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A Spy's Devotion (The Regency Spies Of London Book 1)



Synopsis

In England's Regency era, manners and elegance reign in public life—but behind closed doors treason and deception thrive. Nicholas Langdon is no stranger to reserved civility or bloody barbarity. After suffering a battlefield injury, the wealthy, well-connected British officer returns home to heal—and to fulfill a dying soldier's last wish by delivering his coded diary. At the home of the Wilherns, one of England's most powerful families, Langdon attends a lavish ball where he meets their beautiful and intelligent ward, Julia Grey. Determined to maintain propriety, he keeps his distance—until the diary is stolen and all clues lead to Julia's guardian. As Langdon traces an evil plot that could be the nation's undoing, he grows ever more intrigued by the lovely young woman. And when Julia realizes that England—and the man she is falling in love with—need her help, she finds herself caught in the fray. Will the two succumb to their attraction while fighting to save their country?

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Customer Reviews

Julia Grey, her parents are dead and she is at the mercy of her aunt and uncle. Nicholas Langdon,

is a dashing young lieutenant who unknown to him is carrying a diary that holds secrets of a plot to kill a high ranking general. The diary is stolen. Could Julia's uncle be a traitor to his own country? Julia will have to put loyalty to her family aside to help reveal the truth. Can she trust Nicholas with her trust and perhaps her heart?

There is not one Melanie Dickerson book I don't love. I adore every single one of her fairy tale romances, and I wondered how her new regency suspense romance would turn out. Regency romance (clean) is one of my favorite genres--I'm a fan of Austen and Heyer, and I also read Julie Klassen and Sarah Ladd. Melanie's books have always been unique, and *A Spy's Devotion* is just as good and just as unique as her other books. I can see her Regency romances ranking right up there with those of other current authors. I absolutely loved both Julia and Nicholas in the story. He is the perfect hero, and Julia definitely grows as the story progresses. From the beginning, I so wanted her to stand up for herself, but I understood why it was so difficult for her. The secondary character were well-written, and I particularly loved Nicholas's sister and hope she gets her own story at some point. The side stories supported the main story well, and I really loved how Julia's and Nicholas's thoughts were included with what they were actually speaking aloud. Also, I loved the Christian focus. So many modern Christian authors are barely mentioning God in their books, and I've read complaints about other Christian fiction being too overly preachy. I thought Melanie did a fine job, as you have no doubts that the book is Christian, but it blends in well with the story (Julia and Nicholas both exhibit such real Christianity in their efforts to help people whom others would despise and ignore). *A Spy's Devotion* was more suspense than mystery, because you know from the beginning what is going on and who is behind the plot. Even then, you don't know how it's going to play out, and I had to force myself not to give into the temptation to look ahead. *A Spy's Devotion* kept me up until the wee hours of the morning; I couldn't put it down! If you love Melanie's other books and/or if you enjoy clean Regency romance, I highly recommend *A Spy's Devotion*. I look forward to reading future books in this new series.

I love regency romances! This is my first book by this author, and I liked it. It had a mildly intriguing premise - young war hero making good on deathbed promise comes across young ward and traitorous plot to assassinate the Duke of Wellington. The heroine, Miss Julia Grey, was fantastic - beautiful, talented, good-hearted, and loyal. The hero, Lord Nicholas Langdon, was equally wonderful - handsome, aristocratic, and courageous. They had good chemistry but no sizzle. The storyline was complex and entertaining. I liked the author's writing style - plenty of dialogue & action.

Overall, a very good book. The only things that kept it from being great for me were the lack of sizzle and the tendency to be preachy. Looking forward to the next book in the series.

I'm a fan of Melanie Dickerson, and I feel like I may be a little late to the Regency Spies series, because I only noticed after the second book was released, but I was thrilled to purchase and read this first book. I liked a lot of the characters in this book. One thing that I would have liked was more scenes from Nicholas's point of view. I enjoyed his character quite a bit, and I'd have loved to see more of him. Overall, the plot was mostly predictable. Not a true mystery, and I personally didn't feel as much suspense as I would have if I didn't "see it coming", but considering this is only her first book in this setting, I very much look forward to her continued writings as she gets more comfortable in the genre.

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