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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The first historical romance by Evanovich and Kelly (*Love in a Nutshell*) shines with the glitter of New York City in the advanced year of 1894. American heiress Caroline Maxwell doesn't want much in life, just independence and passion in a marriage. But that's too much to ask of high society, especially as her mother is set on marrying her off to a mysterious English duke. Caroline prefers her brother's close friend Jack Culhane, who's in no hurry to wed and doesn't fit her mother's idea of a husband. The authors paint a clear picture of the luxurious lives of the ultra-wealthy: cycling in Central Park, scampering around Newport's Cliff Walk, and taking tea in London's finest drawing rooms. Whether running away from her governess or from the duke, captivating Caroline maintains her feisty streak, and her straightforward character is fully fleshed out with intelligence and humor. Caroline's romantic kisses with Jack produce more sexual tension than most bodice-rippers, and an older couple's rekindled romance adds a sweet touch. (Jan.)

From Booklist

Evanovich, renowned for her best-selling *Stephanie Plum* series, again joins forces with Kelly (*Love in a Nutshell*, 2011), and this time the duo takes on the historical-romance genre. It's 1894, and American heiress Caroline Maxwell spends her days suffering through her mother's attempts at setting her up with royalty, a duke being the rank of choice. Caroline doesn't want to be a duchess. She wants to be an adventurer and travel the world, experiencing everything life throws at her. Unlike Caroline, her brother, Eddie, isn't the target of family marriage expectations. He and his best friend, Jack Culhane, have explored exotic places and made a lot of money while doing so. While Mama plans a costume ball to show off their wealth to Caroline's prospective husband, Caroline plans her quest for freedom. Little does this feisty, funny heroine realize her plans will include Jack. Those who have read *Love in a Nutshell* will discover that this collaboration is a subtle sort of prequel. --Shelley Mosley

Review

“sexy...[Like] a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers classic performance, [the authors] mixed their expert maneuvers with graceful precision to create a fun read with the right amount of humor, suspense, and romance.” *USA Today*

“A REFRESHING READ that will keep readers smiling--whether they are brew fans or not...Sassy, laugh-out-loud humor, vastly appealing characters, and an intriguing setting make this fast-paced, suspenseful romance one to imbibe.” *Library Journal*

“CLASSIC ROMANCE...with an edge of mystery.” *Kirkus Reviews*

“a story sure to please...Evanovich and Kelly skillfully combine comedy with romance and suspense.” *Booklist*

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