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# Poison Or Protect: A Delightfully Deadly Novella



## Synopsis

Can one gentle Highland soldier woo Victorian London's most scandalous lady assassin, or will they both be destroyed in the attempt? New York Times bestselling author Gail Carriger presents a stand-alone romance novella set in her popular steampunk universe full of manners, spies, and dainty sandwiches. Lady Preshea Villentia, the Mourning Star, has four dead husbands and a nasty reputation. Fortunately, she looks fabulous in black. What society doesn't know is that all her husbands were marked for death by Preshea's employer. And Preshea has one final assignment. It was supposed to be easy, a house party with minimal bloodshed. Preshea hadn't anticipated Captain Gavin Ruthven – a massive, Scottish, quietly irresistible, and – working for the enemy. In a battle of wits, Preshea may risk her own heart – a terrifying prospect, as she never knew she had one. Warning: Contains men pleasing women, and ladies who know what they want and ask for it, sometimes in detail. May also contain plaid, appearances from favorite characters, and the strategic application of leather gloves.

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## Customer Reviews

â ^Poison or Protectâ ™ is the first in a series of â ^Delightfully Deadlyâ ™ novellas, set in the same universe as Gail Carrigerâ ™s Parasol Protectorate and Custard Protocol seriesâ ™. Before I delve into the deliciousness of this first novella, Iâ ™ve got to quote from Ms Carrigerâ ™s website and get just a little bit excited over what readers have in store from the pre-eminent steampunk romance author. The Delightfully Deadly novella series is set in the same world as the Parasol Protectorate series and features characters who appeared in the Finishing School series but are now grown up. As well as the DD novella series, fans will be treated to Supernatural Society Novellas â “ stand alone LGBT romances â “ as well as Claw & Courtship Novellas â “ which are coming in 2017, and are stand alone werewolf romances. This shall be nothing short of a fantasy feast for fans â “ and this fan in particular who is always happy to visit and revisit Carrigerâ ™s endlessly fascinating and fabulous steampunk/urban fantasy universe. The first in â ^Delightfully Deadlyâ ™ is â ^Poison or Protectâ ™, which tells the story of ex-drone to Lord Akeldama, turned deadly assassin, Lady Preshea Villentia (I always want to applaud Carrigerâ ™s character names). Preshea is tasked with attending a house party where sheâ ™ll be expected to protect her Tory host from assassination, and dissuade his young and impressionable (not to mention, moneyed) daughter from marrying a gauche gentleman and fortune-seeker called Jackson. Except thereâ ™s one problem â “ young man Jackson is attending the house party with his best friend and fellow werewolf, Captain Gavin Ruthven â “ a much more sensible (and sensuous) retired Scottish officer who Preshea becomes complicatedly attracted to. I adored this novella.

Hooray for my first 2016-release read! I am officially a die-hard fan of Gail Carrigerâ ™s. I started off this year by reading her Parasol Protectorate series, and followed up with her Finishing School series. And I plan on reading her Custard Protocol series in July, which is when the second book Imprudence releases. I will read ANYTHING this woman writes. Also, not to toot my own horn, but she does follow me on Twitter and Instagram which made me squeal in delight when I saw my notifications. I just adore her. And her cat is gorgeous, not that thatâ ™s relevant to her writingâ [The Novella Poison or Protect (a stand-alone romance) is the first installment in the Delightfully Deadly series which will feature the graduates of Mademoiselle Geraldineâ ™s. Our first heroine is Preshea Buss, who was initially introduced in the Finishing School series. She was a catty, spiteful, unlike-able girl who has grown into a dangerous and wealthy woman. On her mission, she meets an attractive Scottish soldier named Gavin Ruthven. Even though I knew I would enjoy the book because of the familiar world it was set in and the appearance of some of my favorite characters, I

was pleasantly surprised by how much I actually LIKED Preshea. She is very self-aware, intelligent, and skilled at her chosen profession. She knows her flaws, and she makes no excuses for them. Her maturity and evolution throughout the novella was not reserved simply for Gavin, but allowed her the ability to form healthier relationships with others.â œAlways, there was a tiny part of her that wanted to kill any man she knew. On principle.â •Gavin was just a kind, gentle, and swoon-worthy character that complemented Preshea perfectly.

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