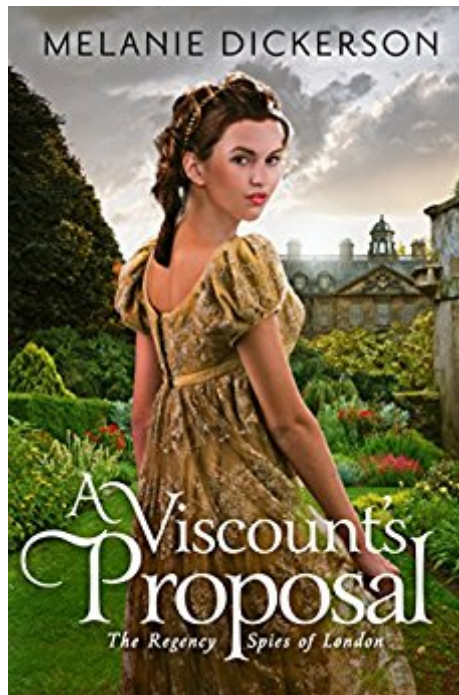




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Synopsis

Leorah Langdon has no patience for Regency society's shallow hypocrisy and unnecessary rules, especially for women. She's determined to defy convention by marrying for grand passion instead of settling for a loveless union like her parents' or wedding a stuffy, pompous gentleman like Edward, the Viscount Withinghall. But when a chance meeting in the countryside leads to Leorah and Withinghall being discovered in his overturned carriage alone and after dark the ensuing gossip may force them together. Withinghall has his reasons for clinging to propriety; his father perished in a duel with his mistress's husband, and Edward must avoid scandal himself if he wants to become prime minister. He certainly has no time for a reckless hoyden like Miss Langdon. But soon the two discover that Withinghall's coach "accident" was no such thing: the vehicle was sabotaged. Can the culprit be brought to justice? Strong-willed Leorah and duty-driven Withinghall will have to work together if they have any hope of saving her reputation, his political career and his life.

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Customer Reviews

Melanie has done it again! This is a wonderful story with intrigue, romance, compassion, and truth. No spoilers, but you'll enjoy several Jane Austen-esque scenes and dialogue that enrich this story. I'm so glad Leorah finally got her story and such a great one!

I could hardly wait for this book to come out because I loved the first one so much and it did not disappoint. Leorah and the Viscount had fun chemistry and witty banter...kind of reminded me a bit of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy, which I didn't mind at all because who doesn't love Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy? The story is fun and sweet with a little bit of suspense, as well. It was also fun to see a little bit of Nicholas and Julia's lives (from the previous book) as well.

I have all of Melanie Dickerson's books and love them all! This one is great twist of the Pride and Prejudice story with so much more added in! I love how Melanie can always make her characters so relatable, yet varied at the same time, with different personality traits and desires and back stories. They all have lives and aspirations and she makes the characters connect wonderfully. I love all of her books and recommend them for anybody interested!

This was the second story in Melanie Dickerson's Regency Spies series and it was so great. I haven't read many regency novels. In fact I didn't even know what the regency time period was until Melanie's first regency novel "A Spy's Devotion" came out. Then I realized it is the Jane Austen time period and everything began to click. I have never actually read a Jane Austen novel, but I do confess I have seen the movie adaptations of most of her books and have loved them. However, I know that when Jane Austen was writing her novels they were "contemporary" at the time and Melanie's novels are historical fiction. So I do not expect Melanie's telling of things in that time period to sound like Jane Austen by any means. That being said, Melanie does a fantastic job with her research and does a fabulous job of making you feel like you are in the regency time period. She is true to the style of speech and to the mannerisms of people who lived in that era. I was highly impressed by the authenticity I could feel in this story. I loved the story of Leorah Langdon. She is so

spunky and forthright. I sometimes wished I could be as outspoken as she was. Although her outspoken nature often got her into trouble. She wanted nothing more than to be loved and to love in return. So I can understand her hesitancy to go through with anything less than that for herself. I will say that the Viscount of Withinghall at times reminded me of Mr. Darcy from Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. His very manner and arrogance at times made me as irritated at him as I was with Mr. Darcy. But in the end, I fell in love with Lord Withinghall, much as I fell in love with Mr. Darcy. He was not the proud and arrogant person he seemed to be in the beginning and you can see why he was the way he was. I did love this story and will be excited to see what happens in the next book in this series. I received a copy of this book through NetGalley and was not required to provide a review.

The first book of this series was not exactly my favorite of Melanie's books, but I knew that would probably be a one time event and the next book would be amazing just like all her others. And it was. These characters have great chemistry, it's a very real progression of their relationship, at first they have no interest in being anywhere near each other, but then under the circumstances in which they end up, get to know each other better. The conflict of the story was good, better I think than the one from the first book, it fit better with the story. The background characters were fun and I'm looking forward to seeing them in the next book. Overall this is a wonderful read if you're looking for a clean regency romance, and I continue to love Melanie's books, I always look forward to reading more of her books when they come out and I completely recommend them.

Melanie Dickerson won my heart with her YA fairytale remakes, but with the Regency Spies series she has shown that her talents are far reaching. The story was fast paced. The characters were well developed and likable. Her shady characters were just the right degree of shady. It's wonderful to have entertaining, clean stories to read and *A Viscount's Proposal* has turned out to be a great way to start off my summer reading.

"Was this the night she would actually die of tedium, triviality, and hypocrisy?" So opens *A Viscount's Proposal*, the second in The Regency Spies of London series. It has all the elements of a good regency novel: a beautiful, spunky heroine (Leorah Langdon); a handsome, though rather stuffy, hero, Edward, the Viscount Withinghall; society balls, scandal and gossip, and the not so small matter of someone making attempts on the Viscount's life. There really wasn't too much emphasis on spying, though that didn't diminish the book's appeal. We were briefly introduced

to Leorah in the first book, A SPY'S DEVOTION, as the sister of that book's hero, Nicholas Langdon. Readers of that book will be pleased that Nicholas and Julia are featured in this one, as well as Felicity Mayson, a good friend of Leorah and Julia. Dare we hope that book three will feature Felicity as the main character?

I have read every book Mrs. Dickerson has written, and I have liked them all. I really liked the first book in this series, but I enjoyed this one so much that after I read it, I bought the whispersync for voice narration so I can listen to it, too. The story of Leorah Langdon and the Viscount Withinghall is a fun and interesting read. There are a couple of times where I think the author is not completely true to the time period. One of these is the fact that Felicity is the daughter of a shopkeeper and is still accepted at the same parties as a Viscount. It seems unlikely to me, but as I said, I really loved the story.

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