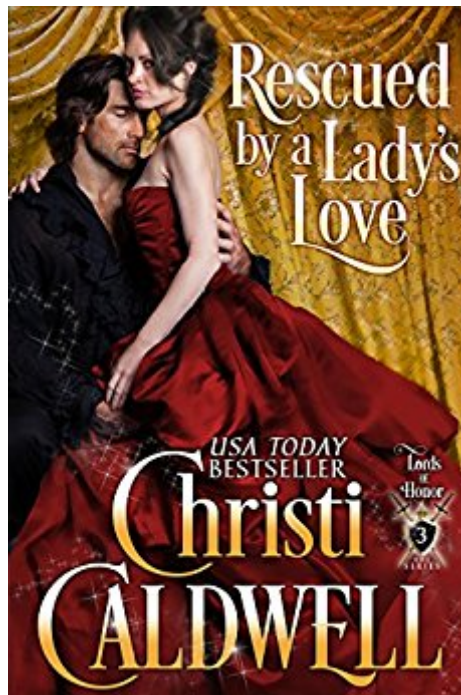




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Synopsis

Destitute and determined to finally be free of any man's shackles, Lily Benedict sets out to salvage her honor. With no choice but to commit a crime that will save her from her past, she enters the home of the recluse, Derek Winters, the new Duke of Blackthorne. But entering the "Beast of Blackthorne's" lair proves more threatening than she ever imagined. With half a face and a mangled leg, Derek "once rugged and charming" only exists within the confines of his home. Shunned by society, Derek is leery of the hauntingly beautiful Lily Benedict. As time passes, she slips past his defenses, reminding him how to live again. But when Lily's sordid past comes back, threatening her life, it's up to Derek to find the strength to become the hero he once was. Can they overcome the darkness of their sins to find a life of love and redemption?

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Customer Reviews

So I have been waiting for this since Captivated by a Lady's Charm, we are finally going to find out the Duke of Blackthorn story and I am ecstatic that it is finally here. Lily Bennett has received nothing

but pain from the Winters family and after being cast on to the streets by the man who promised to love her, only to be tricked into becoming a mistress to a man she learned to hate, but finally Sir Henry died and yet again Lily's chance at freedom has been stripped away from her. Now she is being blackmailed yet again, this time she is being threatened in to stealing a diamond from the family she hates more than anyone—the Winters. Derek Winters, the 8th Duke of Blackthorn used to be an easy going jolly fellow, until the war happened. A war that caused burns to scar his face and turn that once fun loving guy into a man that hated life and the everyone in it. But things go from bad to worse, when he is left as the guardian of his niece Lady Flora and now has to put up with people in his home that is until Lily turns up demanding to become Flora's governess and turns his whole world upon its head. After a very bumpy ride and threats of being let go as the governess, Lily and Derek finally open up stuff about their past, but not everything and when the blackmail comes to light, Derek feels betrayed—will he turn back into the Beast of Blackthorn or will he fight for Lily and love. Now I will be perfectly honest, I am not normally one of those reformed/second chance book lovers. I normally don't like the hero to be the bad guy in previous books, to suddenly become the hero. But I have always had empathy for Derek from the very first book in the Lord of Honor series and by the time I was done with this book, I can see that he was never a monster but a man with very deep scars. I truly loved the characters, Lily broke my heart! How much she suffered reduced me to tears, not ugly by the disgusting treatment of her by George and Henry but also by every person that feel that they have the right to look down upon her—especially Mean Mr. Davies. Lady Flora is a gem! Oh my I love that kid so much; my heart just bleeds for everything she had gone through. But my favorite of all is Harris! Oh he is so funny! Especially at the end! I also love the fact that Derek finally remembered his name. So now I have waxed lyrical about how much I have loved the characters, let's get to the plot and the writing; the writing is smooth and the plot is gripping and kept me hooked from the moment I opened the book and thankfully the baby napped all the way throughout me reading this delicious nugget. So finally I'm done being long winded and we get down to the score, which is really the easiest part of this review (I think), I give Rescued By A Lady's Love 5 stars

Wow! This book is simply amazing. If you never read a Christi Caldwell book, then your missing out. This is an instant Caldwell Classic! Lily and Derek's story was perfection. The story of two equally broken people who was beaten down by life. Who made difficult choices just to survive their scares and hurts. They each found the love they long thought out of their grasp in each other. Lily's story was heartbreaking. A young girl of 16 taken advantage of young nobleman. She is disowned and

sent away by her family. With nothing to her name she is forced to take refuge in the house of a stranger. However, trust her trust is abused again and she is forced to become a mistress. Derek was the charmed second son of a Duke. He had the world in his hands and sought to make a name for himself in War. However, Derek is almost killed and suffers burn scars over half his body. He is scorned by his mother and polite society that he decides to hide from the world. As Lily looks to be free from her life as a mistress she is thrust into the home of Derek, Duke of Blackthorn. What seems like an easy way to win freedom turns into everything Lily thought she could ever have. As Lily and Derek begin to breakdown the walls that protect their hearts, they find a love that could bring forgiveness and healing to each other. However, an enemy from the past threatens their new found happiness and takes everything from Lily and Derek. This is truly and beautiful and heart-wrenching love story and one not to be missed!

I wasn't sure, after the glimpse of the bitter Duke in book 2, that I would like this gentleman. I was wrong, he is quite likeable. The relationship that develops between the Duke, Lily and Flora is lovely and real. Though Lily enters the home to have some revenge, he steals her heart, as does his young charge and niece. As he finds himself drawn to her, he begins to feel again, and finds himself. She also sees the man he is, not the "beast" the rest of the world sees. This is a story of love and triumph, it touches the soul and lifts the spirit, even through the sadness as the story develops. A wonderful gift of a novel.

Starring two protagonists who have experienced a world of tragedy, *Rescued by a Lady* is a lovely beauty and the beast story. Lily has been so hurt by those she loves, first the peer she thought would marry her, then her family who shunned her and lastly by her protector who used her and made no provisions for her. She is destitute. When her protector's son asks her to steal from the infamous Derek Winters, the new Duke of Blackthorne, in exchange for a house and money, she agrees. After all, the Duke's family were the catalyst that sent her life on a tailspin. She will gain entry into his home as a governess to his young ward. Derek was a soldier and his face and upper body were severely wounded when his friend's rifle exploded near his face. He has become a recluse hiding his scarred face but even worse his soul has festered and he has become angry, embittered and short tempered. Lily and Derek square off initially and Derek is amazed that this beautiful woman stands up to him. He is equally impressed and fascinated. Slowly he lowers his guard and opens up to Lily. Lily is so torn. What began as revenge is morphing into something else entirely. Lily sees beyond the scarred visage to the lonely man, who is just as

lonesome as she is. Her generous heart takes in Derek and his ward and even more she wants to heal Derek's broken spirit. Her compassion is admirable. Yet always lurking is the threat of discovery. There is so much emotion and fire between the leads. These two need each other. It becomes obvious to the reader early. Their journey is a good one and both characters are well written, their thoughts and actions make perfect sense. There is heartache in this story but joy too and the way they reach for each other is both touching and impassioned.

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