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**No Distance Can Keep Them Apart.**

For most her life, Lady Talia Hall has been dreaming of the day James Forester will take her in his arms and kiss her with unrestrained passion. Tired of waiting, Talia decides to take drastic measures to make James see her as more than his best friend's little sister. But her bold plan goes awry when the scoundrel informs her that he is leaving London—and her—for a life of adventure traveling the world. Crushed, Talia throws herself into her reform work and vows never again to let her foolish heart get the better of her.

But even halfway across the world, James can't stop thinking of the beautiful Talia, her bold declaration . . . or her brazen kiss. And when James learns that Talia's reform work has thrown her into the path of danger and scandal, nothing can keep him from returning to London. But a broken heart is not easily put back together, and old habits die hard. Talia and James must learn that trusting in true love is the greatest adventure of all...

## A Dream of Desire Details

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### Literati Literature Lovers says

4.75/5 Stars

Why I think you should read this book.

The reasons I think you should read this book. First off Nina Rowan writes smart, charming and brave woman in her romance novels. Yes, they maybe nineteenth century ladies and virginal, but wilting violet types “need not apply” to be a Rowan character. If you are looking for a historical heroine to connect with then you need to check out Talia, in A Dream of Desire. Why did I connect with Talia, because she is smart and despite having both social and romantic obstacles in her way she does not fold in on herself to give up. She is the type of gal who dusts herself off, picks herself up and gets on with the program.

The “program” in story is the reform of prison life for juvenile offenders in England. Rowan paints, not a very pretty picture of the hardships of those offenders. The book is historical accurate, and I do wish Rowan would have delved deeper into the punishment that those juvenile offenders suffered at the hand of the authorities. The book is not about heart and flowers, but what Talia experiences trying to reform a system long beyond its expiration date.

The character of Peter Colston is what sparks Talia’s mission of reform. He and his sister have a nice subplot in the book. With all Rowan’s books even the minor characters are fleshed out in vivid detail. She is they type of writer that leaves no stone unturned in the readers imagination. The reformation of the juvenile offenders is what adds to the suspense quality of the book. Plus, I had to love Peter he is dyslexic.

Now why you should read this book as a romance. The story of Talia and James is superbly told. This isn’t a boy sees girls and sparks fly type of book, as these two characters have know each other most of their lives. It is a girl loves boy and boy is clueless and even if you hit him over the head with a cast iron pan he would remain clueless. You see James is of course a titled man of the british ton, but he is also an explorer. Well nothing or no one i.e. Talia and her declaration of love is going to get in his way. So what does James do? Like all men who don’t want to face facts he runs away. Yep does a runner. Now don’t go hating James, cause the sexy man has some baggage, as does Talia. Plus he has never seen her as anything but his best friends sister. The two characters baggage is not of their own making but it has impacted who they are. At heart this book is a love story but it has quite a bit of suspense mixed in, which make it a really enjoyable read.

Another reason you should read this book, is that Rowan can do with one kiss; what other authors can’t accomplish with a hundred page sex scene. \*\*\*Hearts A Flutter\*\*\*

Yes this book is worth the price of buying it especially if you love historical romance

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### Irène Wadowski uliasz says

Tout comme les deux premiers volumes, ce livre m'a transporté. Cependant, il y avait une connotation plus mélancolique que dans les autres. J'ai aimé :

- le courage, la droiture et la ténacité de l'héroïne concernant ses choix et projets.  
- Le héros qui, malgré sa droiture et sa force (puisqu'il est un homme après tout), ne peut s'empêcher de fuir et par lâcheté risque de perdre sa raison de vivre - sa Talia.

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### **Regina says**

I so do love unrequited romances, and in that respect, this one doesn't disappoint. When Lady Talia presents her heart to James only to be rejected, the heart wrenching begins. Though James is a fine hero, he spends way too much time determined to follow his traveling heart rather than give in to the promise of Talia's love. To cope with his persistent rejection, she diverts her energy to charity work, which inadvertently crosses paths with a possessive stalker. Enjoyable storytelling. 3.5 stars

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### **Tracy Emro says**

**3 stars. maybe 3.5**

I liked this book but not nearly as much as the previous books.

I was really looking forward to James and Talia's story. I admired Talia for attempting to not pine away and instead trying to make a life for herself. And I was interested in the reform schools.

But when story gets going - it just dragged and I found myself putting the book down to do other things - like laundry.

The writing wasn't bad, story wasn't bad, the characters were likable and the secondary characters were good too - sounds like a great combination - but it just didn't do it for me.

I won't deny that I was a bit disappointed by this book - I had really high expectations based on the other three books I read in this series - I almost wish this had been the novella and Darius got a full novel!

Don't let my opinion sway you - this book was not bad - just not as good as I expect from this author. I will most definitely read Nicholas' book when she writes it!!

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### **Sariah says**

Ce tome est bien différent de ses précédents. Il ne s'agit pas seulement d'une simple romance, même si la relation entre Talia et James est naturelle et claire dès le départ : James se soucie de Talia et cherche à l'aider en dépit de ses propres sentiments. Il y a de la profondeur dans l'intrigue, des personnages étoffés, du suspense.

Chaque livre de cette série fût unique et agréable à découvrir.....

Avis complet : <http://sariahlit.blogspot.fr/2015/07/...>

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## Claire says

I received A Dream of Desire as part of a Goodreads giveaway.

Lady Talia Hall puts her pride (and heart) on the line by confessing her love for James Forester, a lifelong friend of her older brothers. Rebuffed by the restless explorer, Talia throws herself into social justice work, reforming schools and prisons. When James returns a year later, unable to shake the memory of Talia's kiss, he finds her teetering on the edge of scandal and courting danger. As he seeks to protect the woman he's increasingly enamored of, Talia fights her own attraction in an attempt to preserve the independence she's worked to hard to create.

It was a so-so read. Nothing really stood out for me, however. Neither lead character grabbed me, and the plot sort of fumbled along slowly. An OK way to spend a weekend, but I don't think I'd pick it up again.

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## Moon Love says

I wanted to read this book after I read the blurb and was really excited to get my hands on it. I will say that I really enjoyed the social aspect of this book and even the relationship between Talia and James. I didn't know this book was part of a series, but it didn't matter too much. I am now interested in reading the other books in this series just because the books seem to be really interesting and fresh.

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## Michele says

Actual rating: 4.5 stars

“Please, Talia.” James lifted her face so she had to look at him. Self-directed anger darkened his brown eyes. “Don’t give me the gift of your love. I won’t do anything good with it. Save your heart for a man who truly deserves it.”

A Dream of Desire is a sweeping historical romance about two caring–yet stubborn–Londoners who are destined to be together.

Such wonderfully descriptive and passionate writing here by Nina Rowan! The character’s emotions were so easily relatable that I was completely caught up in the drama of the scenes as I read along.

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## Jill says

Thanks to the Goodreads First Reads giveaway program for a copy of "A Dream of Desire" by Nina Rowan. This is the third novel in the "Daring Hearts" historical romance series.

Lady Talia Hall finally musters the courage to confess her feelings of love to James Forester before he ventures out across the ocean on another surveying mission. After sharing a passionate kiss, Talia and James

resolve to never speak of the incident, and to resume their platonic relationship upon his return to London. Time passes, and James realizes that his feelings for Talia are stronger than he'd ever considered. Meanwhile, Talia immerses herself in charity work, namely as a voice for reformed juvenile criminals. I won't give away too much more of the plot, as it takes some exciting turns and brings our protagonists together in unique and dangerous situations. Sensuality, historical detail, intrigue, an ambitious cause: all elements mingled nicely on the pages and provided a satisfying story by Rowan.

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### **Bonnie Pavel says**

A Dream of Desire by Nina Rowan is a book I won free from Goodreads.com. This book is a delightful historical romance with a strong heroine, sexy hero, and a despicable villain. Set in the 1850's, Lady Talia Hall has long loved her childhood friend, James Forester. James however, is a world traveler and not looking for marriage. Broken hearted, Talia devotes her time to saving poor, young boys and enrolling them in her Ragged School.

The real fun begins when James returns from his travels and meets Talia again. No longer wearing her heart on her sleeve, Talia struggles with her desire for James. The author leads us on an exciting path with danger, passion, and fond memories all entwined to a satisfying conclusion.

I would be glad to read another of Ms. Rowan's books.

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### **Dansaremm says**

LOVED EVERY LETTER!!! Could not put this one down.

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### **Farrah says**

A lovely, sweet, delight of a read, A Dream of Desire was a wonderful historical romance. I really liked this book. From the sweet romance, to the thrills of danger, and a glimpse into the darker side of London, this book was fantastic. Loved it!

Talia was a wonderful heroine. She was strong willed, but in a quiet way that showed itself more subtly. I liked how, rather than moping around over a rejection, she picked up her life and made something out of it through her charity works and she was determined to see it through, even if it did bring her into danger. I really liked her. I thought she was lovely.

James was also wonderful. He was very sweet and loyal to his loved ones. I loved the way he acted with Talia, when he wasn't deliberately putting his walls up. My one issue with his was that it was frustrating how he was so hung up on leaving London, and he used that as an excuse to push everyone away. And, a couple of times, he acted like an idiot in a misguided attempt to protect Talia. But, overall, I thought he was great.

The romance was lovely. Talia and James were so sweet together. They had a lot of depth in their relationship, from how far it stretched back and, even when a certain someone was in denial, their feelings for each other were always clear. And, the heat between them was sensuous, though it wasn't the focus of their relationship. I thought they were a wonderful couple.

The plot was fast paced and I was hooked the entire way through. There were a few twists as the dangers of working with the darker side of London caught up with Talia. I really enjoyed the story and the ending was perfect.

A Dream of Desire was a fantastic historical romance. I loved this book and I enjoyed every bit of it, from the romance, to the thrills. Romance lovers, this is a book worth reading.

\*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

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### **Johanna Sawyer says**

I won this in first reads through goodreads and I was pleasantly surprised at how well this book was written. I read a lot of drama, and brutal books, so it was nice to slow the pace for a bit with an historical romance. Not exactly fluffy reading but the plot was very good and it held my attention. I read it in one sitting, and this was my first read by this author. Thanks so much for allowing me this read! Overall entertainment is four stars.

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### **Melanie says**

In the third book of this series we watch Talia, Alexander's sister, get her heart broken by the only man she ever loved, James Forester, Baron Castleford, and put back together by the same man, many years later.

Damn but there's so much I liked in this book, I'm not sure where to start! In spite of this being a romance novel, this little gem of a story encompasses a lot of historical detail about reformation of a ... thanks for jumping to b2b to finish my review ...

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Melanie for b2b

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