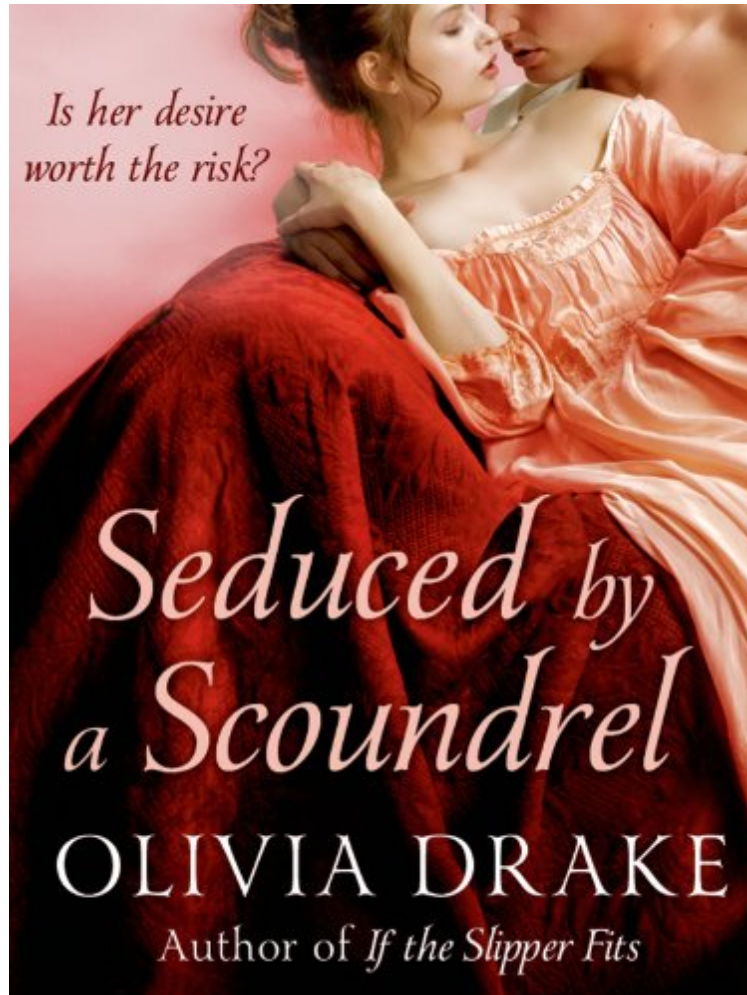


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Von Olivia Drake, Barbara Dawson Smith : Seduced By A Scoundrel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seduced By A Scoundrel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not all that originalVon ThornThis plot started and developed too standarty to be belived. How many books have you read already where the heroine is forced into marriage/sexual relations with the hero/scoundrel because of her family's gambling debts? In addition, we find out the the revenge bent scoundrel is actually a softie, who, though trying to get into his new wife's bed, is nevertheless trying to present himself to her as an unrepentant rogue regardless.Of course, the heroine hates him at first, but then suddenly has a change of heart and climbs all over him. Plus, she comes to terms with the fact that he had married her to enter into Society, but gets all bent out of shape when she realizes that he is using her to get revenge on his father instead.The love/lust scenes are good enough, I suppose and the secondary

romance is fascinating. (Needed more info on it, though. Would have been much better book.) The final twist at the end is a bit redemptive, but Jamie's sudden change of heart is not explained. Why? In short: close, but no cigar!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another winner by Barbara Dawson Smith

Von Ein Kunde Gerald Pemberton, the Earl of Brockway, foolishly follows in his deceased father's footsteps and gambles away what remains of the family money that his sire failed to waste. Gerald owes a fortune to gambling hall owner Drake Wilder. Out of fear for the brittle mental health of her mother and unbeknownst to Gerald, his sister Alicia offers her self in barter for her sibling's debt. Drake agrees to marry Alicia in exchange for Gerald's IOU. Drake has a secret agenda and the lovely Alicia provides him with giant steps towards achieving his goal of attaining entrance into polite society. He also has the double satisfaction of knowing he possesses the woman his estranged father wants. However, against all his desires, Drake soon falls in love with his wife and in spite of his mistreatment of her she reciprocates those feelings.

SEDUCED BY A SCOUNDREL shows why fans think Barbara Dawson Smith is one of the genre's top historical romance writers. The story line centers on love conquering hate, but done in a fast-paced Regency format. Drake is an enigmatic character whose need for vengeance thrusts the story line forward. Alicia is a warm, intelligent, and brave person who sacrifices her own needs for her ailing mother. The secondary players provide a feel to the era, especially the gambling "hells" and the shunning of a person born on the wrong side of the covers. Ms. Smith imbues the plot with plenty of sexual tension, a move that will elate Regency readers who love a touching tale with lot of spice.

Harriet Klausner 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Try Too Wicked to Love instead

Von pontmarie Too Wicked to Love is one of my favorite books of 1999 - but this latest offering falls just short of the mark.

Lady Alicia Pemberton's brother Gerald, Earl of Brockway, loses what is left of the family fortune at Drake Wilder's gambling hall. Aside from her family's declining social and financial status, Alicia must care for her mother, who has fallen prey to dementia. It's up to Alicia to save the family once it is clear that the debt of 20,000 guineas will send them to ruin. Drake is not prepared for the woman who offers him her virtue as payment for her brother's debt. He demands marriage, not just sex, and not because of any tender feelings, but because his bitter enemy - the father who won't acknowledge him - Lord Hailstock, wants Alicia for his own. To Alicia, who wishes to marry neither man but is instantly intrigued by Drake, the choice comes down to who will be considerate of her mother. Because Hailstock insists that Lady Brockway be kept out of their lives, Alicia chooses to marry Drake, as long as their marriage is a chaste one. Drake, who has agreed to no such nonsense, figures his bride will soon succumb to his considerable charms. Drake's motivations (or seeming lack of common sense) were a little too convenient to the plot. Aside from forcing Hailstock to recognize him in the eyes of the society he'll be a part of, Drake would "raise his social consequence" if he marries Alicia. Oh, really? Alicia's family was nearly ruined, even before the disastrous loss of 20,000 guineas, and they've been selling off family possessions and Alicia's clothes that are not suitable for any sort of Season. Add to this the well-known dementia of the Dowager and you have, in Alicia, a girl that no one interested in social climbing would marry. Drake is kind and generous to every pregnant maid, orphan, brain-rattled former boxer, etc., that he meets - this felt a little manipulative after a while. While Alicia manages to convince herself that she is marrying Drake to save the family, especially her mother, she soon discovers that she is attracted to her charming husband. Misplaced pride keeps her from her husband's bed, and her only recourse when she finds herself about to surrender to Drake is to hurl insults at him. She started off as a likable, capable heroine, but she is also ready to believe the worst of him, even though he has been nothing but kind to her family. There were other problems with this book, the worst of which was Gerald's painless cure from his gambling addiction, and his new career as counselor, working in Drake's hall. Anyone, with any form of addiction, will tell you that his recovery was just a little too swift to have any degree of verisimilitude.

Kurzbeschreibung A classic novel by Barbara Dawson Smith, now writing as Olivia Drake - released as an e-book for the first time!

Society shunned the base-born rogue. Matrons whispered behind their fans about his sensual exploits. Young ladies secretly dreamed of his intimate touch. No one expected Drake Wilder to force his way into the closed ranks of the nobility-by coercing a very proper lady to the altar. To save her family from ruin, Lady Alicia Pemberton agrees to wed the scandalous owner of a gambling club. She insists upon a marriage in name only. But Drake has other plans for his lovely, high-born wife. First, he will use Alicia to exact revenge on the father he never knew. Then he will work his scoundrel's charm to seduce her into his bed. But Alicia isn't the meek, submissive wife. And Drake soon finds himself in peril of losing his heart...

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