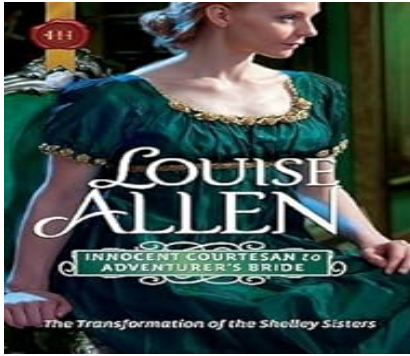


Innocent Courtesan to Adventurer's Bride (Transformation of the Shelley Sisters, #3) By Louise Allen I have had my nose buried in a history book fact or fiction for as long as I can remember but even important to me are the places and the objects that conjure up the past. Virtually any place can trigger ideas for plots but I am particularly inspired by Venice Burgundy Mediterranean islands and Librarian Note: There is than one author in the GoodReads database with this name. I have had my nose buried in a history book fact or fiction for as long as I can remember but even important to me are the places and the objects that conjure up the past. He is not sure whether to be flattered or alarmed to be told he is the inspiration for all my romantic heroes! Whenever possible we escape to our cottage on the North Norfolk coast where Percy the bossy pheasant allows us to share the garden. What inevitably happens is that the story starts to write itself in my head until it gets completely out of control meanwhile my study floor becomes a sea of open books prints and maps and I am found sitting in the car at traffic lights muttering dialogue. And into the rake's bedroom! Lina dresses like a nun looks like an angel but flirts like a professional—and the last thing Quinn expects to discover is that she's a virgin! Innocent Courtesan to Adventurer's Bride (Transformation of the Shelley Sisters #3)35 Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction Hero walks by Damsel's bedroom door and hears some sort of struggle. This book concerns the younger sister Celina Shelley (often referred to as Lina for short) who finds herself working in her Aunt's brothel The Blue Door though not as a sex worker. When her first customer another loathsome man named Tolhurst drops dead before he can ravage her and his expensive sapphire ring is discovered missing the innocent Lina must go into hiding to avoid the hangman's noose. It is perhaps a little absurd that the events of the novel take place within such a short period of time between March 4 and June 1 1815 since so much drama occurs within those three months. The first half has the advantage of dramatic tension between Lina and Quinn as the two are strangers to one another at first and the second half has the benefit of action including a duel and a dramatic arrest of the true thief of the sapphire ring. I think it also helps that the writer is British so perhaps the details are more authentic than they would be from the pen of an American writer (as so many Regency romance authors are). From the first scene when she sasses Lord Makepeace to analyzing her attraction to Quinn to reading Minerva Press novels to her calculated flirtatiousness this was a girl I could appreciate. She was inexperienced & tentative yes but NOT STUPID about sex (or anything else) & I just loved her -- not only the survivor mentality but the contrast of staid upbringing & courtesan tricks gleaned from friends in her aunt's brothel. The way she employed their little techniques both as a shield against her shyness & a goad to encourage her hidden naughty streak was such a nice change from annoyingly clueless virgins who need to be enlightened as to why nipples grow hard. As for her stubborn reticence I could understand it; shyness for Lina (& also yours truly :P) is a battle of pride vs emotion thereby distilling awkwardness to wry humor lewd jokes or sheer silence -- any are preferable to putting oneself in the position of Discussing Feelz because discussion = risk & risk = unacceptable. ) Indeed Lina is more than willing to take bodily risks (which she does ranging from running away -- first to an unknown aunt & later away from the brothel -- to her imagined romping through the wilds of Egypt). Indeed I enjoyed the rollicking slap-dash silliness of (count 'em) 3 villains 2 reluctant leads a brothel-load of cheery whores an eccentric benefactor & 1 sardonic scarred-up badass Russian sidekick. Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction This began well enough but it started losing credibility for me when the supposed virgin starts performing fellatio on our hero like that's a perfectly natural thing for inexperienced virgins do the first time they have any kind of intimate contact with a man. Celina si bungsu Shelley sister memiliki kepribadian yang polos dan cerdas saya rasa author menggambarannya cukup baik dimana ada kontras antara sifat aslinya dan kenyataan dia pernah tinggal di rumah bordil di London meski tujuannya hanya membantu sang bibi dalam hal pembukuan,

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I did enjoy this ending to the series by Louise Allen. This story was good but I did not love the main guy character. I remember the writing style being rather odd too weird sentence construction that kept making me stop and reread so I could understand what was being said. I do remember quite a bit about this book even years later so at least it was memorable: Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction Membaca novel ini cukup menyenangkan: Ada lebih banyak petualangan juga sedikit permainan intrik-intrikan dalam novel ini, Cukup seru walau memang bukan jenis cerita yang akan membuat hati pembaca ketar-ketir. Dalam hal karakter Lord Dreycott mungkin dia sedikit eksentrik tapi menarik: Di masa lalunya dia sempat difitnah dan kehormatannya sebagai gentleman hilang. Tetapi justru hal tersebut membuatnya lebih berempati pada penderitaan orang lain yang senasib. Memang romance yang diceritakan agak biasa dan polanya gampang ditebak namun saya tetap beranggapan Quinn dan Celina adalah pasangan yang manis dan gampang dicintai, Sayangnya bukunya terlalu tipis sehingga konflik emosional mereka seharusnya bisa lebih mendetail dan mendalam. Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction I don't read many romances (compared to my friends anyway) and am quick to give up on them if they annoy or bore me. The characters were convincing and likeable the plot original enough to keep you reading and even guessing: A good read I would definitely try another by the same author. {site\_link} See this thread for information. {site\_link} See this thread for information. It is after all their story. He bursts into her room to rescue her from. 2.5 Stars (rounded 3 Stars). Makepeace takes over the business. Occasionally I wondered if I should rate this 3.'If only all virginal heroines were like Lina. Are you not entertained?! \*I\* certainly was. Take that Avon snoozers. \*halo\*Strong 4 stars overall. Perhaps he ended up with one of Lina's cheery whores. I was looking forward to the last sister in the series. He was such a jerk. I just did not enjoy him at all. Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction Otpad. So finishing one is already a recommendation in itself. Romance Nonfiction Historical Fiction.