

The average star rating for **DANGEROUS LIAISONS** is Amazon UK 4.9
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These are a selection of the most interesting reviews from all over the world. Thank you to all my readers: sharing makes writing worthwhile.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A dynasty of dreams and deception**, 11 Jun. 2015

By

[Mr. T. Benson "Tom Benson"](#) (Northeast England, UK) - [See all my reviews](#)
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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I expect a story to have well-rounded characters, good imagery, and a level of detail which conveys an air of authenticity. In a word, I want - entertainment. The dialogue should reflect the period in which the story exists, and if there are any outside influences, then they must fit into the tale and be unnoticed, because they belong. For example: car models, locations, or journeys are things that I expect to sound matter-of-fact.

I believe Sarah Stuart has a fair grounding in more than one area covered in this story. It would otherwise be difficult to cover such diverse topics as 16th century royal lifestyles, present day highland country estate life, and modern showbiz; complete with the trimmings - both positive and negative.

There is a premise from the outset that there is a personal journal which has been handed down through the centuries to the females of the family lineage. Okay, that's a nice touch, but to carry off such a conspicuous vein throughout an entire novel is risky. Sarah not only does it well, she tailors the language of the journal to sound appropriate for the period it was written. She also enables the modern characters to reflect on the similarities of then and now.

If you enjoy your story relationships with a good dose of love, loss, deceit, sexual tension, and even mildly erotic scenes - treat yourself and indulge in this story.

5.0 out of 5 stars **More than a Romance novel**, 10 Jun. 2015

By

[Shazzie](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I was hesitant when I began Dangerous Liaisons because I don't normally read Romance. My thoughts on romance books makes me think of Mills & Boons. How wrong was I? This book was full of surprises, yes there was romance but not the kind I expected....can't say too much without spoilers...but be prepared, you have to have a very open mind when you read Sarah's Stuart's fantastic novel. As far as the characters go, they are well rounded and all make their presence known. The author takes them from strength to strength.

The Book of Hours, the basis of Dangerous Liaisons, shows the extent of good research the author has undertaken. Sarah Stuart has taken time in planning this novel and this can be seen with the research into history, the Stage, her characters and the story. It is an intricate story, complex in parts. Having said that, the author conveys it a brilliant way. All pans out well and all is resolved at the end. Subplots and the Book of Hours are all brought together nicely. A great read.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A DARK AND COMPELLING READ**, 25 April 2015

By

[M. Perks](#) (West Midlands) - [See all my reviews](#)
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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

The story starts in the past, and at first I expected a Historical novel, but no it is essentially a story of the past and the present and how they link together. Lizzie finds a diary in her parents' attic which proves she is descendant of a Scottish queen. While she tries to unravel the mystery she goes to London to University, and there she meets Michael. Although it is a romantic novel, I found it very emotional, and despite the author tackling a difficult subject I thought she did a

fantastic job in a sincere and compassionate way. There is tragedy here, and love and loss but also many twists and turns. I found it a compelling novel that left me wanting to read more. The author is to be congratulated and I look forward very much to reading the second book in the series.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A unique story with ancient secrets, illicit love, betrayals, and hope**, 7 April 2015

By

[JSReads](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Dangerous Liaisons by Sarah Stuart is a complex, well-written family saga with generations of romance, betrayal, and love. It begins with Lizzie discovering an ancient, jewel-encrusted diary written in code. The Queen's Book of Hours, hidden in her attic, holds a key to her royal past and words of wisdom for her future: "I direct and beseech my heirs to find love where they may."

Lizzie earns a place at a university but leaves this and her family behind when she falls in love. She helps Michael enter the glittering world of the stage and music albums; details make this very realistic. The Book of Hours is woven through the story as each new passage is deciphered, sharing generations of forbidden love, betrayal, and hope. Ghosts from the distant past reach out to affect present and future generations. There is great darkness at times but also the light of love. It's a compelling read.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A circuitous and exciting journey.**, 4 Feb. 2015

By

[Susan Elston](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Via a circuitous and exciting journey, you are enraptured to know how the past is linked to the future. The research and locations involved bring the story to life and you want to become involved with every twist and turn of the interlinked relationships that are introduced. Liaison is a difficult word to spell but have a liaison with the characters in this book and you won't be disappointed. Thrilled to hear there is a second book on the way.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Sarah Stuart writes in a crisp, elegant style that is all her own.**, 30 Jan. 2015

By

[Stuart Murray](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

True love doesn't run smoothly, and relationships are complicated, evolving interactions governed by needs, emotions and circumstance. And in Sarah Stuart's debut novel, Dangerous Liaisons, she explores and presents these aspects of life in a way that is unique, interesting and highly entertaining. The characters are relatable and Sarah weaves a story linking them in ways that reveal their ambitions, weakness, pleasure and pain. And just as importantly the love and support they offer one another.

Sarah also deals with the issue of forbidden temptation and forbidden love, presenting it in a way that has the pages flying by as hitherto perfect love is put to the test by close, interconnecting relationships crossing boundaries that threaten to ruin not only careers, but friendship and more importantly, family. And she does it all in a crisp, elegant style that is her very own.

I am giving this carefully crafted, well developed, entertaining book 5 well deserved stars. Highly recommended.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A gripping storyline, guaranteed to keep the reader enthralled until the very end!**, 27 Jan. 2015

By

[angela.g](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Anxious to escape the restraints of her parents and their expectations of her future, Lizzie Cameron leaves her family home in Scotland and heads for London. A broken buckle on her bag marks her first chance encounter with Michael Marsh, who shares the same electrifying spark of attraction as Lizzie.

Michael, an amateur actor dreams of stardom – but at what price? This story combines: history, mystery, love and sensuality which all bind together to make for a great read.

Dangerous Liaisons has a gripping storyline with so many unexpected twists and turns that it kept me enthralled until the very end. A must read, from a very talented author.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Sarah Stuart uses the best of the English languages as she weaves a magical ...**, January 19, 2015

By

[isabell](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Sarah Stuart uses the best of the English languages as she weaves a magical thread through history among the many women going down through generations, all with the same goal. To find romance and love. Not only does the book portray different social environments, but follows its characters and their meetings. From being a historical romance, written in the most poetic English I've read in a long time, the erotic parts between the characters bring fresh blood to the story and will move you farther along in the book. I especially enjoyed the mixture of history, love, and theater than ran like a solid red line throughout the book. Very well written.

5.0 out of 5 stars **One to Remember.**, January 18, 2015

By

[Marc Estes, award winning writer and author o...](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

This was truly a pleasure to read. I am a huge fan of history and theater so this book had me hooked from the start. With twists and turns and unforgettable romance, this novel kept me interested until the very end. I will be looking forward with great anticipation to future novels by Sarah Stuart. I can only hope history will repeat itself with her writing skill.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A romance with a real difference - you'll be gripped to the end!**, 17 Jan. 2015

By

[Juju078](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I started this book and had no idea what I was in for - and it didn't disappoint! This is a tale of love through the generations guided somewhat by 'the book of hours' passed down through the female bloodline of a Queen. Fast paced, and an really engaging story line kept me gripped to the very last page. This is a romance with a difference - loving too much can lead to dangerous liaisons, and this story delivers it all. Recommended.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Definitely a must buy.**, 6 Jan. 2015

By

[Crazykeys](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Dangerous Liaisons is a book that you will not regret buying. Sarah Stuart has a wonderful way of writing and weaving a tale. Each of her characters are brought so much to life that you feel like they are real people.

Lizzie and Michael's lives have not been easy. They were drawn together from the very first touch of their hands. Little did they know what the road ahead of them would hold. Towards the end of the book you really begin to understand the

effect that every choice you make has but mostly how strong love can be, and how powerful forgiveness is.

From the start to the end of this amazing page turner, you will find yourself feeling every emotion on the scale. from soaring to the top, falling to the bottom then back up again. There will be times in your everyday life when you will try to work out the end but it will never be what you guess.

There is one WARNING I would give - you will be begging to have a BOOK of HOURS all your own. I am not sure if this will pass as it has not for me yet.

Do I recommend this book? HELL YES!

5.0 out of 5 stars **love, loss and forgiveness**, 4 Jan. 2015

By

[Ica](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Dangerous Liaisons by Sarah Stuart is an intricate story – a blend of history and passion, past and present, set against a backdrop of history that spans hundreds of years, following the royals. It's a story about faith, love, loss and forgiveness, and interlaced with lies, deceit and heartbreak.

Lizzie Cameron leaves home in Scotland to go to university in London. But before leaving, she accidentally finds an old diary in her parents' attic, which belonged to Queen Margaret.

Not only does the diary prove that Lizzie comes from the royal family, but the queen had written a command for her heirs, "I direct and beseech my heirs to find love where they may. Love is a gift of God, not of kings." What did that mean?

While trying to untangle its mystery, Lizzie finds her love in London with Michael Marsh - a handsome, talented, backstreet boy seeking a career in theater – but as it often happens, life is not a straight line.

At times dark and unnerving, the story is a definite page turner. It sheds light on the fact that happily ever after is often challenging, and not always possible. Sarah Stuart's writing is clean and easy to read, her characters are well drawn and interesting, and her twists will cause your jaw to drop.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes romance/historical fiction.

5.0 out of 5 stars **A Unique Story that will Draw You In!**, December 27, 2014

By

[Amazon Customer "Tara Ellis 'Bloodline'"](#) (Skagit County, WA) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Right off, I knew that based on Ms. Stuarts style of writing, that I was going to enjoy reading 'Dangerous Liaisons'.

Skill aside, I was intrigued with the unique setting and refreshingly unusual characters. Being an American that has never traveled to Europe, it was all new to me. From the woods to the theater, the story is loaded with detailed information that makes the amount of work that went into its telling apparent.

I never give too much away in a review (I think the book blurb is all you need as far as the story line) but what I will address, is the quality. I would categorize "Dangerous Liaisons' as a romance, drama lit and a general fiction. Anyone considering a purchase should rest assured that you will get your money's worth.

I look forward to reading Sarah Stuart's other work!

5.0 out of 5 stars **A fascinating read**, December 24, 2014

By

[Michael Kroft](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Outside of novels like The Notebook or Bridges over Madison County, romance is normally not my genre, but like The Notebook or Bridges over Madison County, I truly enjoyed reading Dangerous Liaisons by Sarah Stuart.

Stuart has written a very good novel that speaks to the readers without trying to talk over their heads while avoiding the romance genre's sometimes overuse of similes. In fact, I would rather like to think of Dangerous Liaisons as falling into both the romance genre and mainstream fiction genre. I would say the Drama

genre, but in the literary world that is taken as theatrical works. Coincidentally, much of Stuart's story revolves around the theatrical industry, bringing the reader into the fascinating business to show a nobody quickly grow to stardom.

The story starts as a love-at-first-sight romance invoked through a chance encounter and quickly grows even more interesting with the references to the family heirloom, the journal of Margaret, James IV of Scotland's queen, the chance audition that kick-starts the couple's life together, and everything that follows.

Sarah Stuart's thought-provoking novel is broken into two almost equal length parts, or books, with two dramatically different feels. Where in the first book the reader is placed within the uplifting and sometimes disappointing events of the very believable characters, the second book transforms the ride from the Tunnel of Love into the Fun House. In the second book, Stuart bravely takes the situations/issues less travelled, sometimes shocking me so much that I was thankful that reading is normally done while sitting or reclining.

Dangerous Liaisons is done so well that I was left thinking about it for sometime afterwards.

Disappointed that the novel has finished, I now wait impatiently for the next book in the series.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Oh What a Tangled Web We Weave!**, December 20, 2014

By

[Jan Sikes](#) (Texas) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

When I picked Dangerous Liaisons to read, I had no idea what I was in for. The story starts with a young girl, an only child, raised on a hunting estate in Scotland. She has flaming red curls and a book that had been passed down to her through generations called the Book of Hours. Lizzie Cameron works diligently at decoding this diary of sorts written by her ancestors who were of royal lineage in the 1500s. The message was always the same, to find love where they may. Love is a gift of God, not of kings.

When Lizzie leaves home and finds her way on her own in London, she meets Michael Marsh, handsome, talented, backstreet boy seeking a career in theater.

This story is a rollercoaster ride as we see Michael and Lizzie marry, him rise to international stardom and fame through Lizzie's determination and connections. They bear two children, a girl first, then a boy. When Lisette, their daughter, turns fourteen years of age, Lizzie passes the Book of Hours on to her. Michael is always gone touring. Lizzie spends too much time alone. She has an affair with another man and conceives his child. Then the unspeakable happens. Lisette is groomed her entire life for theater and is cast in a leading role opposite her father, Michael, who she hardly knows.

The storyline involves nudity and love scenes. I won't write a spoiler and give away the plot, but I will say that Sarah Stuart certainly knows how to weave a web of lies, deceit, heartbreak, forgiveness and healing. If you enjoy a steamy love scene, this book is for you. If you enjoy a plot that takes so many twists and turns that you sometimes aren't quite sure where you are, this is the book for you. Sarah did an excellent job of bringing all of the loose ends of the story full circle with an ending that leaves you sighing with relief, A well written story by an Indie author!

5.0 out of 5 stars **WOW - What a love Story!**, 11 Dec. 2014

By

[Deborah Mitton](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much: 1 (Royal Command) (Paperback)

(I purchased this novel on Amazon.ca)

I don't normally read romance novels but I am certainly glad that I picked this one up.

It was a really lovely love story until the middle of the book and surprise, surprise it turned into a Greek tragedy or a modern novel by Shakespeare. Without giving away spoilers I can say Sarah touches on topics that many writers would shy away from. That being said Sarah tackled them in an honest, forthright and in your face manner. Bravo!

It is also apparent that the author has a great deal of knowledge of the acting community and how it works.

Enjoyable!!! 5 Stars

5.0 out of 5 stars **A rollercoaster of emotion and steamy desire**, November 5, 2014

By

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

A young Scottish girl finds a journal in her attic that has been passed down to the daughters of her family for generations starting with Margaret, Queen of Scotland five hundred years ago, proof that the girl has royal blood. Due to a loveless marriage of her own, the queen directs her descendants to 'find love wherever they may.'

Pray you do not find a similar journal in your own attic. Because nowhere in the journal does the queen warn her descendants that that pursuit will get really complicated and likely involve a lot of pain.

The contemporary characters, Lizzie, Lisette and Michael are all involved with theater in London, but none of the plays they perform will ever be as gripping as the real-life drama they experience.

Lizzie and Lisette draw inspiration and guidance from the journal's entries written by women in their family before them, but those entries do little to help them avoid recurring pitfalls the family's women have experienced before them. So, how to break the pattern? Well, you'll have to read the book to find out.

The parallel experience of a family's women separated by hundreds of years is an intriguing device that Sarah Stuart cleverly employs to create a rollercoaster of emotion and steamy desire- and all based on accurate history.

The pull of destiny, the force of fate, the power of love found 'wherever they may' makes for a spicy stew, but you'll want seconds when you're done. If you love history, the theater, or just a good book to read, you'll like this one a lot.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Dangerous liaisons**, 24 Oct. 2014

By

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I loved this story, a wonderful historic tale of love, Lizzie is given 'The book of hours' given to her by her mother and her mother before, relating to a female bloodline of royals. Lizzie finds true desperate love for Michael who is an actor and she supports him through his career. But Michael doesn't want children.

Lizzie is apprehensive when she finds she is pregnant with Michael's child. I liked the way this book builds up from the Queens of England as Lizzie's ancestors, to the modern day theatre. It is such a well written book with believable characters. It took me three days to read and I was engrossed. Brilliant!

I so enjoyed this book, 20 Oct. 2014

By

[penny shipley](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I so enjoyed this book. Combines romance with history and plenty of intrigue. The characters are real and 'alive', and the storyline keeps you guessing to the end. I couldn't stop reading, and look forward to the next instalment...

5.0 out of 5 stars **Great read!**, October 23, 2014

By

[Christine](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

Dangerous Liaisons was a great read. The author expertly pulls you into Lizzie and Michael's modern romance as they navigate through life and their love for each other. The reader is also taken on a journey into the West End theater life,

and I especially enjoyed the history that was woven into the story. Highly recommend.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Excellent Read**, October 8, 2014

By

Lena J. McCoy "The Madcap McCoy" (Cave Creek, AZ) - [See all my reviews \(REAL NAME\)](#)

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This review is from: Dangerous Liaisons: A Story of Men and Women who Loved Too Much (Royal Command Book 1) (Kindle Edition)

I'm a reader who is tired of paying the known authors to produce sub-standard stories. So, I've been searching for new talent. These books are also, as a whole, cheaper, which makes it easy to take a chance. This book was something I would not normally read - I'm a mystery/paranormal reader. However, I read the synopsis on this book, was intrigued by the story line and took a chance. Just like a bad accident, I couldn't look away! It's the kind of book that has you yelling at the characters, "You idiot! Don't do it!" The twists and turns in this plot kept me turning the page to see what happened next. It's a love story that leaves you guessing until the end. And, the ending is satisfying! (sorry if that is a spoiler? I just hate books that leave a bad taste in my mouth. I love the ending of this book. It isn't something I guessed, so it was a pleasant surprise.) If you are looking for a good read - something to keep you engaged and interested - this book is it.