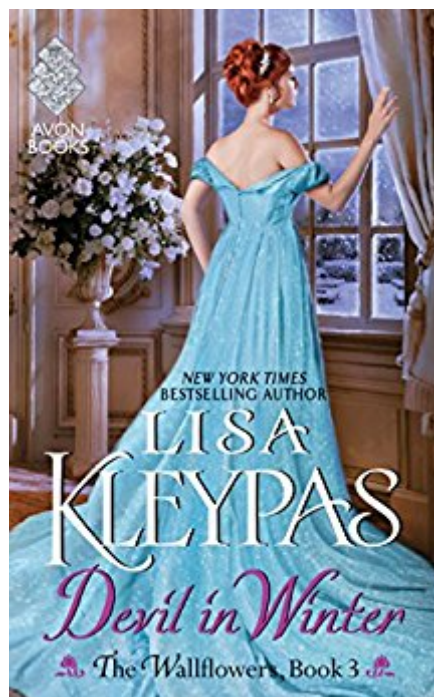


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Synopsis

"I'm Sebastian, Lord St. Vincent. I can't be celibate. Everyone knows that." Desperate to escape her scheming relatives, Evangeline Jenner has sought the help of the most infamous scoundrel in London. A marriage of convenience is the only solution. No one would have ever paired the shy, stammering wallflower with the sinfully handsome viscount. It quickly becomes clear, however, that Evie is a woman of hidden strength and Sebastian desires her more than any woman he's ever known. Determined to win her husband's elusive heart, Evie dares to strike a bargain with the devil: If Sebastian can stay celibate for three months, she will allow him into her bed. When Evie is threatened by a vengeful enemy from the past, Sebastian vows to do whatever it takes to protect his wife . . . even at the expense of his own life. Together they will defy their perilous fate, for the sake of all-consuming love.

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Customer Reviews

Where else can I begin, except to say that Kleyas only gets better and better with every book she writes, especially with her wallflowers series. Evie and St. Vincent's breathtaking story is the third in the series (First "Secrets of a Summer Night", then "It Happened One Autumn") and without a doubt

the best one to date. Built on the basis of friendship, the series matures remarkably with each installment, always keeping the spirit of sisterhood and friendship intact throughout each. Evie has much to be grateful for in her small circle of friends as her story progresses. St. Vincent has returned from his foiled attempt to kidnap, wed and seduce Lillian Bowman. Beaten and downtrodden, he's not expecting the shy and reclusive redhead that insists on entry into his home. Even more surprising, he's astonished at Evangeline Jenner's proposal of marriage - a marriage of convenience in which she receives sanctuary and protection from her abusive family and he gets what he so desperately needs. That would be money, of course. The daughter of a notorious gaming club owner and a rumored half-wit, St. Vincent never thought he'd be stooping to such a level as to consider Evie's offer. Hard times call for desperate measures, on both their parts, and the two are quickly off the Gretna Green for an elopement of the not-so-heart. Both are determined to maintain their distance, but both are in for some eye opening experiences, ones where prior assumptions and false conclusions about one another will be tossed to the curb. Is it really possible for a self-professed rake to do a complete one eighty? The chances are good for St. Vincent, and watching his awakening to Evie's not so obvious charms is a wonderful experience.

"Devil in Winter" is the much anticipated third book in Lisa Kleypas' Wallflower series, a group of books about four upper-class Victorian-era friends who band together in their quest for suitable husbands. The heroine of "Devil in Winter" is Evangeline Jenner, the flame-haired, painfully shy daughter of notorious London gaming club owner Ivo Jenner (a secondary character in Kleypas' wonderful book "Dreaming of You".) The hero is Sebastian, Lord St. Vincent, last seen at the end of "It Happened One Autumn" brooding over his failed attempt to kidnap and forcibly wed another Wallflower, the lively American heiress, Lillian Bowman. If you love the Gorgeous, Hardened Rake Reformed By the Awkward, Innocent Virgin storyline, this is the book for you. If you were hoping for something a little bit darker and edgier based upon Sebastian's somewhat morally ambiguous character in "It Happened One Autumn", you may be slightly disappointed. The story is set up as a Marriage of Convenience plot, with the (previously) timid, stuttering heiress Evie approaching gorgeous, financially-strapped libertine Sebastian with an offer of marriage. Evie is desperate to escape from her abusive, overbearing maternal relatives in order to nurse her ailing, consumptive father through his final days. Viewing marriage as her only option and realizing that Sebastian is in desperate need of money, Evie proposes an elopement to Gretna Green and Sebastian sardonically agrees to the plan. Evie's bargain involves consummation of the marriage to make it legal, but no lovemaking after the first night (Ha! As if!!!!) During their road trip to Scotland for the

elopement, the couple begins to bond and (rather unwillingly) to develop feelings for each other.

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