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Von Olivia Parker : At the Bride Hunt Ball before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised At the Bride Hunt Ball:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Unoriginal debutVon Helen HancoxWhat's the point? This was the thought going through my mind as I read this book.

This is Olivia Parker's first published novel and it was like so many other novels out there - no original dialogue, well-worn plot, writing-by-numbers. It's a Regency so of course we have a titled hero (and a top title for this hero, a duke) who isn't interested in women until he meets our heroine, Madelyn Haywood. And, of course, Madelyn isn't on the hunt for a husband (heroines can never be man-eaters) but is instead worried for her friend's heart as her friend has a tendre for the duke's younger brother. And of course the Duke of Wolverest, Gabriel Devine, doesn't want to get married but wants to encourage his brother to get married so that the dukedom will have an heir. Really? Gabriel's younger brother is a bit of a playboy and so Gabriel arranges for a vastly improbable Bride Hunt Ball where seven young women are chosen to stay at the Duke's estate for a couple of weeks with their chaperones and then attend a ball. At the ball Gabriel's brother Tristan will choose his bride. Really? Fortunately for the plot our heroine is chosen as one of the seven 'lucky' potential brides, along with her short-sighted friend Charlotte. But of course Madelyn, being no fortune-hunter despite having a pretty tricky home life, doesn't want to attract Tristan or even his brother the duke. I bet you can guess what's coming now... yep, the duke finds Madelyn unexpectedly attractive and starts pursuing her. Madelyn is a bit accident-prone which apparently makes her seem fresh and different (but which makes me think of Mary Balogh's book *Slightly Dangerous* where this idea was carried out with considerably more aplomb). Really? So the duke, being a gentleman, does what all sensible Regency gentlemen who appreciate being able to make their own choices do... and behaves completely out of character with a seduction of a proper young lady. Really? There's nothing fresh in this story, the plotlines are old and tired (apart from the Bride Hunt Ball which seemed so vastly unlikely I could never believe it), the characterisation is pretty thin and often stereotypical, historical accuracy in dialogue is patchy and the cover art makes this book look like hundreds of others out there - which of course it is. There's nothing wrong with this book really, it's just that there's nothing special about it to lift it above the dozens of such books that are published each month. Originally published for *Curl'd Up With A Good Book* Helen Hancox 2008 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a true regency - romance incl. happy end ;-) Von booktiger Yes, I agree. The story is "well-worn". Good looking, dark and titled hero (The duke) who is not looking for a wife and a poor, clumsy, maltreated, unsuitable, officially desinterested heroine. And what a surprise - they fall in love. From the first page one knows how the story ends. But is this not always the case with such romances? And do we not love them because of it! Sure you can doubt if this is historical or even gentleman behaviour... or if this is logical... or whatever else if you like. I definitely enjoyed the book tremendously, the dialogues, the twists,... And I will get another book of her to simply entertain myself. :-)

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