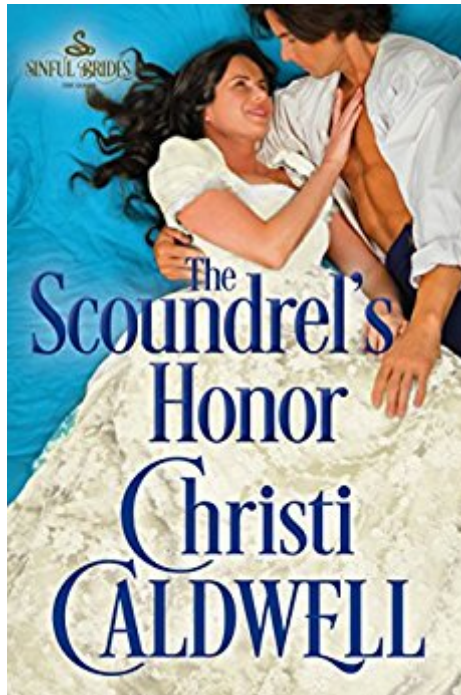




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Synopsis

In the second installment of USA Today bestselling author Christi Caldwell's Sinful Brides series, a noblewoman risks her reputation and her heart on London's most notorious gaming proprietor. London, 1822. Thanks to her older siblings, Lady Penelope Tidemore is no stranger to scandal. In order for her to make a good match, her secret longings for intrigue and romance must be quelled. Yet it is through terrible mischance that Penelope is caught in a compromising position however innocent with the darkly enigmatic viscount Ryker Black. Mr. Black is no gentleman. Raised from the streets and proprietor of the most notorious gaming hell in London, Black lives in a world filled with debauchery and danger. Taking a Society wife from the very ton he despises is not part of his plan, even if the innocent Penelope turns his blood hot with desire. But Penelope isn't afraid of Mr. Black, and she soon discovers that his reputation as a scoundrel may be designed to hide a surprising vulnerability. As this unlikely husband and wife grow closer, they learn that what started as chance could end up sealing their fates.

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Customer Reviews

The book is great. I love Christi Caldwell's writing style. This book is a fabulous as a stand alone but if you are like me and love a series you are in luck. This book is a marriage of 2 series. The Tidmores are back! The third Tidmore girl is out in society. There is only fun with this family. The hero is a Duke's son by his mistress. But somehow (well the book will explain) was raised in Seven Dials. These two meet & everything changes. Lots of fun. Lots of intrigue. It's romance book with a bit of mystery thrown in! I love the evolving of the characters. I hope you enjoy as well. Whisper sync makes it even better!

There is not enough words to express how much I loved this book and how amazing it is. Christi Caldwell takes us on a journey to the dark side of regency life in London England. The dangerous and dark streets of St. Giles. Life in the Dials is very hard, sad and lonely. We first meet our hero Ryker Black in book one of this series. He is the owner of the Hell and Sin Club, Ryker is very cold hearted and dark and unemotional from his life in the streets, he is the bastard son of a Duke which he is very unhappy about. Your heroine is the funny, sassy and spitfire Lady Penelope Tidmore from the famous and very loved Tidmore family. Penny family is first introduced in Penny brother story Sin's "Always a Rogue, Forever her love" in the Scandalous series by Christi. The Tidmore family is surrounded by Society gossip, Penny wants to be the one to stop all that gossip and be a good girl in her debut, but nothing comes easy for a Tidmore. Ryker and Penelope are discovered in a Scandalous position in the Garden of his sister home by family and society. People don't believe them when they say things are not what it appears. What will they do? Penelope will do anything to protect her family even her future dreams. Will Ryker be a decent honorable man. Do yourself a favor and buy this book to find out what happens to the wonderful characters in this book, Only Christi can take a dark, cold hearted hero and make you fall in love with him.

This is the second of the Sinful Brides books and I truly loved it! The two main characters, Penelope and Ryker, were from very different social worlds. They were able to build a life of understanding through changing and caring for one another. This story made me laugh and cry; beautifully written!

Reviewed for marysuedies.com. Christi Caldwell is back! I had lots of issues with The Rogue's Wager so I was really hesitant to give Caldwell's Sinful Brides series another shot. I'm so glad I did, The Scoundrel's Honor is probably my all-time favorite Christi Caldwell romance. Lady Penelope Tidmore is trying

very hard to behave. Of all the scandal-ridden Tidemore siblings, Penny is the least troublesome. Her efforts are all in vain though and at her very first ball Penelope is found in a compromising situation with none other than Ryker Black, the notoriously dark and possibly cruel, owner of a high-end gambling den. While neither Ryker or Penelope are interested in marrying each other, they must in order to save Penny's reputation and Ryker's business. Ryker moves Penelope into his gambling club after their wedding and does his best to totally ignore her. Penny is determined to make a life for herself somehow in this mess and turns Ryker, his brothers, and the club into chaos along the way. Ryker first appears in *The Rogue's Wager* and I hated him. He is mean to his sister Helena and detached from any meaningful relationship with anyone, despite eventually coming to Helena's rescue. In *The Scoundrel's Honor* we learn why Ryker behaves the way he does. At the beginning of the book he continues his pattern of nastiness to his adopted family and even eventually to Penelope. Watching Ryker's transformation from guarded and damaged to loving and protective is absolutely romantic. I never thought that I could have any empathy for so hard a hero, but Caldwell writes Ryker's vulnerabilities so well that I didn't want the story to end. Penelope Tidemore defies everything Ryker Black thought he knew about the aristocracy. She loves her family, cares for strangers, and stands up for what she believes. Penny is my favorite kind of heroine. Underestimated by those around her, she is stronger than she seems, romantic to the core, and determined to protect the people she loves. Ryker can't help but fall in love with the beautiful whirlwind that invades his club and his life. My major complaint with *The Rogue's Wager* was a lack of depth and background. *The Scoundrel's Honor* cleans up the problem by providing us with a good glimpse into how Ryker was raised, how the brothers met, and even a few stories from their childhoods. While we still don't know everything, I felt like I was brought into the world of *The Hell and Sin* club quite a bit more than with the previous book. We also get to actually spend some time with the other brothers in *The Scoundrel's Honor*, particularly Niall and Callum. I look forward to their stories and getting to know Adair a little bit better.

"Be everything and all things proper." The mantra drilled into every female Tidemore sibling. Penelope, Penny, Tidemore is no exception. The fact that Penny has seen her siblings create their fair share of scandal has Penelope determined she will go through her season with a whisper of scandal. What she didn't count on was cruel whispers, a torn gown, and the dark, handsome stranger in a garden. Ryker Black, bastard son of a Duke,

brother-in-law to a Duke, and gaming hell owner. Only one of those descriptions does Ryker embrace. Despite his hatred of the aristocracy Ryker's love for his sister has him making an appearance at a ton event and an appearance that will change everything he believes about those snobbish people. Forced to do the right thing, Ryker vows nothing will change; however, the force of nature that is his wife may soon change Ryker in ways he never thought possible. Penny knew she'd only marry for love but then circumstances have Penny making a sacrifice to protect her family. But as she soon learns it may not have been a sacrifice after all. Christi Caldwell has a knack for creating stories that pull at every emotion and this second book of her Sinful Brides series is no exception. With the intention to read over several days Penny and Ryker drew me in until I had finished in a single sitting and their story stuck with me for several more. In my opinion any book that can do that while is well worth a five-star rating.

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