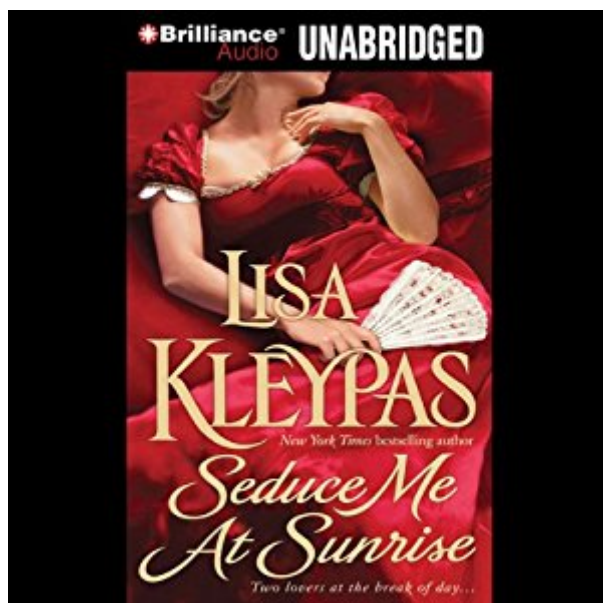


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Seduce Me At Sunrise



Synopsis

Kev Merripen has longed for the beautiful, well-bred Winnifred Hathaway ever since her family rescued him from the brink of death when he was just a boy. But this handsome Gypsy is a man of mysterious origins—and he fears that the darkness of his past could crush delicate, luminous Win. So Kev refuses to submit to temptation—and before long Win is torn from him by a devastating twist of fate. Then, Win returns to England—only to find that Kev has hardened into a man who will deny love at all costs. Meantime, an attractive, seductive suitor has set his sights on Win. It's now or never for Kev to make his move. But first, he must confront a dangerous secret about his destiny—or risk losing the only woman he has lived for—in *Seduce Me at Sunrise*, the second book in the Hathaways series by beloved author Lisa Kleypas. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

The second book in the Hathaway series features Win and Kev, although the other family members are satisfactorily present as well. Win and Kev have the long unrequited love situation, ever since the Hathaway family took Kev in as a boy. Kev, given his known background, feels he is in no way worthy of Win's affection. Win, still recovering from scarlet fever, is willing to spend two years in France under medical treatment to prove to Kev that she is well enough to marry. However, even when she returns healthy, Kev still remains reluctant to commit. Fortunately, there aren't any wilting violets in the Hathaway family and the siblings are more than willing to give the recalcitrant couple a shove in the right direction. Of course, it's not all just about Kev and Win, Leo's stay in France as

Win's chaperone did wonders for his health as well. Kev busied himself rebuilding and managing the estate while they were away, Cam and Amelia settled into married life, and the two youngest girls procured a very interesting governess. I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who enjoys seeing a robust family dynamic woven through the story. All of the Hathaway clan make each book so much more entertaining than if they just focused on the couple themselves.

Book two in the Hathaways series, *Seduce Me at Sunrise* is a lot like *Wuthering Heights*, but with a happy ending, make of that what you will. Another Romany hero, Merripen is an intense, brooding hulk who has lived with the Hathaways for many years. The love of his life, Win Hathaway, has been an invalid since her bout of scarlet fever. Sent to France to recover, she comes back in full health to make good on the promise of their years of mutual longing. Merripen fights valiantly and seemingly endlessly against his attraction to her. His objections to the match are twofold: first, he feels himself unworthy of Win as the result of childhood trauma; second, he is convinced that her health is too fragile for a marital relationship. Win disagrees with him on both counts and tries to convince him before surrendering to his intractability. Merripen is guilty of some major come-here-go-away. He is also almost completely humourless, and while Kleypas plays this well, there was too much sturm and drang for me.

SEDUCE ME AT SUNRISE is the second book in the Hathaways Series. It is the story of Kev Merripen, a Rom who has lived with the Hathaways for years because he has been in love with Winnifred Hathaway since both were children. After a bout with scarlet fever, Win almost dies but has been rendered so weak that she has to go to France for two years in order to try and have a real life. During the two years apart, Kev has become harder and more determined that Win be happy without him. Kev does not believe himself worthy of Win. The love between these two is deep despite Kev's refusal to accept a relationship between the two. Kev's determination is challenged when another suitor comes into the picture. With one exception, I really loved this book. There is a powerful love between these two. Their happy ending is well won. I really liked the characters of Win and Kev. Winches become independent and spunky during the two years of her treatment. It was also nice to see the entire family again (along with a special appearance by the Wallflowers' Hunts). The whole book moves along at a good pace and there is intrigue and mystery in the story. I really love those angst filled stories and this one has multiple life threatening situations to increase the drama. The only part of this book that bothered me is when Kev does nothing to save Win from a compromising situation. For me it felt out of character for him to allow Win to suffer. I would still rate

this one a 4.25.

I adore this family and their eccentricities. It was lovely to visit with them reason this gets three stars is because I am not a fan of the device of cruelty to be kind. Kev's self loathing turns to being cruel to Win. I understand and think it was well written but this is not something I enjoy. I loved Cam because of his devotion to Amelia without any cruelty.

Lisa Kleypas is an excellent writer. She and and Julia Quinn have both brought me back to the romance genre as each writer dispenses with much of the soppy, sappy cliches that far too many authors fall back on: too many tortured heroes, too many winsome heroines, blonde, winsome heroines. That said Seduce Me at Sunrise has a tortured hero as well as a fair winsome heroine. However, LJ has created such a wonderful hero in Kev by circumventing Romance cliches with good writing and fleshed out characters. Tortured, silent, surly, you can't help but love Kev and his not unrequited love for Win. Despite the fact that from the minute Kev and Win are aware of each other, LK creates a sublime tension between them that doesn't quit even when they are together. As far as sweet heroines go, Win has a backbone of steel and never falls into the quagmire of too sweet to live and too stupid to shoot. I am not going into plot as other reviewers have met that objective, but the secondary characters are great as well. Kev, Cam and Leo's male dynamics are fun, and there is more than a smattering of humor. LK's Hathaway series is one of my favorites. She is definitely one of the game changers as far as the romance genre is concerned. If you like you heroes with an edge, The Devil in Winter has an equally alluring and wicked hero.

One of my favourite couples. The H is half gypsy, madly in love with h and knows he is not good enough for the h. She has been ill, very frail, and has a plan to recover and live the life she wants, with him. She is gone for some time, and while H is not celibate, this results in a fantastic scene when she returns unexpectedly. They are a wonderful couple, he adores her, is so private but everyone knows about his love for her. The h is lovely, and carefully shows him all that they can have together. It has a wonderful epilogue.

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