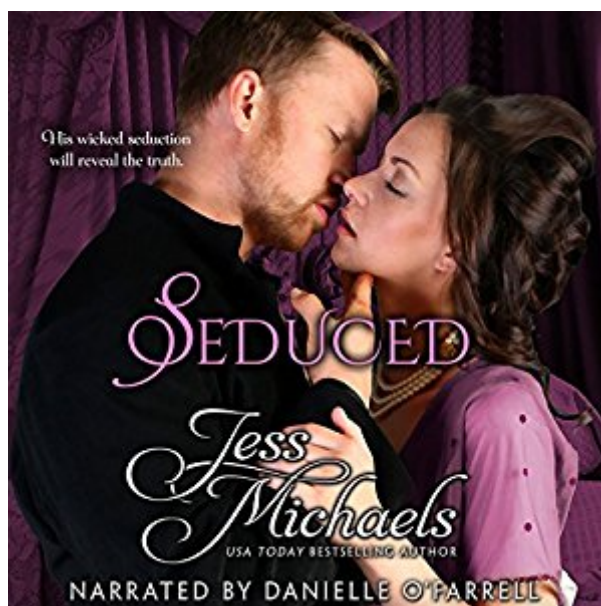


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Seduced: The Wicked Woodleys, Book 5



Synopsis

A hot historical romance from USA TODAY best-selling romance author Jess Michaels. Criminal Jack Blackwood has plenty of problems, from his complicated relationship with his brother to the plethora of men coming to dethrone him as king of the underground. What he doesn't need is a rich, bored gentleman showing up to try to join his gang. Worse, he doesn't need that gentleman's sister, Lady Letitia Seagate, chasing after him demanding he keep her brother safe. If only the lady weren't so damned intriguing. Widowed Letty is desperate to protect her younger brother, even if it means matching wits with the notorious, charismatic Captain Jack. Only the man has far more to him than she ever expected, and his tempting kisses and smoldering promises leave her wanting more than she has ever dared before. Can Jack uncover the truth behind Letty's darkest lies? And will they both survive the storm about to strike at the very heart of their passion?

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Customer Reviews

“I have never been abducted by a lady before,” he drawled, looking at her pale face in the dim carriage. “This is very exciting.”
FINAL DECISION: An enjoyable conclusion to the Wicked Woodleys series that essentially is an add on to RUINED. Employing one of my favorite tropes: the lower class hero with a heroine who is his social better, this story lacked the angst of RUINED but still had a lot of action.
THE STORY: Jack Blackwood is known as Captain Jack, a criminal mastermind who is king of the criminal world that lurks in London. As his brother has married into the titled class, Jack ends up mingling with the aristocracy. There he meets

Viscountess Leticia Seagate, a widow who has a secret. As the two circle around one another, Letty decides to take a lover and can think of no one who fits her better than Jack. There is danger, however, as Jack has a rival for his business who threatens him and anyone he cares about.

OPINION: Jack and Letty's story was enjoyable but a little bit of a letdown from the wonderful *RUINED*. For me, there was a lot of things going on in the story (Letty's secret, Jack's enemy, Letty's brother's issues) and while I enjoyed the book, I was not enthralled. I felt that with so much going on, the connection between Letty and Jack was not as strong as I would like. I still enjoyed the book especially because I am a fan of the lower class hero story. Michaels has done several of this trope in this series and I seriously love these guys. Jack is a criminal but he clearly has done well for himself and is in the process of improving himself. The marriage and happiness of his brother has made him question his own life. It is at this pivotal time that he begins his relationship with Letty. The two expect nothing beyond sex from one another and yet, they become intertwined with one another. I liked the sexy relationship between Jack and Letty and there is always a sense of equality between them personally even if society does not see it. I also liked how Letty's personal sense of worth is healed by Jack's devotion to her. Overall, I found the story and romance uneven but I liked the characters, loved getting updates on the prior couples and was satisfied with the book as a whole.

WORTH MENTIONING: Michaels also gives a nice update on the other Woodley couples without it being forced. A nice treat for fans of the series.

CONNECTED BOOKS: *SEDUCED* is the fifth book in the *Wicked Woodleys* series. The book gives readers enough information to be read as a standalone although I recommend reading *RUINED* first because the two stories are closely connected.

STAR RATING: I give this book 3.5 stars.

NOTE: I received an ARC of this book via Netgalley in order to provide a review. I was not required to write a positive review. All opinions contained herein are my own.

Seduced by Jess Michaels is the exciting conclusion to "The Wicked Woodleys", Book 5 of the series, but can be read as a stand alone. The Woodleys is a magnificent, but flawed family who stand by their own through better or worst. Captain Jack aka Jack Blackwood, whose the king of the underworld, is also Claire's Brother-in-law, and the brother of Warrick, Claire's new husband. Jack has become melancholy in his lifestyle and looking for more. Enter, Lady Letitia Seagate, Claire's widowed cousin. Who has also become steady in her life, she's thinking of taking a lover. Jack is handsome, steady, sexy and dangerous. Jack's story was everything I hoped it would be, I wasn't disappointed. Fast paced tale, filled with secrets, betrayal, danger, mystery, suspense, steamy, hot passion, flawed characters and Second chances. But does Jack have a chance for

redemption, and finding the light in his darkness, thru Letitia? Can Letitia find her HEA and the love of a lifetime, if they survive the dangers ahead? Once again, Ms. Michaels has a well written tale, with flawed characters, and passionate kisses. A masterfully written tale of love, redemption, finding a family and a HEA. I have thoroughly enjoyed this series and highly recommend it to fans of steamy, dangerous and flawed characters, Historical Romance and awesome storytelling. A must read! Saddened to see this exciting, wicked series end, but looking forward to the next adventure. Enjoyable and a very satisfying read! Received for an honest review from Net Galley. Rating: 4.5 Heat rating: Hot/Steamy Reviewed by: AprilR, courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

I've read the entire Wicked Woodleys series and had expected Claire's story (Ruined) to be the final book. Each of the books is a standalone story without a cliff hanger, however the characters are introduced for the next book. In Ruined, Claire's story is resolved and we're introduced to Jack. This book is Jack's story although in this series the books are just as much about the woman as the man. Seduced was a pleasurable read with strong characters following the familiar formula of a hero who's socially below the heroine. Although a familiar formula, this story remains fresh and interesting. Jack has done what he's had to in order to survive. Letty has done what she felt she had to in order to survive socially and please her parents. They are drawn together even when neither really wants to be in the beginning. Sometimes, love just happens whether we want it or not.

This was a truly enjoyable romance and I absolutely loved Jack and Leticia. You could just feel their attraction and the amazing chemistry they had between them. It was fun seeing the other Woodley's again especially War and Claire. I have really enjoyed this entire series and highly recommend reading them from the beginning as each and everyone of them is a treasure for any romance lover to read.

This was the last of The Wicked Woodley's. I enjoyed reading all four episodes. They were all good but perhaps this one was the best. The only negative I had was the poor editing in all of the books. Jess Michaels can certainly put a zip in her stories. The heroes and heroines were all very likable and sexy.

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