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Proper Scoundrels



Synopsis

Eight hundred pages of historical romance from five best-selling authors.

SHATTERED DREAMS by Laura Landon
Brentan Montgomery, Earl of Charfield has one love - his stable of Arabian horses. When he's offered breeding rights to the Marquess of Fellingsdown's prize Arabian if he acts as companion to Fellingsdown's sister, he doesn't care if the reclusive Lady Elyssa has three chins and a dozen hairy moles. The prize is worth anything he has to endure. But when he meets the elusive Lady Elyssa Prescott, all thoughts of gaining a prize Arabian colt disappear. He realizes he's met the woman of his dreams - if he can keep her from discovering his deceit and convince her that her imperfections don't matter to him. Lady Elyssa Prescott knows what it's like to be ridiculed and shunned. But when Brent Montgomery lets her glimpse a world where her limitations aren't important, she believes it's possible for her dreams to become a reality. Until she discovers the man with whom she's fallen in love was a hired man to offer her everything she's dreamed of having. The cruel reality of a love built on deceit shatters both their dreams and threatens to destroy their lives forever.

WAGERS GONE AWRY by Collette Cameron
Brooke Culpepper resigned herself to spinsterhood when she turned down the only marriage proposal she'd likely ever receive to care for her family. After her father dies, a distant cousin inherits the estate and becomes their guardian but permits Brooke to act in his stead. Heath, Earl of Ravensdale is none-too-pleased to discover five young women call the dairy farm he won and intends to sell, their home. Desperate, pauper poor, and with nowhere to go, Brooke proposes a wager. His stakes? The farm. Hers? Her virtue. Brooke loses, and her devastation is compounded when the cousin arrives, intending to haul the Culpepper misses off to London. Heath astounds himself and proposes in order to apply for guardianship of the other girls. Does Brooke dare marry the handsome stranger who'd been bent on compromising her? Will Heath regret his impulsive gesture, or will unexpected love flourish?

LORD RUTHVEN'S BRIDE by Tarah Scott
Love is always sweetest the first time around | A harmless attraction leads to a friendship that forces Lady Annabelle to choose between the two men who love her. One saved her from a killer. The other is her future husband. James Waterson, newly titled Viscount Ruthven, is hunting a killer. When Lady Annabelle steps into the killer's sights, James will do everything in his power to protect her. Even if that means letting her go.

THE MOST UNLIKELY LADY by Barbara Devlin
Book Three in the Brethren of the Coast Series.
Woo a young lady with a fishing rod and a bucket of worms? Oh-so dashing--but untitled--Everett Markham seeks a bride, and he has charged the field of Miss Sabrina Douglas, a woman who prefers trout to truffles. Unabashed and unapologetic, Sabrina sets her cap for a second son, one who will smile patiently when he comes home to find she's misplaced their children. But marriage

changes her in ways she never imagined, as the awkward debutante surrenders to a very real, very womanly, all-consuming love. An irresistibly handsome English rogue, Everett plots his future with ruthless detail, but his future wife is anything but predictable, resulting in the zaniest courtship London society has ever seen. When a family tragedy upends his life on his wedding day, he must chart a slippery course with his most unlikely lady--as the new Earl and Countess of Woverton. **LOVING THE HAWKE** by Lana Williams Two wounded souls, a wallflower and a war hero, stumble upon each other time and again in slums and ballrooms, realizing they fight a common cause and share an unbridled passion. Will the curse they fight be their downfall? Or will love win the day?

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Customer Reviews

Proper Scoundrels is the first book in this set. The characters are great. The plot is interesting and well paced. The writing style makes reading enjoyable. No profanity, and only one brief sex scene, for those who want to know about that. You get two love stories in this book. I particularly liked Elly, except that her reason for thinking she could not marry Brent was harped on a bit too much, IMO. As for Brent, who wouldn't want to be loved by this man? I'll add more as I continue with the set. *Wagers Gone Awry* is the second enjoyable offering in this set. The story of Brooke and Heath is

a feel good read. The very poor Brooke, and her sister and three cousins have run a dairy farm for the last five years, following the death of her father. They have been legally obligated to give half of the earnings to Sheridan, the male inheritor of the estate. Sheridan gambles the lands away to the hero, Heath. When Heath travels to see the land he has won, and make arrangements to sell it, he finds five beautiful women who are in dire straights. This is when things really start to get interesting. Solid writing, an interesting plot and good pacing, along with key characters worth admiring, make for a book worth recommending. My only complaint is that I felt the ending was rather abrupt, even with the epilogue. There is one sex scene near the end of the book, for those who want to know. I did not have any problem with my downloaded book, as did the reader who left a two star rating. Technology can be frustrating at times. **THE MOST UNLIKELY LADY** has a likeable pair in Sabrina and Everett, who are the romantic focus of the book.

Wagers Gone Awry by Collette Cameron
The Misses Culpepper...sisters & cousins who live on the dairy farm that was owned by the father of the oldest Miss Culpepper & her sister. Upon the father's death the farm is inherited by a distant relative who becomes their guardian. This guardian has no use for the girls or the farm & "allows" them to live there with Brooke, the oldest, in charge & their only allowance being half of what the dairy brings in (which isn't much). Brooke Culpepper, the oldest of the Culpepper misses, loves running the household & the farm. She doesn't like the fact that females cannot inherit property & she is at the mercy of a distant relative. Thankfully, he doesn't want anything to do with the farm or the girls which allows them to live somewhat in peace. Well, except for the fact that they barely have enough money to live on. Each of the girls does something to supplement their income, sewing, music lessons, etc and their loyal servants continue to work for them without pay. Heath, the Earl of Ravensdale, a confirmed rogue wins a dairy farm in a game of cards. Not something a man about town has any real interest in so he decides he will check the property out & put it up for sale. After traveling to the farm in horrendous weather he is none too happy when he arrives & finds 5 women living there. An old dog, undeniable attraction & a series of loyal servants "trying" to help, an improper proposal & wagers going the wrong way can this couple find a happily ever after? Will the winner of the bet hold true to their end of the bargain? I received this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review....I absolutely LOVED this book!!! Collette Cameron has the unique ability to put you in the characters shoes.

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