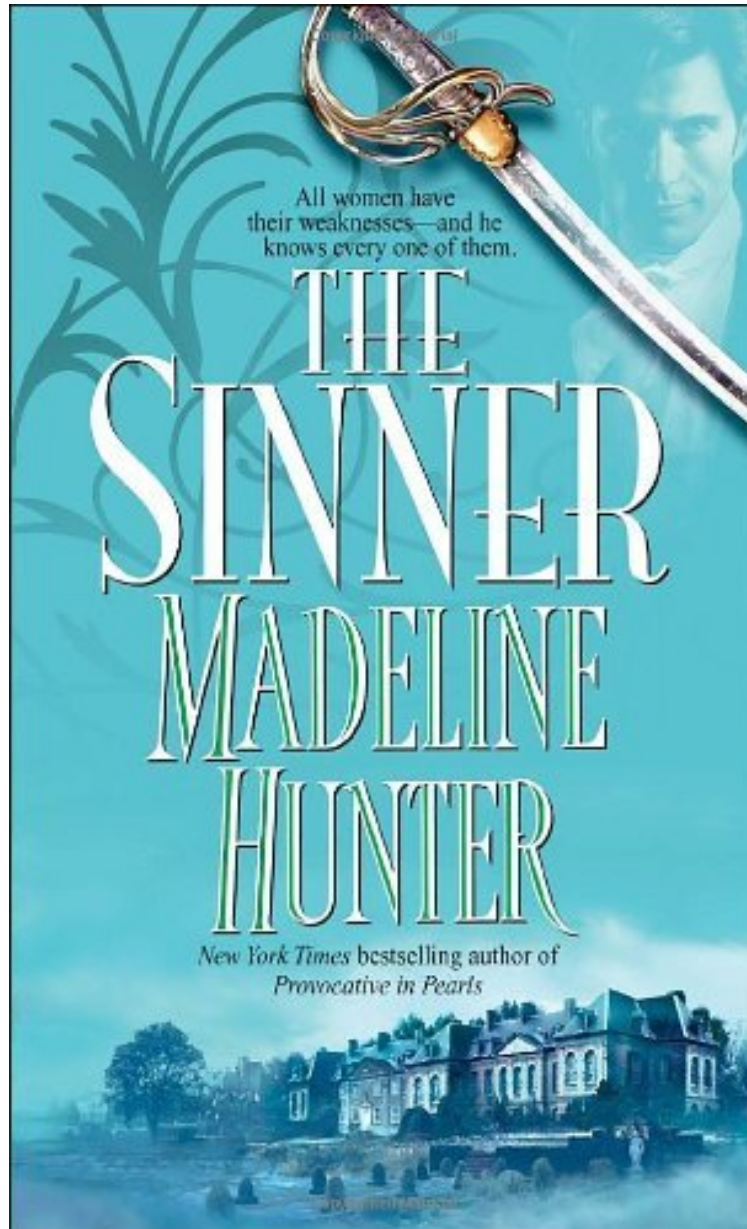


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**Von Madeline Hunter : The Sinner (The Seducers series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sinner (The Seducers series):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Sinner and his FlowerVon TobinDante Duclairc is a second son (well, acutally a third, but his oldest brother perished some

years ago) and thus has little purpose in life. He doesn't have to marry and he doesn't have to take responsibility. So he gambles and seduces women by the dozens. Only, that kind of life has put him in an unwelcome situation: Having again overplayed and not wanting to appeal to his older brother yet again, he spends the night on a little cottage on his family's estate, intending to leave England with the flood on the following morning - to escape the gaol. So it doesn't help at all when in the dark of the night he shoots someone, only to find out that the "man" is in fact a woman - beautiful Fleur Monley, former intended of his older brother. Beautiful Fleur who is in quite a fix. Though already 29 and thus a spinster independent of anyone, her stepfather arrests her and intends to marry her off, decreeing her to be eccentric - too eccentric to know what is good for her. So Dante has to make a decision: Leave Fleur unprotected and incapable of leaving the little cottage and save his own neck - or save her and get arrested himself. Fleur is rather distressed that beautiful Dante has to spend his time in prison, just because he stumbled over her. And though save for the moment, her stepfather is promoting her reputation as "unstable" and she might lose her freedom and her money forever. There is just one way out: Marriage. Well, Dante is nice, and honorable, and he needs money where she needs the protection of a marriage - so, what is the obvious solution? However, Fleur is afraid of sex, having seen a messy birth resulting in death as a young girl. But Dante has enough women to amuse him, hasn't he? And so he accepts her proposal of a "White Marriage", which doesn't include any intimacy. Only, unexpectedly (at least by the protagonists), the attraction Fleur and Dante feel for each other heaps frustration upon frustration until it becomes unbearable for both parties. And just why does her stepfather not quit fighting even though she's already married? Why does he so badly want to keep her charity-project from realization? What secret is buried under Fleur's estates? Once more Hunter presents us a novel with a sensual (and oh-so-good-looking-) hero that'll captivate female fantasies. Though his development from scoundrel to loving husband is rather predictable, the way there is plastered with eroticism. The story around the romance is not really all that interesting, but then, it seldomly is with these books and they're not the reason we read Romance Books, are they? Enjoy a few hours away from reality!

Kurzbeschreibung Filled with seduction, suspense, and passionate love, Madeline Hunter's bestselling novels have captivated readers everywhere. Now she introduces fans to one of her most thrilling heroes yet the Sinner in an irresistible tale of a sensual bargain so dangerously provocative, it could tempt the devil himself . . . THE SINNER Wearing nothing but a man's nightshirt, Fleur Monley wakes to find herself in the bed of England's most charming and reckless libertine. But it was a stray gunshot, not passion, that put her at the mercy of a man as infamously handsome as he is famously talented in the arts of love. Believing herself immune to any seduction, Fleur thinks herself perfectly safe to proffer an arrangement no ordinary woman would dare make: half her fortune for the freedom she would gain by being his wife in name only. Desperately in need of funds, Dante Duclair could do worse than the white marriage proposed by this idealistic beauty too naive to know the danger she is in. But the rashest thing he's ever done is to tell himself he'll be able to resist the invitation to sin that this sensuous innocent would arouse at every turn that he'll be able to protect her from both the ruthless enemies that seek her ruin . . . and his own dangerous desire. From the Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly Another devastatingly sexy Dueling Society member must face the sins of his past in order to win the heart of a strong-willed, incomparable woman in this post-Regency-era romance from Hunter (The Charmer, etc.). When notorious lover Dante Duclair accidentally shoots lovely Fleur Monley in her "rear nether region" as she flees her stepfather's plans to control her fortune and future, Dante gives up his own plan to escape his outstanding debts in order to rescue Fleur. Her stepfather is only delayed, however, not defeated. In order to protect herself from him, Fleur offers Dante a proposal: In exchange for a "white marriage" (one without physical intimacy) and Dante's promise not to interfere with her finances, she'll pay off his debts. But even blackmailers, double-dealing and whispers of his new wife's strange behavior cannot quell Dante's determination to have Fleur accept him in her bed and in her heart. Packed with sensuality and foreboding undertones, this book boasts rich historical details and characters possessing unusual depth and vitality, traits that propel it beyond the standard historical romance fare. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Dante Duclair is one of the most beautiful men in England. His prowess with women is legendary, and he is much sought after, but now he finds himself deep in debt and on the run from creditors. Hidden in a cottage on his brother's land, he shoots at trespassers, including, to his surprise, his brother's ex-fiancee, Fleur Monley, who is dressed in men's clothing. Considered to be a virtuous spinster, Fleur is involved in a secret project and has unknowingly allied herself with nefarious men, among them her stepfather, who has been virtually holding her prisoner while trying to get her declared insane. Fleur proposes marriage to Dante, in name only, to save him from debtor's prison and to save herself from the machinations of others. Dante agrees, but it is very difficult for him to maintain the status quo and to rescue Fleur from a situation of her own making. Sensual, intriguing, and absorbing, prolific Hunter scores again. Maria Hatton Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved