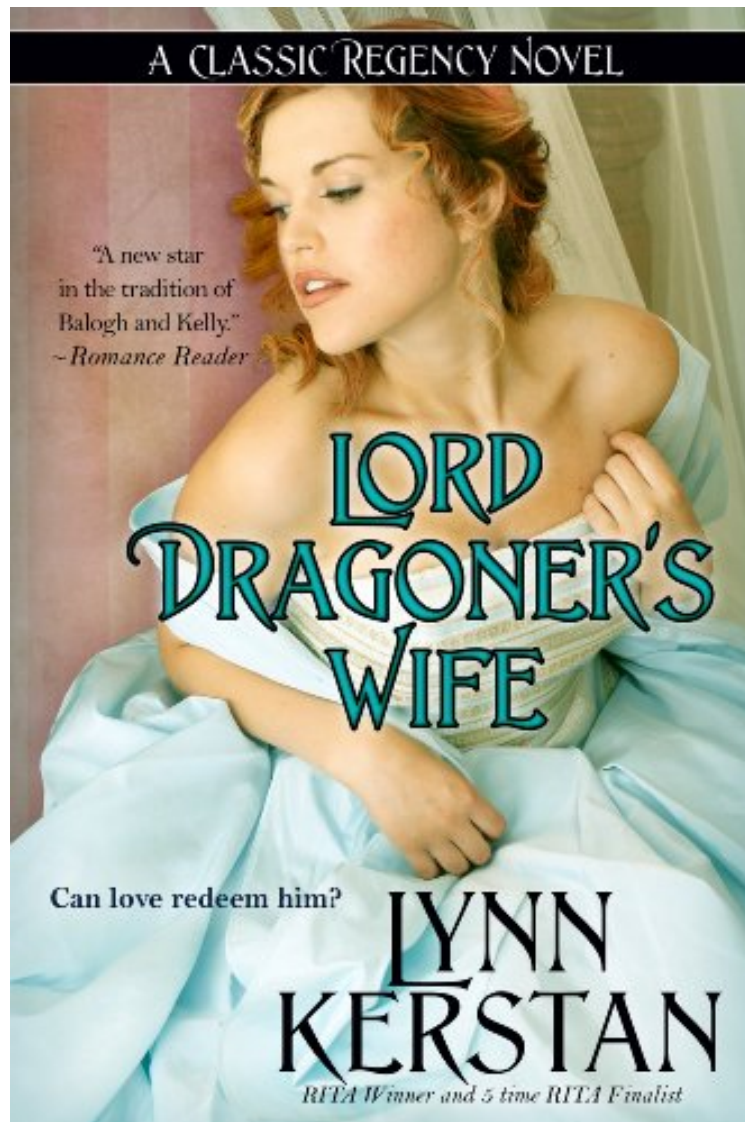


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**Von Lynn Kerstan : Lord Dragoner's Wife** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lord Dragoner's Wife:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An engrossing read ; great characters; believable plot.Von Doris Wheeler (dwhee60000@aol.com)Another wonderful book by award-winning author Lynn Kerstan, Lord Dragoner's Wife combines engaging characters with an intriguing and believable plot to produce a Regency romance that is far beyond the average. This is a novel to save for a rainy week-end afternoon when you can read until you've finished because you won't want to put it down. Young Captain

Charles Everett, for reasons that are revealed slowly in the story, enters into a marriage of convenience with Delilah Bening, daughter of a wealthy merchant, only to abandon her after only one night together. Assuming that his new bride has no more interest in this arranged marriage than does he, Charles deserts her to fight against Napoleon. Six years later he returns as Lord Dragoner to dissolve the marriage. What he does not realize is that Delilah married him for love and will do everything she can to preserve their union. In this novel, Kerstan excels at character development. At first introduction, the reader sees Charles as a rather callous reprobate only to find, as the pieces of the puzzle come together, that he is quite the opposite. As Delilah discovers the reasons for his character flaws and his seemingly heartless behavior, he becomes only more attractive. Although Delilah is definitely a managing female, she never becomes either strident or domineering but always retains her softness and compassion. This book should put Lynn Kerstan into the running for yet another coveted Rita award from Romance Writers of America. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This plot won't fadge Von Diana Muir It might have, had Ms. Kerstan paid a little attention to motivation. The set up is actually compelling. Forced into an arranged marriage, the hero is so resentful that he joins the army the morning after. Six years later he returns to find that the bride with whom he has never even spoken except to say "I, Charles, take thee, Deliah...." is well-spoken, attractive, and very intelligent. She is also something of a whiz at business who has restored both his estate and his fortune, of which he was not aware since he never read her letters. Upon learning all of this he redoubles his resolution to have nothing to do with her. The reader spends the rest of the book searching for some motive for his inexplicable and absurd refusal even to become acquainted with her. Ms. Kerstan goes in for the inexplicable and absurd. The heroine, for example is attractive, intelligent, and sincere. She is not, however, accustomed to moving in society and her manner of conversing, while intelligent, is open and direct. She goes to Paris and is transformed overnight into a great beauty who answers her sharp-tongued husband with witty and satirical repartee. I don't think so. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good characters, slow plot and unrealistic ending Von Ein Kunde Obviously, I am in a minority here, so feel free to completely disregard this review and stick to the other reviews here. However, I thought I should say that I didn't really care for this book. I must concede that the characters were dynamic and very well depicted. I found this more so for Delilah than Dragoner. In fact, the opening impression of him is that he is a real sleazeball, and that image is hard to shake throughout the book, no matter what he does. If he really is merely misunderstood, why does his jerkish behavior come off so convincing to everyone? I thought that the plot was very slow and plodding. The main characters dwell for interminable amounts of time on the mess they have made of their marriage. When the action picks up 2/3rds through the book, it seems unreal. I won't give the ending away because that would ruin it for you, but I read the whole end with complete disbelief at the sheer implausibility. At least the beginning, though slow, is realistic and often insightful. Overall, this book has great characterizations, but a slow, plodding plot and, in the end, an unrealistic ending.

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