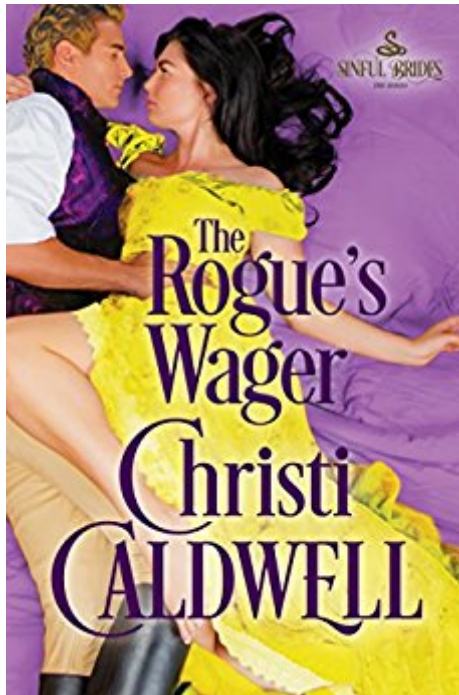




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Synopsis

In the first installment of USA Today bestselling author Christi Caldwell's Sinful Brides series, a bookkeeper-turned-lady takes a gamble on a man she never meant to fall for. London, 1821 Lord Robert Dennington, the Marquess of Westfield, has long reveled in the freedom afforded him as the ducal heir. He knows he must someday do right by the Somerset line, but he's in no hurry to give up his carefree existence. Helena Banbury is a bookkeeper in a gentleman's gambling club, adept at analyzing numbers and accounts but helpless for lack of influence. She's never belonged among the nobility on the gaming hell floors, but neither does she feel completely herself among the men who run the Hell and Sin Club, despite the fact that they are family. The once-illiterate girl from the streets wants more than the gilded walls her protective cage can offer. When Robert mistakenly enters her chambers one night, Helena is forced out of her predictable life and thrust into the glittering world of Society. Will the charms of the marquess prove more perilous than any danger she ever knew on the streets?

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Customer Reviews

Boy I really enjoyed reading this book. I could not put it down until I had read every twist and turn in it. I would recommend this book to anyone inclined to read it.

I really enjoyed the interaction between Robert and Helena. Both of them have been hurt in the past and it has shaped them into the persons they have become. Christi Caldwell, as usual, creates a very likeable heroine and hero...ones you are rooting for throughout the story. The only thing I haven't liked in her books is the increasing use of the Lord's name in vain. It doesn't add to the story at all and is offensive.

This book is another great book by Christi Caldwell. It is a poignant story told in only the way Christi can tell a story. Buy this, grab a box of tissues and be ready to be taken on a journey. Helena and Robert are well described, in detail. in other reviews. I can only say that I was totally wrapped up in their story. As usual, the prologue hooked me. OMG who would not want to read on. I do not think you will be disappointed.

I enjoyed this book from start to finish. Well written, with engaging characters developed enough to work well in this sort of story. Although not done in depth, the author made me feel as though I knew each one. It was really a 3.5 star rating for me, mostly due to the disappointing lack of development in the protagonist's acumen with accounting that promised earlier to be of interest. I dislike finishing a book and having to wonder how a situation was resolved, in this case financial difficulties. Although I suppose I should be grateful it isn't something I have to buy another book to find out.

Ms. Caldwell writes such complex characters, with whom a reader can easily identify. They are real, imperfect people. Both Helena and Robert are complex and their story unfolds sweetly. I will grant there was more suspension of disbelief for this than others (hence the 4 stars), but that truly does make for a lovely fireside read. Grab a tea, your blanket and curl up. Caldwell does not dissappoint!

While the characters were likable, the storyline progressed too fast without fully developing. A duke falls in love and proposes marriage in a week is not believable. A slow start and just average ending with a good middle.

Christi Caldwell writes from the heart. She also wrings yours as she tells her tales! Helena and Robert have so many hurdles to cross and you keep turning the pages to see what happens. And it

does! You won't be disappointed!

I really enjoyed this romance. It is definitely not typical, but I found the hero and heroine quite compelling. While the heroine works at a gambling establishment, most of the action takes place away from it. The hero and heroine both bear emotional (and sometimes physical) scars that have to be healed in the story. I found their relationship compelling. It is clearly part of a series, but I was still able to enjoy it without having read the other books. Though, after reading this one, I want to find them and read them.

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