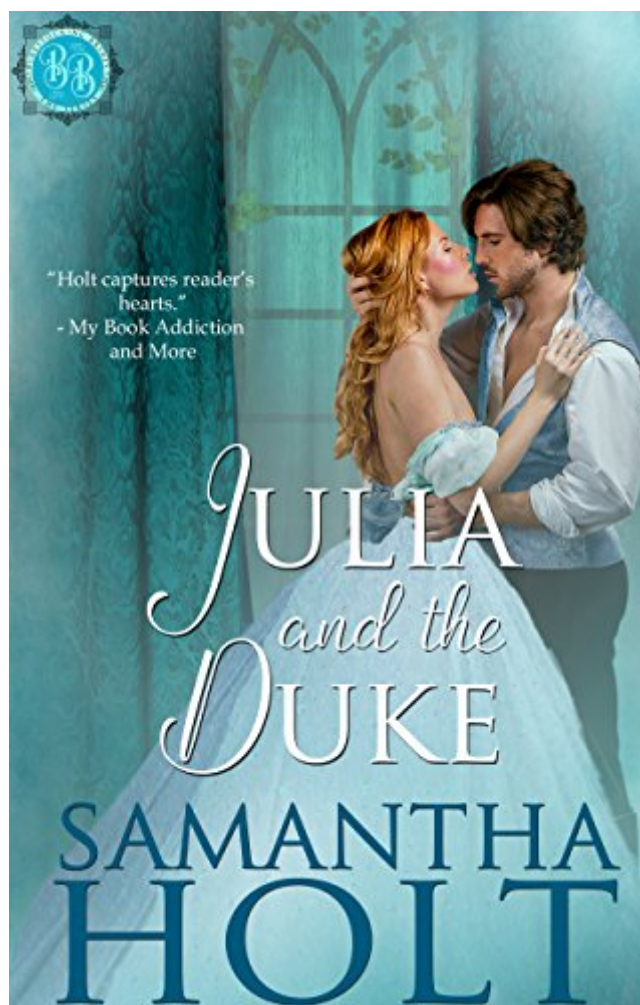


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Julia And The Duke (Bluestocking Brides Book 2)



Synopsis

"One of them might now be a viscountess but it does not clear the taint of scandal from those frightful Chadwick girls. Why we must deign to entertain them, I will never know!" Lady Bromsley, Countess of Marlbury. A new duke moving into their sleepy village doesn't interest Julia, especially when she hears all about his scandalous behavior in London. Rumors of gambling debts, illicit liaisons, and pub brawls surround the far-too-handsome Duke of Weston. The far-too-handsome duke who happens to want to build a mill on her favorite nature spot, meaning Julia's beloved otters will be homeless. No matter what she says, the stubborn man will not back down, but this bluestocking will not give up easily. With the help of her sisters, she must find a way to persuade him to make money another way. If only the far-too-handsome duke did not seem to enjoy riling her so much. If only he would not insist on getting under her skin and pretending to be interested in her. All this talk of liking redheads and freckles will not make her forget those animals in need. Will it? Julia and the Duke is a Regency novella with some steamy content. It can be read as a standalone.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone with siblings will recognize some of the family dynamics that influence the heroine in this romance. And, as always a dashing suitor. Also a few typos and grammatical issues, especially suitor frequently rendered as suiter. Sexual content between engaged couple.

I enjoyed this book with the great female characters. All the sisters have been developed very well. The love story was very warm.

I love the story and I love that the sister from another story is incorporated into this story.

JULIA AND THE DUKE is the second novella in the "Bluestocking Brides" series and can be read as a standalone, though I'd still recommend reading "Amelia and the Viscount" first. This one features the second eldest Chadwick sister and Guy, the Duke of Weston, who has bought the neighboring estate. His plan is to earn some extra income, but also to keep his younger brother busy and hopefully out of trouble. Julia is an animal and nature lover, and she and Guy butt heads when his idea to build a mill endangers the beloved family of otters she's been faithfully keeping track of. What follows is a charming battle of wits and wills, and an unexpected chance at love...The beginning of the story was an absolute delight and literally had me laughing out loud, which had my family (of 3 men) all giving me crazy looks. Whatever though, I was completely enjoying myself. Who knew Julia was such a firecracker, or that the youngest of the bunch, Catherine, was so bloodthirsty? The sexual tension between Guy and Julia was obvious from the start and their romance was lovely to watch unfold. Overall it was just a really fun and sweet love story, with unique and well-fleshed characters that you can't help but adore. I only wish Julia hadn't been so judgmental of Guy at the end, and that their courtship and wedding hadn't been skipped over. There's an epilogue included which takes place one month into the marriage and was really cute. It also has the one and only sex scene, just so you know. The eldest sister Amelia (book 1) even makes a few quick appearances and we get to know Emma (whose book will be next I assume, if Ms. Holt is going in order of age) a little better too. Though some people may think Catherine a bit much, she cracks me up and I'm literally on pins and needles waiting to see who she winds up with. Boy is he gonna be in for one wild ride with that particular Chadwick girl =) Rating: 4.5 Stars

I read this on KU. I think the author is churning out books way too fast and this has resulted in her

stories being quite weak. I know that duke stories are all the rage but I feel that authors should go and read up on how dukes behaved back in the day. This one buys an estate near to the h's family as he wants to get his younger brother out of town. The younger brother is gambling and womanising and has even got a young girl pregnant. He's only 17 btw. The H meets the h when she's lying down in the mud watching for a family of otters. The h is a nature lover and has even had her work published. I'm hard pressed not to roll my eyes while I'm writing this. The first h was a published author and now the sister too? Has the author even researched how difficult it was for a female to get work published in that time period? The main characters then clash as the H wants to build a mill, which will displace the otters. Again this duke was far from ducal and we know that the h and her family are not conventional. I want to know why the H had to buy another place when he was lacking funds. Why didn't he just take his brother back to the ducal estate? I don't think I can read another book in this series.

Even though Amelia has married a Viscount, Mama still worries that her remaining Bluestocking daughters will never marry. One is a nature lover, one studies the stars, and one can't make up her mind what interests her. Julia Chadwick is the nature lover. She studies animals around the estate, records her observations, and has even had some of her work published. Guy, Lord Weston, is a newly titled duke who has purchased the estate bordering the Chadwick's, hoping a move to the country will help to tame his wild younger brother. When they meet by the river where she is watching otters and he wants to build a mill, sparks fly. There seems to be no common ground, but there is an attraction. Is there any way to close the gap between Julia and the Duke? Julia and the Duke, the second story in the Bluestocking Brides series, is fast-paced and full of humor. The characters are great. The hero and heroine were wonderful together. Dialogue between these two was snarky and delightful. The sisters and Mama were quite entertaining in their own right. I recommend this one. It won't just make you smile; it will make you laugh. I look forward to the next book. I received a complimentary copy of this book. I voluntarily reviewed it and the comments are my own.

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