

Her Wicked Marquess (Sinful Wallflowers, #2) By Stacy Reid Internal conflict...a twist I did not see coming until the last minute and finally a very well-deserved happy ending! I loved the heroine! If we've been friends for a while you'll know that I love wallflowers. Although Maryann is kind of unusual? She was not a wallflower because she was shy and people looked past her she was one because she was too opinionated and the Ton did not like it. I loved how she was not in denial about her feelings towards Nicolas how she spoke her mind to him she was so straightforward about her feelings and it's just so refreshing to see a heroine who does not actively fight her feelings for the hero. When that part about why her parents was pushing the match with Lord stamford became apparent to Maryann I was so afraid that she would be like other heroines I've read about who suddenly become stupid when faced with the same problem Maryann faced. Her silly ways of revenge against a Ton bully her straightforwardness her thoughts about marriage and the right man the restlessness she felt her selflessness (towards the end) and her unwavering love for the hero is what made her such a good character to me. I must say that the reason behind Nicolas's revenge is something I have never read before because most revenge I've read about are heroes who seek retribution for their family but in this situation he was doing it for a friend. The scene where he went to Maryann and told her he really liked her? I was screaming and my heart was doing a flip! Rarely we see a hero who is so open about his fondness for the heroine. And the part where he was willing to give up his revenge even if it costs him his honor and guilt all because he never wants to see Maryann hurt? Give this man to me right now! Stacy Reid how dare you write such an ideal man when you know no one in real life would ever compare? I shall die an old maid because of my high standards made even higher by this man. The chemistry between the two of them? So so good! I want to slap myself for even thinking about skipping this book because I would've missed a good book with characters who had such amazing chemistry together. On another note I have to say that this book had a slow start but it did not really bother me? I liked how the author did not just throw the readers immediately to the main point of the book but instead we are shown what pushed the heroine to do what she did. I must admit that I was worried about how things would happen? How ever would Nicolas and Maryann make their relationship work knowing that her brother could be the Black Dahlia? I think I'm pretty satisfied with the resolution. The part about the wolf and his anger for Nicolas and the event that happened because of it may be dramatic and unrealistic given that they are genteel people but I loved Nicolas's love declaration. I've seen reviews about how this book was unrealistic especially regarding the part where Nicolas was constantly climbing to Maryann's balcony and not getting caught and the heroine always pleading headache. I've said it before and I'll say it again I am so glad that I decided to read this book before going into book 3! Also I loved the mentions of Devlin and Ophelia. Before I end this review do you know the quote where it goes "What did my fingers do before they held him? What did my heart do with its love?" It reminded me so much of Nicolas and Maryann's relationship especially this one particular paragraph/ scene: "I like you too" she declared staring at him from below incredibly long lashes. If my father has shown me anything it is that once I am a wife I am not expected to have my own sense of thought everything will be controlled by my husband and dare I protest I will be scolded most severely!" "But?" the always astute Fanny asked archly. I want a man who wants to hear my opinions on political matters as well as the latest gossip! I want a man who challenges me but allows me to challenge him right back. "Then what am I if not a coward? I am willing to give up my honor my vow my pride I am forsaking justice that is denied to her because I cannot bear the idea of hurting you. " (And my heart went: AHHHHHHHH) 383 5+++ stars ☐ "But tonight when she smiled up at him Nicolas felt like he was given the key to a secret kingdom—he only had to reach for her and everything he'd never known was missing from his life revealed itself. "I am not the biggest fan of HRs and third pov so the fact that I enjoyed this speaks volumes! There was just something about this book which had me grinning giggling and just wanting to read ahead. ☐☐If you prick us do we not bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die? And if you wrong us do we not revenge?☐☐— not my immature ass thinking of Inigo Montoya every time someone mentioned revenge ☐Which look. Nicolas: ☐If they prick us do we not bleed? If they wrong us do we not

revenge? Me: u got this boo ☹️Also while we're on the subject let us talk about the ending. Umm wtf was that? I really feel like someone somewhere said ...Random Person: hey Stacy you gonna end HWM with a bang? Stacy Reid: *takes that shit to heart* game on bitches. Can you comprehend you fool what I will do to you should you harm a hair on her head?— that said i still swooned when he threatened said gunman ☹️Ultimately I think where HWM really shined was in its romance (and main characters). It can become too long winded they latch on the revenge as if it's part of their identity and eventually the usual controlled self of the character that is seeking their own notion of justice starts to collapse towards the end of the story and they make ridiculous and reckless decisions. Turns out Nicolas allows for the scandal to perpetuate for his own reasons... But when Maryann's parents hold fast to their arranged marriage plan it'll take a scandal of epic proportions for these two to get out of this together. "I'm obsessed! I think I might have made a mistake by not completing the first book because both the second and third books in the series are perfection! I think Stacy Reid is becoming one of my favorite HR authors! I can't wait to read more of her books. ♥️ The Plot:♥️When Maryann Fitzwilliam (23) is betrothed to a revolting man who's the same age as her father she tries to get out of the betrothal by creating a scandal with a feckless rakehell Nicolas St Ives the Marquess of Rothbury (28). Can you comprehend you fool what I will do to you should you harm a hair on her head?" I loved Nicholas's protectiveness over Maryann and the way he watched out for her at every turn. (Also why was his nickname for her so cute??? - RACCOON??)There were some minor issues here and there but you know what? I'm not really bothered! The last 20% was such a fun and wild ride! The epilogue was one of the best I've ever read it left me feeling so wholesome and happy! If you love a good meet-cute rakes and wallflowers and mystery side plots I would highly recommend this book!Rating: 5/5(Thanks to Laura for another amazing BINGE READ! We are on a roll! Check out her review here. I was stuck on the first 100 pages for almost three days but after that I really appreciated the build up of the beginning and the development of Maryann and Nicolas's relationship. It was so sweet! Then the last 100 pages were definitely a wild ride and I had no idea how things were going to end! I thought Maryann's relationship with her brother was very interesting and how his own plot line carried out,

Historical romances always have me swooning over the most mundane things, Case in point — • Nicolas calling Maryann a raccoon — swoon. • Nicolas threatening to kill other men on Maryann's behalf (but in the most gentlemanly way possible) — swoon. • Nicolas going down on Maryann in a conservatory — double swoon: • Nicolas falling asleep in Maryann's bed while she reads to him — swoon. • Nicolas touching Maryann without a glove on — triple swoon: • Nicolas being a true feminist king in eighteen-something-or-other — confused swoon: • Maryann choosing to dance the waltz with Nicolas in front of the ton — happy sigh (and swoon): And the hero was so tortured and so GONE for the heroine. For so long nothing else but his promise of retribution upon his honor and assuaging the guilt and rage in his heart had mattered. But then she fell into his life and he hadn't pushed her from it when he knew better: Because with every touch smile and conversation she had brought such warmth peace pleasure happiness to his cold existence: With her he felt things that were not guilt or hate; with her he hungered and craved a future he hadn't even dreamed could exist, " Lady Maryann Fitzwilliam wants to escape her imminent marriage to an older gentleman. To do that she plans to ruin her reputation without being truly compromised, She has one gentleman in mind to achieve her ruination: Nicolas St. Ives Marquess of Rothbury known to the Ton as a feckless rake: She let the rumors spread that it was her bedchamber that Nicolas climbed to, Her Wicked Marquess is the second book from Stacy Reid's historical romance series Sinful Wallflowers: I am so glad that I did not skip this one! Seriously what was I thinking? Because of my eagerness to jump to the third book I contemplated skipping this one: And I am just so happy I did not because I would've missed a wonderfully crafted story with characters that really made me feel something. I think it is safe to say that I will continue to read upcoming installments to this series, Meet Lady Maryann Fitzwilliam: She is the daughter to the Earl of Musgrove. Although Maryann's parents have a powerful influence on the Ton she was relegated to being a wallflower because she was too

opinionated. It is a well-known fact that gentlemen did not like women who are smarter than them. Being a romantic in a society where advantageous marriages are normal Maryann is unlucky. Truly she could never marry a man whom she does not feel affection for and a man who does not even bother getting to know her: Unfortunately her marriage to Lord Stamford had already been arranged by her parents and it seems there is no way to escape...except to declare herself ruined. In Lady Maryann's words "This man was dissolute reckless a gambler a great participant of sensual debauchery unprincipled and uncaring that he owned such a wicked reputation, Unknown to them his reputation is deliberately constructed by him to seek vengeance to those who wronged his dearest friend. In presenting a persona no one would be suspicious of his real intentions and he could carry out his retribution, Ives first met in the dark although the former was unaware it was he who was lurking in the shadows, When she dropped her list of how to ruin her reputation with the help of Nicolas known as the most notorious rake the marquess was amused and intrigued. Because of Maryann's eagerness to escape her engagement to an older bounder she set her plans in motion. Unknown to Maryann Nicolas has enemies that might harm her now that she has entangled her name with his...: And as they get to know each other Maryann discovers that the man Nicolas presents to the Ton is not who he truly is. And while Nicolas has a fondness for Maryann things between them would inevitably change if his suspicions about Maryann's brother proved to be true. I just really loved her individually perhaps because I really connected with her. I loved how she stood her ground and would not let her parents' circumstances with Lord Stamford dictate her decisions: She knew her mind and what she wanted and she often acted upon it, Of course as an aristocratic lady she grew up privileged and wealthy. She had no traumatic backstory to make her "interesting" but even without any of that she is just as interesting, How do I even start? To the Ton he was seen as a typical rake a dandy a libertine wicked and debauched. But behind the facade is man hellbent on a revenge for his friend who was wronged by many lords: But he is not just that he is also protective gentle kind honorable and will do anything for the people he loves. Contrary to his rakish reputation he was actually quite the gentleman to Maryann: Someone more than a friend someone he loved in his youth. I did not like that he had a first love but I loved how he wanted justice for what his friend went through. What I loved about Nicolas is that he wasn't the usual "I don't believe in love" type of hero they get tiring sometimes: I love how he too was not in denial about his feelings for the heroine, I loved his protectiveness over Maryann the things he did to ensure that Maryann won't be forced to marry Lord Stamford: The care he had for Maryann is the type I longed for all my life I'm just so jealous of the heroine. I am afraid that I am not doing the main characters justice with my review: I have no words to exactly explain the reasons why I loved them it was just something I felt while I was reading the story: The build up their interactions and their eventual love for each other was so believable: I screamed so many times while reading this to the point that my mother checked on me because she was bewildered as to why I was making all that noise. The secret meetings in Maryann's room? That part where they danced together shocking the Ton? Superb. I loved how this book perfectly encapsulated how a couple could have intimate moments without it being sexual: Nicolas opening up to Maryann and Maryann just being there listening to him? Perfect: Of course they were attracted and felt lust for each other but there was also the relationship development wherein it was just so much more than that: Their chemistry is so good that sometimes it felt like someone was squeezing my heart. Like not in a sad way but in a way that their moments with each other just felt so real that I myself longed for something like it? That way: And the slow build up between the hero and heroine was just perfect. I don't like insta-love and insta-lust so I enjoyed how the author really took her time to create a romance that's believable, Although Nicolas's revenge played a large part in the book it did not overshadow the blooming romance between the hero and heroine. I am gonna say it: I dislike how the hero had a first love may it be the love of his youth, I feel jealous for the heroine but I'm glad that the heroine was not as jealous and selfish as I, I was so shocked about the twist I must say that I really did not see it coming until the last minute, But I never for a moment doubted Nicolas's love for the heroine even with the twist, I agree with the sentiment but it did not lessen my enjoyment from this book, The main characters

had such good chemistry it is actually insane. Although Stacy Reid's writing is not true to the time period (As is most modern HRs) she had a wonderful prose. There were so many paragraphs that I annotated simply because it was so beautifully written, I think the pacing was well done although I've seen some complaints about it to me it was just fine: It was a look that said "finally you are seeing me you buffoon" and it endlessly charmed him: With an inward jolt to his heart he realized that while he was just noticing her Maryann had been aware of him for much longer. It went through him then a jerk of fear at the thought that he might have missed her, Some quotes: "The truth of it is sometimes I do not know if I want to marry any man. The independence I have now is limited but I relish having it and the more advanced I get in age the more freedom I will attain. "For the right gentleman I would happily relinquish my independence—for he would not cage me would he? He would want to see me fly: And if I should overreach in my recklessness the right man would catch me, I want him to take me sailing and he won't mind that I am exceptionally good at fencing that I can ride astride and might best him in archery: Maybe even a husband who would take me to a gambling den! I do not want a piece of what I hope for...I want it all" she ended with a groan covering her face. "And maybe just maybe I could have it with the marquess because I have never met anyone who rouses me so, A man she could see herself growing old with a man she saw walking by her side for as long as God would allow it in this life and the next, " "Yet when she lay awake at night in her bed searching her heart for her dreams all she found was emptiness and fright: Such terrible fear for she no longer knew what she wanted and felt unmoored a ship without an anchor drifting aimlessly on the wide-open sea. " (The quote that made me like Maryann she said it perfectly:)"You are not a coward" she said softly afraid that she might shatter at any moment: " "I had to come to you...to let you know I love you, I didn't want you to linger in any doubt even for a moment about how much you mean to me: I'm so glad I gave it a go cause this was freaking amazing, Thankyou to the amazing tee for this recommendation I loved this book a lot! 383 How positively astonishing. I do not believe you are afraid" he murmured provocatively. "Is that what you expected? Hysteria?" "At least a swoon and a mild attack of vapors" he said with a soft yet icy bite. "But here I am facing a raccoon instead of a timid mouse. "Not me swooning every time Nicolas called Maryann a raccoon " "For real though the entire romance between Nicolas and Maryann worked for me, From their first meeting I got this sense that they were both so enamored with the other. "More often than not in historical romances it always seems as though the rake sort of railroads over the wallflower, The wallflower pines while the rake is all roughish and stuff: Not the case with our rake (Nicolas) and wallflower (Maryann), In this one Nicolas takes one look at Maryann and low-key/high-key knows she's it for him and ditto for Maryann, "Ah so sneaking into my rooms was really because you missed my company: "— not him causally saying he missed her "I also really liked the set up for the romance. She needs to be ruined and when a rumor involving Nicolas begins to spread she pounces. Nicolas (and I) greatly admires her ingenuity and begins a sort of courtship//friendship//fascination with Maryann: "How long have you been awake?" "Since I last saw you: "Living dangerously I see" he drawled teasingly but tumbled into the bed, " In short I adored the way Stacy Reid handled the romance: It was a true slow-burn with Nicolas and Maryann truly respecting loving trusting and admiring the other: In the one corner we have Maryann seeking ruination in an attempt to stop the marriage between her and this dusty ass duke: We really got to see Maryann take her fate in her own hands, She above anyone else fought for her independence and happiness, "For the right gentleman I would happily relinquish my independence—for he would not cage me would he? He would want to see me fly, And if I should overreach in my recklessness the right man would catch me. "In the left corner we have Nicolas he's seeking revenge for his childhood love. I am a bloodthirsty bitch so I appreciate when my hero or heroine is on the hunt to get that sweet sweet revenge. That being said my main requirement for a revenge storyline is investment. I need to be invested in the motive behind the revenge and sadly ... I just wasn't, — cue me hiding in the corner like "Nicolas' entire world revolved around getting revenge on the men who raped his childhood love Arianna: Don't get me wrong I was rooting for Nicolas to pulverize those assholes but ... I don't know: And because she died off screen somewhere my investment in Nicolas'

one man revenge tour was very middling. We had a ninth hour mini-breakup a big reveal revenge shenanigans a duel a tiny hostage situation a marriage all the sexy times and a slight set up for the next book. ☐Lady Maryann is the woman I love with every fucking emotion in my soul. Truly I loved everything about MaryannNicolas both individually and together: Cause Nicolas was a fucking bad-boy who would not HESITATE to cut a bitch on Maryann's behalf, Meanwhile Maryann is in the corner cheering him on and being just as ruthless albeit in a classy af sort of way. If it will relieve your worry I do not intend to walk up to his home and knock, If you made it this far then to you I say thank you and also go read the book, Nicolas is swoon-worthy to the highest degree Maryann is take-charge heroine and the historical setting adds to the romance of it all, HWM was my first Stacy Reid book but it will most certainly not be my last, ☐You are the only person who does not think my hair brown. ☐— ngl this whole quote hit me -with my boring as hell brown hair- straight in the feels ☐ 383 Fuck sake this was close to perfect, And whilst the ending was too theatrical for my taste this story was beyond beautiful, Those moments they shared in her chamber were by far the best parts, The conversations they had and the intimacy they shared was so perfectly done: 5 ☐ 383 Miss Maryann Fitzwilliam is too witty and bookish for her own good: No gentleman of the ton will marry her so her parents arrange for her to wed a man old enough to be her father, But Maryann is ready to use those wits to turn herself into a sinful wallflower, Ives the Marquess of Rothbury climbing out the chamber windows of a house party Maryann does the unthinkable. She anonymously claims that the bedchamber belonged to none other than Miss Fitzwilliam tarnishing her own reputation—and chances of the dastardly union her family secured for her. Now she just needs to convince the marquess to keep his silence. Her Wicked Marquess (Sinful Wallflowers #2) “It is you...you who saw me... Since that first night you climbed up into my room I can forever feel your gaze upon me. Maryann is amazing! Omg I love her so freakin much! She’s sassy, She’s strong willed who knows what she wants and she’s not scared to go after it. I was so smitten! The way he loved Maryann cared for and protected her? And omg don’t even get me started with his nickname for her: A Raccoon! He called her a freakin Raccoon!! Isn’t he just the most romantic hero?? “My heart is laid upon the ground: Please do not step on it”I absolutely loved the set up of their romance the way they are with each other. The ending?? That ending got me setting on the edge of my seat. The whole thing was so intense and romantic and ahhh I just love them so much! The book was just so easy to love. 383 “It is you...you who saw me... Since that first night you climbed up into my room I can forever feel your gaze upon me, This book was so different from its prequel My Darling Duke, This book was definitely darker and angstier than I had anticipated but it made for a nice surprise. However there’s much more to this rake than meets the eye, Nicolas is hellbent on revenge on behalf of a woman he once loved...♡ Characters:♡Maryann is by far my favorite Stacy Reid heroine, She was so smart and sassy! I loved her sense of humour. She had her daring and bold moments that made me admire her so much! Maryann was a woman who knew her self-worth and was determined not to let a man control her. “For the right gentlemen I would happily relinquish my independence - for he would not cage me would he? He would want to see me fly. And if I should overreach in my recklessness the right man would catch me. ” As for the hero I fell in love with Nicolas so fast it was kind of embarrassing: He had so much depth and intensity and the perfect amount of anguish and pain that made him impossible not to root for, ♡ The Romance:♡The slow burn romance in this book was AMAZING! I can’t tell you how many times I squealed because these two were ADORABLE, Nicolas’s late-night visits were so ROMANTIC - Picking locks playing charades and the bantering... My heart SWOONED at these two love birds: “Lady Maryann is the woman I love with every fucking emotion in my soul. But most of all I love that he saw Maryann for who she truly was, Also sorry for posting this review like 100 years late LMAOOOOO)*****
RTC, ☐☐☐ 383 So as much as I loved the first book in the sinful wallflowers series this one just didn't hit the same: I did enjoy the last 30% more but it was torture to get to that 30%: With all genres of romance expect for Paranormal there has to be a small amount of believability. I didn't believe for a minute that no one would notice that Nicolas was climbing into Maryann window nightly. They were playing chess talking lively fencing and having wild and loud sex where Maryann was calling out his

name and no one noticed. No one worried or checked on the woman that was so healthy one minute and having repeat nighty headaches, Overall I didn't care for this one and I hope the next book is better, 5 I don't know what was wrong with me but it took me a good 100 pages to really get invested in this story: Nicolas is a rake and Maryann is trying to get out of a horrible engagement. When rumors come out that Nicolas was climbing out of a woman's window Maryann starts a rumor that it was hers. Nicolas is intrigued by Maryann but he's currently trying to ruin the men who took his best friend from him when he was younger, If anyone knew that he had feelings for Maryann things could go very wrong and she could be in danger. The development of this romance was everything and I loved how it was slow and how Nicolas and Maryann were truly friends first: Aside from a slow start I loved everything about this book! 383 I am so excited for you guys to read Her Wicked Marquess. Maryann and Nicolas's journey to happy ever after is one of my favorite stories if not the fave. I loved writing it and I hope you guys feel that love and enjoy it as much as I do, Raccoons were known in England since colonization and their furs were sold in England![] 383



I am an unapologetic romance lover: I spend a copious amount of time drooling over Rick Grimes from Walking Dead watching Japanese anime and playing video games with my love Dusean. I spend a copious amount of time drooling over Rick Grimes from Walking Dead watching Japanese anime and playing video games with my love Dusean. • Maryann and Nicolas playing cards — swoon.Honestly.

This had such a beautiful dark cinematic feel. I love Stacy's writing. Ugh. I loved it. 383 "Nicolas was willing to sacrifice anything. For her sake. For his sake. And for theirs. When an opportunity came up Lady Maryann bravely took it. To her bemusement Nicolas didn't bother denying the rumors. This book is about Lady Maryann Fitzwilliam and Nicolas St. Ives. Meet Nicolas St. Ives: He is the Marquess of Rothbury. Nicolas presents an entirely different character to the Ton." But he is not who he really presents to society. Lady Maryann and Nicolas St.this leads to secret meet ups in her room. They are always just so cute and fun to read about. I found many of her internal musings so relatable. She was an amazing heroine too. I am so glad she wasn't. I loved the hero as well. Nicolas was such an intriguing character. He was a man with many layers to him. The real Nicolas is... calculating shrewd and ruthless. I loved how he cared for and loved Maryann. Even if it is justice in his own way. God he was such an ideal hero. Because of him I wanna get married! To him preferably. Just read it and see for yourself. The way they just enjoyed each other's company so much. And I believed in their love for each other. I think I loved the whole book. Oh he's such a scandalous man. I love him. I loved this book so much better than the first book. There was not a moment where I was bored. I was invested the whole time. The characters had depth to them. Everything inside her went soft and achy with need."I want my husband to love me breathlessly." "In him she had found the man she loved and respected." "I was coming to you Nicolas. You must know." Alarm and joy suffused her in equal measure. "Are you dying?" "No. I love you Maryann. Through Maryann. Mainly I LOVED how devoted they were to each other. []You are not what I expected.[] []Oh what did you anticipate?[] []A mouse. But instead I found a lioness.[] His eyes darkened. []I am beginning to suspect myself. How astonishing hmm? The rake and the wallflower. Maryann weaponizes Nicolas' reputation for herself. Hence him climbing into her windows.[] []I will allow you three hours of sleep.[] Now he faltered into stillness. []Here?[] []Yes. []I might need a bedtime story.[]

The marquess patted the mattress beside him. "I will not object if you wish to sleep as well. The swoon was real with this one you guys. I wanted no past between us when I take you." Her entire body vibrated with the awareness of him. "Take me?" "Yes." "Take me where?" Silence...such wicked silence. "The instant I touch you you'll know." Now where thing fell a bit flat for me was ... duh. duh. the plot. See there are two underlying plot threads happening. Personally I liked this plot point a lot. Like I love me some torture maiming and financial ruin. Give it to me. I never felt a connection to Arianna. For one thing she's dead ... allegedly. Cause wow. It was just a lot. When the focus was on Nicolas and Maryann I was happy. "I shall return home in a few hours. I will break in very discreetly." So yeah. It is TOTALLY worth it. [. /]. "Do you have a wig?" She paused. "No." "We must cover your hair. It is incredibly unique." She laughed softly. Stacy Reid owns me at this point. I'm not the biggest fan of the revenge plot. Beyond. I was just in awe throughout. 4. When the scandal sheet reports a sighting of Nicolas St. You saw. She's bold. Nicolas was definitely her equal. How it always felt like they're each other's equal. How honest and real their feelings were. The angst. The suspense. The tension. You saw." His Wicked Marquess was COMPLETE AND UTTER PERFECTION. I was completely smitten because he was just so perfect. I love how enamoured they were with each other. I also love that they were so open about their feelings. His excuses to stay near her was so endearing. after I finish writing my review for book 1. The first 60 to 70% of the book was way to slow. I found myself getting bored and wanting to skip ahead. The other problem I had was believability. This book read way to much like a Contemporary read. No servant noticed. Not to mention she was faking a headache ever night. There was other unbelievable things but you get the point. 383 4. P.S. I read it. I write it. Enough said. Well. I also have a warrior way Never give up on my dreams. I am an unapologetic romance lover. I read it. I write it. Enough said. Well. I also have a warrior way Never give up on my dreams. {site_link}.