

The Perfect Rake was a very enjoyable read - styled somewhat like a Georgette Heyer book, mixed with a dash of Mary Balogh and Loretta Chase. It was funny, witty, beautifully written and cute (tons of exclamation points like Ms. Heyer).

Family legend has it that I used to spend hours playing in the sand pit, with a dog on either side of me and Rocka the horse leaning over me, his head just touching my shoulder, while I told them stories. I have to say, dogs and horses are great audiences, apart from their tendency to drool occasionally. But people are even nicer. As well as the horse and dogs, we had 2 cows Buttercup and Daisy and one of them always had a calf , a sheep Woolly, goats Billy and Nanny dozens of ducks, chooks, and a couple of geese, a pet bluetongue lizard and a huge vegie patch. Somehow, we were always warm, clean, well fed and happy. Once I learned to read, I spent my days outside playing with the animals I include my brother and 2 sisters here and when inside I read. Luckily our house was always full of them. Travel was also a big part of my childhood. My parents had itchy feet. We spent a lot of time driving from one part of Australia to another, visiting relatives or friends or simply to see what was there. This is me and my classmates in Scotland. I am in the second front row, in the middle, to the right of the girl in the dark tunic. I was even almost born in a tent --Mum, Dad and 3 children were camping and one day mum left the tent and went to hospital to have me. But in fact we are a family of chalkies Australian slang for teachers - and Dad was a school principal during most of my life. And I am an expert in being "the new girl" having been to 6 different schools in 12 years. The last 4 years, however, were in the same high school and I still have my 2 best friends from that time. No matter where I lived, I read. This is me posing shamelessly on a glacier in New Zealand. This is me in Greece with my good friend Fay in our village outfits. The film went a funny colour, but you get the idea. I escaped from my parents, settled down and went to university. To my amazement I became a chalkie myself and found a lot of pleasure in working with teenagers and later, adults. I taught English and worked as a counsellor and helped put on plays and concerts and supervised camps and encouraged other people to write but never did much myself. I wrote my first novel on notebooks bought in Quebec, Spain, Greece and Indonesia. My friends and I formed a band called Platform Souls a

Chapter 2 : Anne Gracie - OverDrive (Rakuten OverDrive): eBooks, audiobooks and videos for libraries

Anne Gracie is the award-winning author of the Chance Sisters Romances, which include The Spring Bride, The Winter Bride, and The Autumn Bride. She spent her childhood and youth on the move. She spent her childhood and youth on the move.

It has been three long years since she has had a new novel published, but she is back with *The Perfect Rake*, the first book in a new series about the Merridew sisters. After their parents died abroad, Prudence Merridew and her four younger sisters became the wards of their deranged and violent grandfather. He regularly beats them until, after one particularly violent episode, Prudence fears for their lives and takes the girls to London. She arrives at the home of their great-uncle Oswald, bearing a forged letter from her grandfather asking Oswald to sponsor their Season. The plan is to find a safe place to live for two months until Prudence turns 21 and becomes guardian to her younger sisters, and to find a rich husband for one of them, as their Grandfather has promised to withhold their dowries. While Uncle Oswald is a much kinder man, he is strict in his own way, refusing to let the younger girls out in society until Prudence is settled. Prudence is plain and plump with a prominent nose, and Oswald fears that her astoundingly beautiful sisters will keep Prudence from having a chance to catch a husband. Prudence has been secretly engaged to Phillip, who is in India making his fortune, for four years. Well, of course, he has just arrived in London, and Uncle Oswald makes plans to visit him and bring him up to scratch. Prudence manages to pay a visit in advance of her uncle to warn the duke and to enlist his help. Gideon is quite amused and stimulated by her forthrightness and bossy ways especially so after he kisses her. These scenes of mistaken identity and fake betrothals made and broken and made again are convolutedly farcical and hysterical to read. Elegant, supplied Gideon silently. Could she not see the cursed thing was a miracle of precision and style? Was it not apparent to her that his coat was so much the crack he was barely able to breathe and that his collar points were so highly starched they practically decapitated him? And all she could say was that he looked tidy! Oh, Gideon is a goner. And he is adorable. With his past, he could easily have turned into your typical tortured hero, and while the darkness is there, he conceals his pain with humor and charm. Prudence is a bit more closed, but no less admirable character. She has a spine of steel, and holds the family together through some very hard times, telling the girls stories of their lives in Italy and the love their parents shared, bolstering their self-worth, even as she questions her own. But there are obstacles to their HEA: And that is really my main complaint about this book. The opening is dark with scenes of girls being beaten by a deranged old man, and then they escape to London where everything becomes light, and love and laughter abound. Then the ending turns melodramatic too melodramatic, in my opinion, with some truly painful scenes and revelations. And the shift between the two was jarring, especially at the end. It was as if these scenes belonged to another book. Something else that plays up this schizophrenic aspect of the book is the love scenes. However, Prudence and Gideon consummate their relationship in three love scenes which are all crammed into the last 20 pages of the book. But regardless of these problems, it was very nice to read another Anne Gracie novel, to enjoy her delightful humor and dialogue and to know that there will be another book coming in November. Buy *The Perfect Rake*:

Chapter 3 : The Perfect Rake (The Merridew Sisters, #1) by Anne Gracie

The Perfect Rake by Anne Gracie A phony engagement turns into real passion in this delightful Regency romance from award-winning author Anne Gracie. Fate has lavished beauty on the Merridew sistersâ€”that is, all save the eldest.

Why have I not written of my love for this book? Also, this book is just plain fun though it does also have a more serious vein that runs through it. If these delights thy mind may move, Then live with me and be my Love. Dina I loved this book! It was funny and endearing at the same time. He played the role of the charming rake to perfection but, wow, when he fell for his beloved "Miss Imp", he really fell hard and fast! I cheered out loud - in my mind, that is! They are so charming and funny. And, funny is my Achilles Heel. My hubs should know. You would think that this weakness would make me like clowns. But, you would be wrong. Clowns are an abomination. They are pure evil and should never be thought of as anything less than spawns of satan. Lord Carradice is a proper rake Shawna 4 stars â€” Historical Romance Oh what a delightful, sweet treat this turned out to be! Gideon, Lord Carradice is a devilishly charming, flirtatious, affable, seemingly carefree and superficial rake, but he harbors an underlying heart of gold, an innate caring, protective nature, and a hidden, deep yearning for love. Phrynne This was lots of fun. Anne Gracie has picked up the style of Georgette Heyer, added some sex and made it her own. Gideon the Rake in the title is a wonderful character worthy of anything Miss Heyer could have written. I still want to know how eyes can actually look limpid but it sounds marvelous. I am a sucker for anything Regency and this one scored high. I shall be reading more of her books. So an above average read despite the story and the plotline leaving me just a bit dissatisfied. The book finds its funny groove in the 3rd chapter and ke I had to stop reading a few times from laughing so hard! I loved Gideon, seeing a notorious rake fall hard and fast is always a winner for me. Prudence was okay, not a memorable heroine exactly, maybe because she was of the humorous variety. There also seemed to be many exclamation marks as if ev Susanne This book was amazing! It was so good - straight to favs. This was the funniest, most heart-warming, romantic book I have read all year. If you like historical romances this is a must-read. One of them was so overwhelmed by the prospect of escaping their grandfather and marrying that in an instant she forgot what their oldest sister did for them. Since it seems the second book is about her, I am not in a hurry to read it. I need to forget or at least dull her presence here. There is so much Jo And when a rake finally falls, he falls forever. Oh, how I absolutely loved this book, every single part of it. Gideon is the perfect rake, really he is. I loved how flirtatious he is, and he was just amazing with Prudence. There are some darker moments, but they never overshadowed the lovely heart-warming feeling I had after I finished reading it. How could anyone love such a wicked, funn Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" The Perfect Rake is a story about 5 young girls sisters that suffer horrible physical and mental abuse at the hands of their grandpapa who has taken them in because their parents ar dead. The Grandfather is very sadistic. To accomplish this Prudence had to lie more times than I can count as the story goes on. Oddly enough it is notoriously infamous rake, Gideon, Lord Carradice, who sees only a strong-minded spitfire with beautiful grey eyes and proves the saying that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The southest that ever southeted. For one thing, historical romanc Mei A sweet and very cute book. I liked the heroine, Prudence, even if I was torn. On one hand I liked her quick wit and her ingenuity, on the other I hated her stubbornness when it went against her. But still, I liked her and sometimes even admired her! If I liked Pru, I adored Gideon! His devious mind was plain genius! His way of confounding Pru with double meanings was fantastic! The very best part of this book was the dialogue! It was funny, witty, beautifully written and cute tons of exclamation points like Ms. The heroine, Prudence, is somewhat plain - but the hero, G Suzanne Under the Covers Book blog 4. After seeing her youngest sister, Grace, being beaten by her Grandfather Prudence knows they have to escape. Pulling off a massive deception they run to London to stay with their Great-Uncle and hope to find husbands so they can be forever out of the influence of their Grandfather. But Prudence tells one lie too many and manages to become betrothed to the Jane Stewart 2 stars. Not a good story for me. I liked the first half - the way the sisters ran away to get away from the abusive grandfather. I did not like the second half which was mostly the relationship between Prue and Gideon. It was all about she likes him but tells herself she must not have him. He keeps doing nice things

and romantic things. BJ Rose What a great first book in the series about the Merridew sisters. While he is bedridden with a broken ankle, they escape to London to their Granduncle Oswald who becomes a great secondary character in the series. Their goal is to get married as soon as possible to escape the guardianship of their grandfather, but Oswald puts a kink in Linda Prudence Merridew was the oldest of the Merridew sisters and responsible for the young ladies. Once upon a time, five sisters lived with their Grandpapa She writes with a great insight and understanding of human nature, notwithstanding the darker elements of this story this is a beautifully written, charming and extremely humorous love story. The Merridew sisters have escaped their tyrannical grandfather after years of physical and mental abuse Sha view spoiler [Did she even see the child? Would she be allowed? Did she even know where he or she was? Was it a boy or a girl? And if it were a boy Anisashraf Thanks to Ririn for recommended to me. Before this, they still can bear what Lord Dereham did even though they badly abused. One day, Prudence, the older sister take decision to escape from Court, brings her sisters to meet their great-uncle Oswald. Denise This is my first Anne Gracie book and I am certain will be the first of many! What a delightful surprise this book was. It was cute, sad, sexy, funny and dark all within these well written pages. This story could have been very dragged down in angst given the life Prudence Merridew has lived so far. Orphaned at 11 along with her 4 younger sisters. Forced to live with a brutal grandfather, raped by her "betrothed" along with other horrors of Gobokairina This HR just made my day. Everyone whether you love HR or not should read this. Its definitely an all time favorite and Gideon would be one of my most perfect HR hero -- charming, protective, adorable rakish hero and his confession towards Pru stole my heart too. But I loved her courag Anne Gracie rarely disappoints and this one may be my favorite so far. She was strong honorable and loving while also being a bit ditzy at times. The hero was a charming witty rake who fell hard for the heroine and let nothing she did put him off of his determination to marry her and take care of her. This story did not depend on a bunch of sex scenes that were inappropriate for the regency period.

Chapter 4 : The Perfect Rake – All About Romance

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They are so charming and funny. And, funny is my Achilles Heel. My hubs should know. You would think that this weakness would make me like clowns. But, you would be wrong. Clowns are an abomination. They are pure evil and should never be thought of as anything less than spawns of satan. Lord Carradice is a proper rake. He is immune to the charms of women, until he meets Prudence. She is a plain girl with beautiful sisters and was being held prisoner by an abusive grandparent until she made an escape to London. It basically culminates with her beating the crap out of him with her purse. I like this girl. But, she has inadvertently gotten herself into a fake betrothal with him, so she is stuck with him. I can think of worse things. This guy really cracks me up. And, of course, this makes him want her more. He sees her as the most beautiful woman he has ever met. He sees her sisters as plain, although they are beautiful. It was super adorable the way he found her so irresistible. When he is talking to his cousin about Prudence and her sisters: Are they" Are you sure? As lovely as Prudence? Each one of her sisters, even little Grace would outshine Prudence in every respect. A guy who always looks at you with beer goggles on! This story was fun and amusing, but there were a few darker elements as well. Still, those dark things did not bring down the story at all. I was still smiling through most of the book and got the warm fuzzies by the end.

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Chapter 8 : Anne Gracie (Author of The Perfect Rake)

into the arms of a rake. Aristocratic Gideon, handsome, rakish and with a strong frivolous streak, casually hijacks Prudence's game, awarding himself a stolen kiss or three along the way. Used to managing sisters and elderly men, Prudence is completely out of her depth with a charming, devious and utterly irresistible rake.

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The Perfect Rake is the first chance I've had to read one of Anne Gracie's books, and I hope I don't mow anybody down trying to get to her backlist. With just one story, she has moved straight to my "auto-buy" list.