

*A war-scarred hero finds himself falling for his convenient bride in Annie Burrows' latest mesmerizing historical romance: Captain Fawley's Innocent Bride!*

When her father died, Miss Deborah Gillie's life changed overnight. Her secure and comfortable existence came crashing to a halt as the vicar's daughter found herself having to take care of a grief stricken mother, whilst trying to find alternate means to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads. With money being in short supply and women's options being few and far between, Deborah realizes that the only thing that will save her and her mother from destitution is matrimony! Deborah hopes to catch the eye of a gentleman rich enough to support her and her mother and keep them in the style which they've grown accustomed to. But when Deborah and her mother find themselves helping a friend of theirs, Susannah Hullsworthy, a tradesman's daughter, in her first season, Deborah soon realizes that nobody would be interested in somebody as plain as her - not when they can have the beautiful Susannah instead!

Despite her middle-class background, Susannah is determined to marry well and ensare a titled gentleman. Although Captain Robert Fawley seems to worship the ground she walks on, Susannah refuses to have anything to do with him for not only is his fortune meagre, but his looks send shivers of apprehension down her spine!

Deborah cannot help but feel sorry for the poor Captain, who despite his scarred cheek and amputated leg, still retains an aura of pride, grace and dignity, which other gentlemen of the ton simply don't have. Deborah soon begins to develop a little infatuation for the Captain, but the Captain makes it quite clear that he doesn't find her as attractive as her friend Susannah!

Robert is under no illusions about his looks or his lack of fortune! He knows that no woman in her right mind could possibly look twice at him. However, even though there is nothing he can do about his face, he is determined to do something about his fortune! When he hears that he could inherit a substantial fortune from a relative of his, Robert is determined to do whatever it takes to improve his financial circumstances. However, there's just one problem: in order to claim his inheritance, he must first get married and the ladies of the ton don't seem at all keen of spending the rest of their lives with him.

When he hears about Deborah's worries for the future, Robert decides that she would make the perfect wife for him. However, on their wedding night, Robert gets the shock of his life when on the marriage bed, his prim and proper wife turns into a wanton temptress desperate for his touch...


Will Deborah be the woman who will heal his guarded heart? Or will he let his fears destroy his last chance of happiness?

Annie Burrows is just an amazing writer of historical romance whose books never fail to enchant, beguile and captivate her readers. Captain Fawley's Innocent Bride is a poignant Regency tale featuring a charming hero, a deliciously taciturn heroine and plenty of action, drama, passion, romance and intrigue!

Annie Burrows' books just keep on getting better and better and I await with baited breath the next romance by this talented storyteller!

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