and forge a love that can bridge the divide of their disparate social stations--if fate will let them.

This book is about Harcourt Beckleham Duke of Arleton and Miss Katherine Porter. Harcourt has a townhouse in Denmouth where he meets Katherine. Harcourt returned from ten years in the war to resume his duties as Duke only to find that he is almost impoverished. He has three sisters that are of age and need to make their come out. He tries to accept the fact that he needs to marry a rich heiress, then he meets Katherine, who is a seamstress. I loved this book and it's characters. I highly recommend it.

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