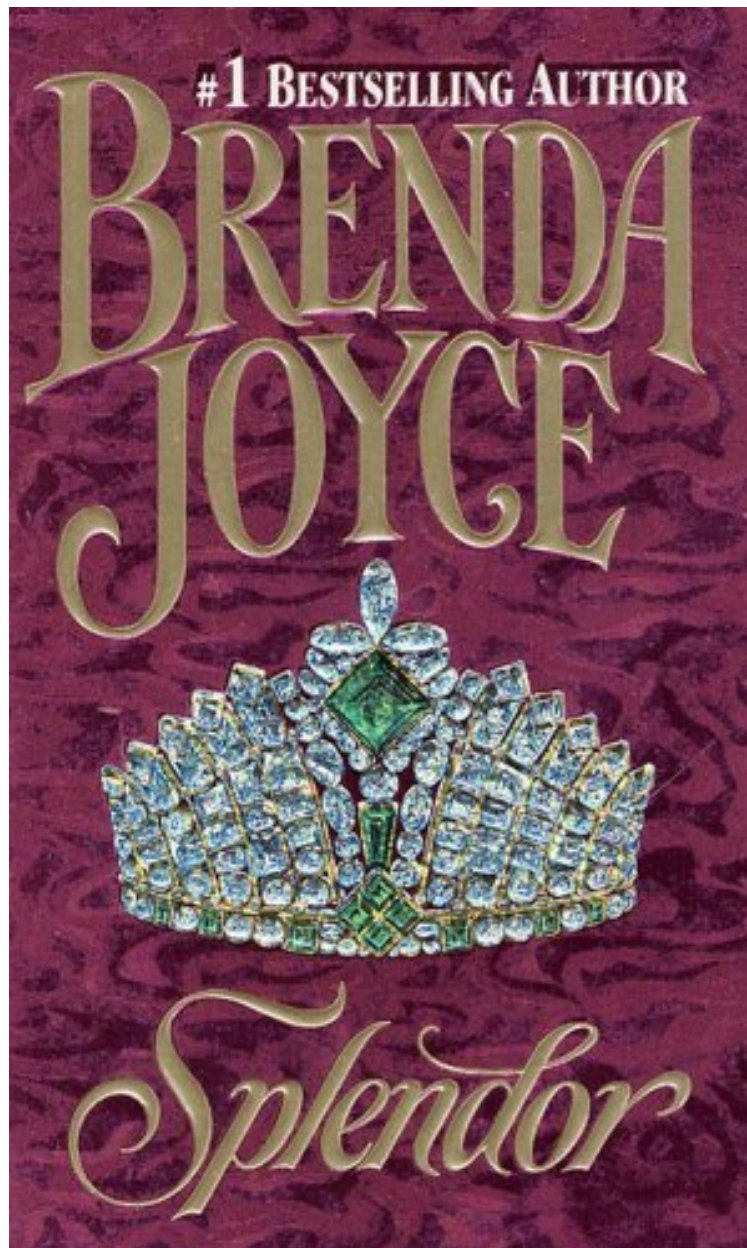


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Waste

of Time! Don't Even Bother! Von Ein Kunde I purchased this book after reading the synopsis at the back of the novel. It had so much potential and fell way short of the mark. Unfortunately, it was just annoying. I cannot begin to tell you the complaints. I had absolutely no love for the main characters which quickly grew into a strong dislike. Lets begin with the heroine. I hoped she would be a strong intelligent woman (which the synopsis gave every hope of being). Her intelligence never appeared except that she had this alter ego of a witty newspaper columnist. I could not believe that this woman had the smarts to write a good letter. She was a young, selfish, willful, stupid woman with no self control or pride. Didn't she have any pride or strength of character? She was WEAK! "Jerry Springer" material. I was annoyed from the beginning. The hero was vain (which I like in most heroes but not this one) and selfish. I had no sympathy for their plight and didn't believe they loved each other. Their "love" and romance was pitiful. His wife was so one dimensional as the villainess. I disliked both characters so much I almost pulled for the wife but didn't. I didn't like anyone in this novel-- I just plain didn't like the book. The author attempted to weave a strong plot but got tired and within minutes wrote the rest of the story with the "formula" of a predictable romance novel. But she gave us a dumb blond heroine and the villainess wife was brunette. Typical. Don't get me wrong... I am an avid romance reader and love the romance genre. However, I must atleast like the main characters. Terrible book. Not everyone can write a historical romance like Judith McNaught. I hope her other works are better. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Absolutely Awful! Von Jenise I find that I agree with every word written by a previous reviewer; so much that I think it should be repeated for anyone planning to buy this book: "The synopsis on the back cover offered so much promise for this story. Unfortunately, it fell way short of its potential. In truth, I could not like the main characters. They annoyed me (especially the heroine). I tend to like strong intelligent women and found her weak. I would never have made such foolish choices, and it went beyond love straight into stupidity. Others seemed to like this book, but I could not erase the annoyance I felt with the selfish hero and weak heroine. There is a difference between laying down your pride and foolishness. I prefer women with a little more self esteem and wisdom. In addition, I would not recommend this book to impressionable teenage minds. I don't like the way she ignored the advice of her father regarding this married man. It reminded me of a willful selfish and stubborn teenager, who thinks she knows everything. These are not traits that endear me to any character. I found her lacking. Of course, she was not all bad-- but just not good enough. I am afraid that I cannot recommend this book. This is one of the worst romance novels I have read this year." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What a disappointment! Von Ein Kunde The synopsis on the back cover offered so much promise for this story. Unfortunately, it fell way short of its potential. In truth, I could not like the main characters. They annoyed me (especially the heroine). I tend to like strong intelligent women and found her weak. I would never have made such foolish choices, and it went beyond love straight into stupidity. Others seemed to like this book, but I could not erase the annoyance I felt with the selfish hero and weak heroine. There is a difference between laying down your pride and foolishness. I prefer women with a little more self esteem and wisdom. In addition, I would not recommend this book to impressionable teenage minds. I don't like the way she ignored the advice of her father regarding this married man. It reminded me of a willful selfish and stubborn teenager, who thinks she knows everything. These are not traits that endear me to any character. I found her lacking. Of course, she was not all bad-- but just not good enough. I am afraid that I cannot recommend this book. This is one of the worst romance novels I have read this year.

Kurzbeschreibung She played a dangerous game. Carolyn Browne was a poor bookseller's daughter and an enlightened thinker, delighting London with her scathingly witty columns, written under the name Charles Copperville. Penetrating the town's gilded salons in male disguise, Carolyn soon throws her barbs at the wrong man-- the enigmatic Russian prince, Nicholas Sverayov. He was a dangerous target. His notoriety, extravagances, and indulgent disregard for social convention fuel Carolyn's outrage. Nicholas has moved through the balls and soirees of high society effortlessly, a natural target of gossip, envy, and desire. But Nicholas is furious to find himself lampooned by Copperville, and quickly discovers Carolyn's dearly held secret. Now, as the two spar, a new game begins-- a game of deception and pride, of longing and chance. And they played for the ultimate prize... As Nicholas sweeps Carolyn from the teeming streets and gala balls of Regency London to the splendor and majesty of St. Petersburg, against all odds the unlikely lovers embark upon a whirlwind of passion and peril until there is no turning back-- for the stakes have changed, demanding no less of them than the unwavering courage to claim the love of a lifetime..de In the tradition of Kathleen Woodiwiss and Rosemary Rogers, Splendor is classic romance at its best. Comprising a rich tapestry of characters, Brenda Joyce's novel brings to life the intrigue-filled parlors of Regency England and the hauntingly beautiful cities of war-torn Russia. Bluestocking Carolyn Browne, daughter of a bookseller, is both brilliant and daring: by day she sells books; by night she masquerades as a gentleman to collect fodder for the scandalous gossip column she writes for a London newspaper. When the dashing Russian Prince Nicholas Sverayov arrives in London on a mission, Carolyn plots to expose the notorious rake. But she underestimates Sverayov, and finds herself deeply attracted to him. Sverayov, though, is unable to commit to Carolyn because although he and his wife are estranged, his

daughter and country must come first. Carolyn has always lived by her principles and finds she must compromise if she is meant to be with this dashing, courageous hero. Pressestimmen "This novel mesmerizes and holds a reader's attention from first page to last. Brenda Joyce is a grand mistress at building tension to a crescendo as she constructs a fascinating plot peopled with intriguing characters to intensify the whole reading experience. SPLENDOR is splendid and gives those seeking a vivid and more powerful romance with an undercurrent of sensuality just what they desire."-- RT Books (Top Pick!)