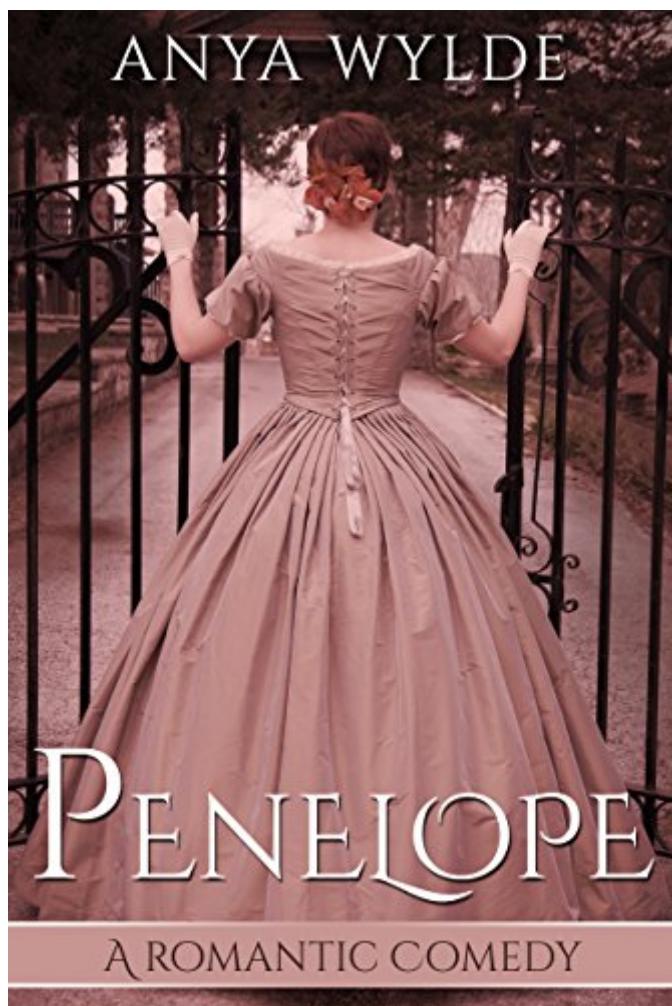


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Synopsis

Leaving behind the rural charms of Finnshire, Miss Penelope Fairweather arrives in London with hope in her heart and a dream in her eye. The dowager, no less, has invited her for a season in London, where she will attempt to catch a husband. Thus begins our heroine's tale as she attempts to tackle the London season with all her rustic finesse. Unfortunately her rustic finesse turns out to be as delicate as a fat bear trying to rip apart a honeycomb infested with buzzing bees. What follows is a series of misadventures, love affairs, moonlit balls, fancy clothes, fake moustaches, highwaymen, sneering beauties, pickpockets, and the wrath of a devilishly handsome duke.

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Customer Reviews

I first received this book free from the author and I had a terrible streak of technological luck. Sadly, I was unable to read it. One day, I ran across it free on a daily special and I once again obtained a copy. Again, I was struck with misfortune as screens cracked and it became lost in my cloud. Finally, it randomly showed up on my Kindle screen and I admit, I was feeling a bit wary. I took a risk and am so glad that I did. Every chapter found me fully immersed in the world of our charming

Penelope. In fact, I realized I had laughed out loud in each of the three first chapter when my children were discussing amidst dramatic sighs and rolling of eyes that I had started another chapter and wondering if they were going to be stuck with a giggling lunatic throughout the entire thing. They were and publicly so as I couldn't leave my Kindle at home until I had finished. They may never be seen in public with me again... and it was absolutely worth it. I highly recommend this novel.

What do I say about this book? I love regency romances and I loved the description of this book but I should have looked at the title a little closer. The Mad Cap should have been in caps. Penelope is a sweet girl you just love and feel sorry for and I wish the author had done a little better making her strong instead of stupid and childish at times. I wanted to love her and did in parts but overall she could have been done much better. The duke is a untrusting (with good reason) and believes Penelope is not what she seems. But I believe he takes his anger and untrustful way too far especially after some sweet scenes where he softens to her and then calls her names? Weird. This book is rather crazy in places, Penelope is very accident prone and the poor thing is faced with dealing with the ton of London. I found myself smiling and cheering her on and then disliking parts of this book and thinking what the heck a little too often. There is also a strange modernness to this book where you leave regency England and the author is more modern in her humor and the things the characters say. I think the bum was mentioned 15 times? Weird. So I can't recommend it too highly. If you like up and down and embarrassment, chaos and silliness then you might like it.

Thank goodness I got this book for free. I have no idea how anyone could give this book a good review. The heroine was a complete idiot, the hero a total jack!#\$, the plot non-existent. The book was in a word moronic. Don't waste your time!

I tried to read this book, but the modern, snarky, sit-com style of writing was such a turn-off that I gave up after a couple of chapters. As an author, why would you choose to write a book in period of time that you have no obvious knowledge of or interest in? This did not read like a Regency Era piece, it read like a chick-lit novel or a tv situation-comedy taking place in the 1990's. I rated this as one star only because zero was not an option. If you like Regency romances, you will NOT like this book. My advice is to give this book a pass.

Tries to be funny and makes it some of the time. Mostly so implausible I had to put it down. Heroine who doesn't get you on her side, character who isn't a flawed heroine, she's just an idiot. Then

there's the poor writing. The author has studied the genre and you can see her aping various authors, and missing.... like the Regency youth trying to look like Corinthians and just looking absurd. Don't waste your time on this one.

My Review:First Response: This was a delightful Regency romp! Lighthearted and humorous with lots of laughable bungling by a most heartwarming character. Full review soon. I don't usually like to do much summarizing of the story, but the summary above really doesn't do the story justice. So here are a few more bits of information. The Dowager Duchess and Penelope's mother were friends while "at school". The Dowager Duchess promised her friend she would look after her daughter if anything happened, never thinking anything would happen. But Penelope's mother died and the Dowager Duchess kept her promise. She invited Penelope to London for a season to give her a chance to find a husband. She had no idea Penelope was such a country bumpkin when she did so. But she stood by her promise even when Penelope appeared with a pet goat and a story about making friends with a highwayman. And when it was thoroughly apparent she really was not ready for a season with the ton; she and her daughter, Anne, another staunch Penelope supporter, threw themselves into the effort of preparing the girl for the season. Madame Bellefraunde, the exclusive modiste, became another of Penelope's admirers. She prepared a wardrobe for Penelope like no other and helped out with her training as well. Madame had her own secrets to keep, so she was a natural for Team Penelope. But having secrets and being a keen observer, Penelope notices things others do not. It's not long before she uncovers Madame's deep secrets. Those may not be safe to know. And who, you might wonder is on the other team? Charles Radclyff, Duke of Blackthorne is the other team. He takes an instant dislike to this disheveled country bumpkin who is taking up his mother's time and causing constant havoc in his home. A goat for a pet? Speaking with criminals? No manners. Her clothes. And her hair! Is there nothing she can do properly? Not if the Duke is about. Not exactly on the Duke's team, but definitely not on Team Penelope, is Lady Lydia Snowy, fiance to the Duke. She doesn't want Penelope anywhere near him. She sees the little things as things change. As Penelope starts to change from country bumpkin to bright and beautiful young woman. And she sees as the Duke starts to notice these changes and can't help liking what he sees, even though he won't let go of his rigid standards. It takes a near disaster to get through to Charles, but we do get our HEA in the end. This book stays on my bookshelf to be read again. And I've added the other two books in the series as well, though I haven't had a chance to read them as yet. I highly recommend Penelope to those of you who enjoy Regency romances with an unlikely heroine. A Regency romp! This was obtained through Book Bub and . This is an honest review for

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