

Rake with a Frozen Heart By Marguerite Kaye The fire is lit from their first conversation when Henrietta awakens in Rafe's bed after he has rescued her from the ditch and she has just accused him of being a rake: "I found you quite unconscious. Not only does he put the health and welfare of Henrietta first and foremost at all times (even during their lovemaking) he also tries to atone for his sins in a very unconventional way. It seemed the only purpose of her 'speaking her mind' was to advance the plot because the author had no imagination and couldn't think of any other way to achieve the same amount of knowledge being shared. The continuity was horrendous at times with Rafe (suspiciously like rake might I add of his name) standing after having never sat down and letting go of her hand having never picked it up. There were times as well when the author simply seemed to forget what she'd written previously and decided to make the characters do and say things that had either already been established or were simply untrue. I knew from the very first accusation that Henrietta was a thief where it would lead and I knew from the very moment it was mentioned that Rafe was leaving who would unwittingly tag along. And as a side note this should have been named 'Rake with a frozen heart who doesn't really have a frozen heart and is only sort of a rake but I really want you to know is a rake with a frozen heart so I will keep telling you that he is a rake with a frozen heart and hope that you will believe he is a rake with a frozen heart do you believe me yet?' 0373296886 This is a lovely book about an adorable artless governess and a typical embittered self-flagellating Earl (more sinned against than sinned kinds!). So a very predictable ending via a boring dragged out route for an otherwise delightful book! *tapping my foot here* 0373296886 Entre 3 y 35 Una lectura muy entretenida con una pareja deliciosa lo mejor son los diálogos entre la pareja muy ingeniosos y divertidos y esa manía de hablar a solas. All the usual traits were there - innocent governess being seduced by the handsome rake - or was it? Henrietta may be the virginal governess and Rafe may give the impression of the typical regency rake but that's where the similarities end. The last thing she remembers is being attacked by a housebreaker—yet being rescued by the notorious Earl of Pentland feels much more dangerous! Since the cataclysmic failure of his marriage ice has flowed in Rafe St. 5 stars Sweet tender heartwarming and a joy to read; Do I really need to write anything more? There are few things to say about Rake with a Frozen Heart; it's certainly not an original plot. And yet this book manages to remain fresh fast paced and very very engaging with its extremely likable if (or perhaps because of those) imperfect heroes the mystery plot that to my delight wasn't too thin nor too heavy and the well balanced -between stark and flowery- writing. If it's been a while since you last read a good old fashioned historical romance that manages to captivate your emotions not with its twists and turns but with its smooth writing its atmosphere and its nicely developed characters look no further. ARC received by NetGalley 0373296886 I haven't read any other books by this author and after reading this one provided by netgalley I have to wonder what exactly I've been doing with my life. It's not particularly grammatically correct but she writes in the same style as her protagonists inner monologues which is rather a clever way of using third person POV but giving first person insight of both hero and heroine. It just felt totally natural and for some reason I found that the style meant I felt I was really there - I could not only see the bluebells but smell them and I could not only see the River Thames but I could feel the grass on the banks next to it and hear the ducks quacking. The story concentrates 90% on the hero and heroine but that's not to say that secondary characters don't get a look in and in fact their backstories for the purposes of moving the story along are told concisely but completely and best of all they all feel real not the usual one-dimensional insipid tea-swilling friends that overpopulate HRs. Although to be fair the heroine could be clearly an enthusiastic amateur and I did actually appreciate the author's not falling into the heavy breasts and wet in her secret place -type descriptions which I hate. A keeper and I'm now going to raid this author's backlog! 0373296886 I was reading 'The Origins of Sex' by Faramerz Dabhoiwala and the chapter that especially caught my attention was the chapter about the birth of the Cult of Seduction. To simplify it: before women were considered sexual creatures who led men astray and after the switch it was men who seduced women and women generally had no sexuality of their own until it was brought to life by a man. There were hundreds of books pamphlets paintings whose main goal

was to warn women against rakes or gasp libertines! Reading examples of all these sad stories made me really want to read a romance with a 'rake' in the title. At that point he still thinks he is in 19th century pamphlet warning young maidens against rakes and libertines because he has no intention of making an honest woman out of her. Now if Rafe failed to notice he was corrupting an innocent girl this time how can I believe all his previous conquests were as honourable as he claims? You know what they say never trust a rake! Another interesting point is the sexuality of the heroine. 0373296886 ¡Una completa sorpresa! ¡De esas lecturas que caen en tus manos sin más y que empiezas sin ninguna expectativa y acabas disfrutando como no disfrutas de otras que llevas siglos queriendo leer. Henrietta me ha encantado con su forma de hablar sin freno y sin pararse a pensar con su estilo directo y con su tendencia a hablar consigo misma y a hacerse cien preguntas a la vez. I'm definitely going to be checking out more books by this author God willing *nods* One thing I forgot to mention - how very endearing his drunk scene was :) 0373296886



Reviewed at Bitten By Paranormal Romance Rafe is haunted by his past. The guilt he harbors from decisions made long ago has turned his heart to ice: Henrietta is a wide-eyed trusting innocent who blurts out whatever is on her mind - what a breath of fresh air, This is your typical H/h from different sides of the tracks making for a wonderful "opposites attract", I thought you were dead at first and despite what you have been imagining Miss Markham I much prefer my conquests both compos mentis and willing, Had I done so you would have not readily forgotten the experience: When Henrietta is accused of a crime she didn't commit she flees when it seems she has no other choice but to try and prove her innocence. Henrietta hides on the back of a carriage hoping it will lead her to London: As it turns out the carriage belongs to none other than that notorious rake Rafe St: He agrees to help Henrietta in her quest since her actions have implicated Rafe as a coconspirator, The story line may be conventional but it is the questioning naivety of Henrietta and her outspoken ways that keep this story moving. Rafe seems to be the usual broken hero with a bit of a secret - but oh no no no; there is much more, A delightful Regency tale with plenty of romance sensuality and intrigue. 0373296886 Goodness knows why this has over a four point rating, Then when she climbed into his cart I knew exactly who it belonged to. For her to conveniently be descended from a Lady was just silly as were her mother's lies and guilt does not vanish when you imagine yourself waving goodbye to your woes, As it was it became boring quickly and had me huffing and rolling my eyes by the end of it: Its one of those books that takes a certain kind of person to like: The h a dewy eyed blabbermouth (n she does roll!) makes a fitting foil for our rigid cold rake. He rescues her from villains and her own naive stupidity more than once and she proceeds to chatter and skip and prod and poke into his frozen heart, They make a perfect couple and I just loved their chemistry and interplay, When the H is 'unable' to give his love and offers the less than honorable alternative the h walks away. Then her going to a rich titled aunt and getting an haute ton coming out was too meh and convenient, I would have preferred more drama and build up; and less I-am-too-broken-for-you but still I'm-gonna-impress-u-with-my-philanthropic-efforts routine: Todo un descubrimiento esta escritora seguro que voy a leer más de ella. 0373296886 Marguerite Kaye

reminded me why I love reading historicals with this passionate tale: Henrietta is no simpering virgin far from it she is outspoken and her innocence is charming, I liked her straight away as she comes to terms with this strange attraction she feels to the handsome rake: And Rafe well he doesn't quite know what to do with the forthright and unpredictable governess who he finds in his ditch: When circumstances throw them together they have to fight their attraction as well as clear Henrietta's name: I loved the way Ms Kaye didn't take the usual route of forcing them into marriage because the heroine's name was sullied as so often happens in these stories: No the author does a brilliant job at making the reader wonder how these two are going to resolve their issues: I was flying through the latter part of this book and shed a few tears for Rafe's pain and sniffed even more at the end - in a good way: A lovely story! 0373296886 Marguerite Kaye is a prolific historical romance author hailing from Argyll's West Coast: She is a voracious consumer of books Scotland's world class larder and the occasional cocktail. com Join her on {site_link} Instagram Follow her on {site_link} TikTok Marguerite Kaye is a prolific historical romance author hailing from Argyll's West Coast. She is a voracious consumer of books Scotland's world class larder and the occasional cocktail, com Join her on {site_link} Instagram Follow her on {site_link} TikTok {site_link} Waking up in a stranger's bed Henrietta Markham encounters the most darkly sensual man she has ever met. But meeting impetuous all-too-distracting governess Henrietta heats his blood to the boiling point: When she's accused of theft Rafe finds himself offering to clear her name. Can Henrietta's innocence bring this hardened rake to his knees? Rake with a Frozen Heart4: The rakish brooding lord of the ton and the shy plump governess have been done ad nauseum by many romance writers. The only reason I had to take half a star down is because of the ending; I would certainly prefer it if not all obstacles were so miraculously removed eventually, It hits so many perfect notes for me that it's almost hard to explain: The writing flows so well that I really wish more authors could write like this, The book switches often between the hero and heroine POV but not once did I feel lost, I very rarely read a HR where the story and characterization is strong enough that I (almost) forget what the hero and heroine actually look like. Well it's not really a complaint really but it did bother me an eensy-weensy little bit: Despite being sexually innocent the heroine seems quite uninhibited after only a couple of rounds with the hero in the sack in a way I found difficult to believe, She is stridently honest a breath of fresh air and says what she thinks. The hero is a sad tragic case but not in an irritating poor me way, Dabhoiwala claims that there was a significant change in the way women's sexuality was viewed and it happened around 17th century. This gave a rise to a common paranoia about lusty males who are out to get every innocent and chaste woman in sight, Basically I wanted exactly the same story as those quoted in the 'Cult of Seduction' chapter but with a happy ending, They have been doing it for years and they can deliver so I bought without hesitation. 'Rake with a Frozen Heart' is essentially a story about a sweet innocent chaste girl and a rich handsome rake: Our heroine Henrietta has been repeatedly warned by her mother to stay clear of rakes: And what does Henrietta do? Falls for the first rake she meets. Of course this is a romance novel so our rake is given some redeeming qualities. He might be a rake but all the women he sleeps with are experienced and they know it's only sex, He eventually does sleep with Henrietta who is neither experienced nor aware it's only sex: And at that point he has no idea he is starring in a Mills&Boon so he doesn't know they will get married and live happily ever after: Henrietta is bloody lucky it's a Mills&Boons because that's the only way this story can have a happy ending and her reckless behaviour does not lead to her ruin. It is in perfect accord with the 18th century idea of asexuality of women (unless of course instilled in them by men). And here we have it Henrietta was completely free of any sexual desire and has never felt as much as a tingle between her legs in all her twenty odd years of life. Yet when a notorious rake sticks his tongue in her mouth well there you have it. A woman who has never even masturbated will go down and suck this rake's cock just a few chapters later: Only let yourself loose if you are sure you are in a Mills&Boon and you are the heroine (and not some disposable secondary character), La historia es corta pero el planteamiento es bueno y en esta ocasión su longitud ha ido en su favor: Ha sido perfecto un buen broche para la historia y una buena muestra de un epílogo bien hecho sin ser demasiado extenso: Para aquellas

autoras que se niegan a darnos epílogos y nos dejan sabiendonos a poco: ¡Aquí tenéis un buen ejemplo! (Campaña pro epílogos, I just loved this book so darned much!!!This book had exactly exactly exactly what I want in a romance novel, The heroine was so utterly charming and the hero just melted my heart with his morals, I just loved how he stops himself from going further with her because he thinks so much better of her! He stole my heart right then and there. But no he does it TWICE this wonderful man :) The writing is simply amazing, This author has to be one of the best I've ever had the pleasure of reading. The flow is so smooth the vocabulary rich and the dialogues so natural, One of the most enjoyable pleasures about reading a book with tropes that you absolutely love is when the writing is as amazing as this book's writing was. *sigh* Suffice it to say that I loved EVERYTHING about this book. He feels he no longer deserves to love or be loved. He is truly a tormented hero. You can be reassured I made no attempt to molest you. Something else I pride myself upon" Rafe said sardonically. Albans Earl of Pentland. I found it a chore to complete. Henrietta was a pathetic excuse for a character. It was so obvious I was bored reading it. With a bit more effort this could have been a good book. I am very clearly NOT that type of person. But what I felt let the book down was the last part. me encanto. No pregnancy forcing them together either. Find out on her website at {site_link} www.margueritekaye. Find out on her website at {site_link} www.margueritekaye. Alban's veins. Yes I really really enjoyed this one. I don't get that feeling very often unfortunately. This was one of those. I do have one minor complaint. So the heroine is fabulous - a completely refreshing change. So loved it. 5 stars. Luck had it I saw this for 1.40 in Kindle Store and it's a Mills&Boon. Mills&Boon is a brand you can (usually) trust. Well at least that's what Rafe St Alban says. But I would like to call him out on this. She is quite obviously in love with him. She is all about sex from now. Yes ladies beware of rakes. In this case by all means go for it. Los diálogos entre ambos son divertidos y chispeantes. Me he pasado la mayor parte del libro con una sonrisa. Rafe ha sido opacado por completo por ella sin remedio. Más páginas y la historia habría perdido considerable fuerza. Y ese epílogo. ¡Unete! ☐) 0373296886 4.7 heartbreakingly beautiful stars. Oh my God. I just. I-I-Oh God. I'm in awe. Innocent delightful original heroine? Tick. Cynical brooding hero with a heart? Tick. Sizzling chemistry? Tick. Cynical hero's frozen heart gets warmed by the heroine? Tick. Deep abiding and intense love? Tick. God. I loved this book. I loved loved loved her writing