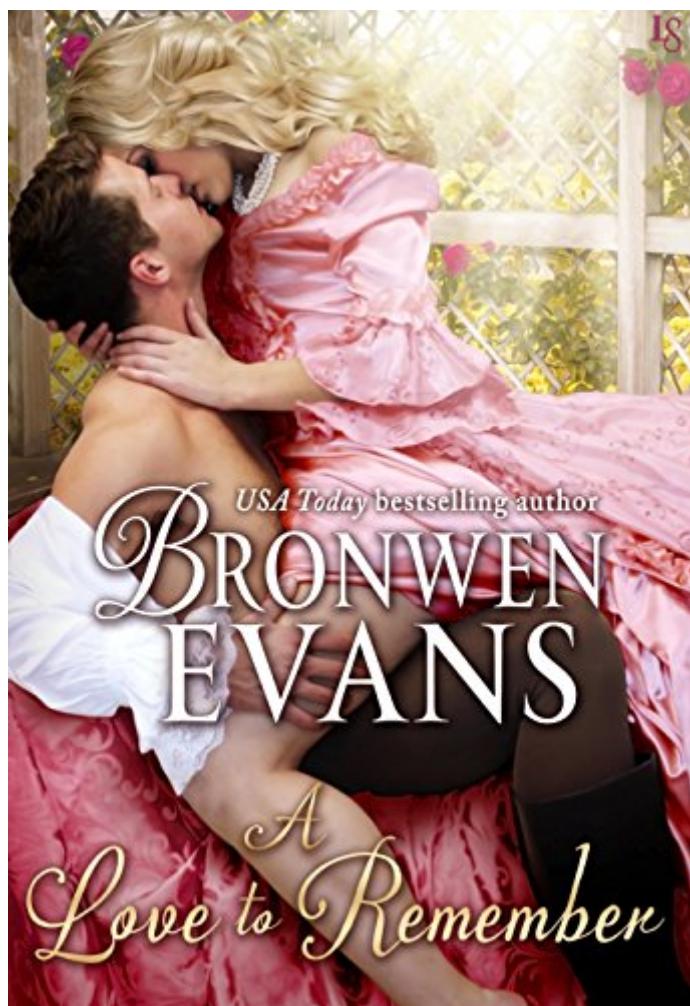


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# A Love To Remember: A Disgraced Lords Novel (The Disgraced Lords Book 7)



## Synopsis

A fiercely independent duchess and a brooding, reclusive earl are tested by the demands of desire in this unforgettable romance from the USA Today bestselling author of *A Kiss of Lies* and *A Night of Forever*. For Rose Deverill, one husband was enough. As the wealthy widow of the Duke of Roxborough, she has cultivated an unsavory reputation meant to discourage wife hunters. Thanks to a string of steamy affairs, Rose is perfectly content to be known by polite society as the “Wicked Widow” until she is reunited with the man she fell in love with at age fifteen. Their bedroom encounters are scorching, but it breaks Rose’s heart to wonder whether her reckless behavior ruined her for Philip Flagstaff. The second son of the Earl of Cumberland, Philip never wanted the title. But after Philip’s older brother, Robert, follows him into the Battle of Waterloo, his worst fears come to pass. Now Robert lies in a soldier’s grave, and Philip is determined never to pass on the inheritance to children of his own. Then Rose appears, soothing the pain with her delightful curves and passionate kisses. The notorious Duchess seems to want nothing from him—and yet Philip has never ached to give a woman more. Don’t miss any of Bronwen Evans’ enchanting *Disgraced Lords* novels: *A KISS OF LIES* | *A PROMISE OF MORE* | *A TOUCH OF PASSION* | *A WHISPER OF DESIRE* | *A TASTE OF SEDUCTION* | *A NIGHT OF FOREVER* | *A LOVE TO REMEMBER* “Bronwen Evans’ historical romances always make the top of my reading list!” • New York Times bestselling author Jen McLaughlin “If you are a lover of romance and don’t mind a little heat, Evans’ novels are the way to go. She constantly reminds us what passion is all about, and because she is so on point with her facts and lively characters, you just can’t go wrong.” • RT Book Reviews “Suspenseful and romantic, Bronwen Evans’ *Disgraced Lords* series continues to entice readers.” • USA Today bestselling author Sharon Cullen Includes an excerpt from another *Loveswept* title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

**FINAL DECISION:** The tale of longtime lovers who have reached a turning point in their relationship, this novella is very sexy. I enjoyed the connection between Rose and Philip but was a bit annoyed with Philip's motivations.**THE STORY:** For Rose Deverill, Duchess of Roxborough, one marriage was more than enough. She never intends on marrying again and indeed she is enjoying her widowhood so much that she is known as the "Wicked Widow". She is satisfied with her lovers and raising her young son, but her relationship with Philip Flagstaff, Earl of Cumberland, is challenging her intentions. The two have been lovers for several years and recently, Rose's thoughts have turned toward the possibility of a future with Philip -- perhaps even marriage. But Philip is also against the idea of marriage. Having gained the title after his older brother sacrificed his own life for Philip's, Philip is wracked with guilt and intends on making sure the title eventually goes to someone more worthy than he. So he intends never to marry or have children. When threats arise toward Rose and her son, Philip has to decide what Rose means to him.**OPINION:** For me, one of the highlights of this book is how Rose accepts and relishes her own sexual nature. She regrets her past only because she fears that Philip doesn't want to marry her because of it. But she truly doesn't regret her lovers or her past. She enjoys sex and recognizes that she is not willing to live a celibate life even if Philip cannot be part of her future. In a genre filled with wide-eyed virgins, this fully realized woman was a definite positive.Indeed, Philip's own response to Rose's past was also welcome. He has some jealous moments, but doesn't judge Rose for her past lovers. His acceptance of her on all levels is one thing that makes him special. Even if he is annoyingly guilt ridden and thus making stupid irrational decisions.I liked that Rose and Philip are longtime lovers by

the time this book really starts. This isn't a relationship often depicted in historical romances. What the story shows is that a story can start mid-relationship and still have something to show about how their relationship progresses and changes. I enjoyed this book even though Philip's determination to reject happiness annoyed me for quite a while in this book. **WORTH MENTIONING:** Which looked to be an ending to the series is not. There are more Disgraced Lords books coming. **CONNECTED BOOKS:** *A LOVE TO REMEMBER* is the seventh book in the Disgraced Lords series. This novella can be read on its own. I have read some, but not all of the previous books in the series, and while this book does have references to other characters, the romance is self-contained (but fans of the series will get some treats). **STAR RATING:** I give this book 3.5 stars. **NOTE:** I received an ARC of this book via Netgalley in order to provide a review. I was not required to write a review or to write a positive review. All opinions contained herein are my own.

Philip and Rose. How my heart hurt for both of them: Philip because of his mistaken sense of guilt, honor and the debt he felt he owed his dead brother which didn't allow for a life for him that included love and happiness. And Rose because of her sad arranged marriage that she intended to never repeat after her elderly husband's death and for her unrequited love for Philip. The yearnings and inner struggles of both Philip and Rose made for a very sad, complex courtship that balanced finely between defying society's rules and living up to what was expected of them. I was proud of their strengths and determination to do the right thing while paying homage to their love. This, indeed, was a love to remember!

This is the story about Rose Deverill, Duchess of Roxborough and the love she has for Philip Flagstaff, the new Earl of Cumberland. Bronwen Evans has written another story with her usual excellent expertist. The descriptions are great and give you the base for the tale. The characters are fun, full bodied and lush with life. The plot brings it all together and weaves them into a concise, smooth and steady paced book. I loved the way Ramsey, Rosie and Drake interacted together. There was danger, intrigue, and a mystery to be solved. I loved the book and very much enjoyed the *Libertine Scholars*.

Rose deserved her **HAPPY ENDING!** I've been reading Bronwen's Disgraced Lords series for years (omg it's years plural now) and I'm so happy that Rose finally got her HEA! Bronwen's characters are always at the heart of her stories and I can't help but fall in love all over again when I read her

wonderful historical books!

I LOVED this book, if you have been following the Disgraced Lords series then you already know Philip and Rose and you have probably been wondering why they haven't married. If you haven't read the series, you will still enjoy this book as Philip and Rose have primarily been secondary characters and Ms. Evans give more than enough back story to make this a stand alone title. The book opens with Philip Flagstaff, the new Earl of Cumberland standing at the grave of his older brother Robert, the previous Earl. Philip is overwhelmed with grief and guilt, he blames himself for his brother's death as Robert sacrificed his own life to save Philip at Waterloo. At that moment, Philip makes a vow, he will never marry or have children, so the earldom he feels he stole from his older brother will go to Thomas, his younger brother. He believes the only way he can honor his brother is by sacrificing his own happiness. As he is standing there he is approached by Rose Deverill, Duchess of Roxborough. Rose has long admired Philip and had secret hopes to one day marry him, but her father sold her into marriage at 18 to a man old enough to be her grandfather. She endured marriage to him and was rewarded with the birth of her son and widowhood on the same day. She has no desire to remarry and has spent the last few years as a "wicked widow", taking lovers and refusing all offers of marriage. Fast forward two years, Rose and Philip have been exclusive lovers since that day at the graveside, but now Rose wants more. She loves Philip and wants to marry him, her young son adores him and she would love more children, but she is afraid to broach the topic with Philip. For his part, Philip loves Rose and can't imagine a life without her and if not for his vow, he would marry her. So when the topic comes up, Rose is crushed to learn that Philip does not want to marry. She believes that he will marry, but not her. When a misunderstanding at a ball occurs, these two are forced to have the conversation they have both been dreading. Philip again says he will not marry and Rose tells him that she can no longer be his lover, she will remarry for the sake of her son, but if Philip cannot be her husband, she must be free of him so she can move on. Heartbroken, they spend one last night together and part ways. Over the next few weeks, they dance around each other and each are subjected to jealousy when they are seen with other people. The tension between them is white hot and again Philip asks Rose to reconsider and again she refuses. When her son's guardian learns of their split, he tells Rose it is time for her to remarry and expects her to find a suitable groom by the time her son goes off to school. Rose is still holding out hope that Philip will change his mind and asks Lord Kirkwood to invite him to his house party. He agrees but tells her if Philip does not propose, she must move on and find someone else. Rose knows there will never be anyone else and has a secret that could

force Philip to marry her - but that is not what she wants, she wants him to let go of his guilt and choose her. At the house party Rose decides that she must tell Philip her secret, but when an attempt is made on her son's life and threats are made to her, she doesn't know who she can turn to. She decides that she must leave and returns to London without telling Philip anything. Philip knows that someone is trying to hurt Drake and enlists the Libertine Scholars to help him. He knows he loves Rose and will do anything to protect her - even if that means they must marry. When he learns she left the house party without telling him, he is furious. He returns to London to confront Rose and tells her they will marry. Rose refuses, she tells him that she loves him, but if he can't choose her over his guilt, they would both be unhappy. Philip does not take this news well and is determined to change her mind. But before he can the villain strikes again. And Philip must decide if being a martyr is worth losing the only woman he has ever and will ever love. OMG! This book was amazing, it is well written, flows perfectly, has super hot love scenes, a lot of action, a bit of angst, moments when you want to smack the hero, a couple of misunderstandings, cameos by the former Disgraced Lords and their ladies and finally a hard won HEA. I highly recommend this book, even if you haven't been following the series, this book is not to be missed!!\*I am voluntarily leaving a review for an eARC that was provided to my by NetGalley and the publisher.\*

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