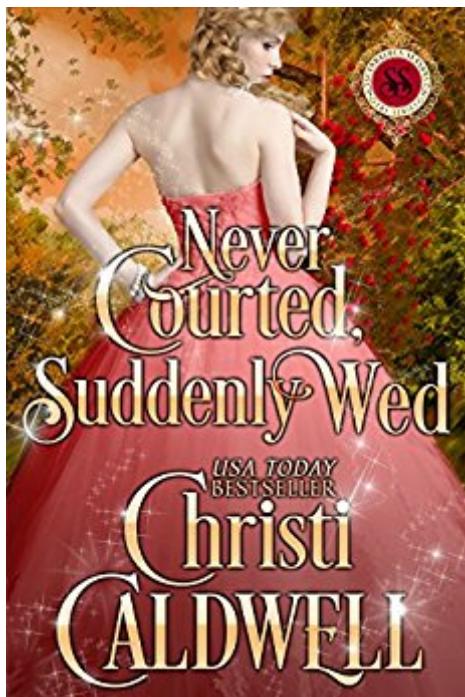


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# Never Courted, Suddenly Wed (Scandalous Seasons Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

\*\*\*Please note: "Never Courted, Suddenly Wed" features a new cover. Christopher Ansley, Earl of Waxham, has constructed a perfect image for the ton--the ladies love him and his company is desired by all. Only two people know the truth about Waxham's secret. Unfortunately, one of them is Miss Sophie Winters. Sophie Winters has known Christopher since she was in leading strings. As children, they delighted in tormenting each other. Now at one and twenty, she still has a tendency to find herself in scrapes, and her marital prospects are slim. When his father threatens to expose his shame to the ton, unless he weds Sophie for her dowry, Christopher concocts a plan to remain a bachelor. What he didn't plan on, was falling in love with the lively, impetuous Sophie. As secrets are exposed, will Christopher's love be enough when she discovers his role in his father's scheme?"Never Courted, Suddenly Wed' is fun and fanciful! A wonderful good time!"

~Ava Stone, Bestselling Author

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## **Customer Reviews**

There is so much to like about this book it is hard to narrow it down for a short review. Hero and Heroine are both likable and believable as fully fleshed out people. Their tenuous relationship, which began in childhood, is slowly teased out through the book really drawing the reader in until you find

yourself wanting their true love to be revealed. There are only three little things that kept this story from getting a five-star review, the first is the DOG. What was supposed to have been cute comes off a bit twee and contrived for my taste. Too many scenes were set up using the dog as a plot device to put heroine in unlikely situations. Lucky for me the pooch who is all over the first 1/3 of the book completely disappears for the middle bit. As for the middle bit, there is a slight drag in pace there, nothing too dire -- more of one too many he-hashing of things the reader has already figured out. Lastly, while the hero's flaw isn't curable, I wished to see it addressed in the end as something the H and h would work through together. Instead, once it was completely revealed to Heroine the matter is suddenly a non-issue and is never mentioned again. I recommend this book, along with "Forever Betrothed, Never the Bride" in the Scandalous Seasons series for those who like quick-witted heroines and lovable but flawed heroes.

Never Courted, Suddenly Wed by Christi Caldwell Scandalous Season Series Book Two Christopher Quenby Ansley, Earl of Waxham was being told to marry his childhood nemesis or they would end up penniless. That girl had been the bane of his existence growing up, not to mention worst of all...the stable fire. No, he wouldn't marry her. And he knew just how to get the attention off of himself as a suitor. Problem was that she wasn't that little pain in the backside child anymore. Sophie Winters is in her third Season. At least the previous two Seasons she sat in the wallflower section with her friend Emmaline, but her friend had found true love and married. Sophie knew she was no catch, too plump and too outgoing. And it definitely didn't help that she was the favorite topic in the scandal sheets. They live in a time where the male often looks for a woman with a large dowry if his own coffers are low. The woman's family usually wants their daughter to marry for a title. No choices. And if you decide you might actually care for the person your family chooses, pride will usually interfere. Good thing love can overcome so many things. I'm really enjoying this series and looking forward to more. Her characters have such vivid personalities. Book one is Forever Betrothed, Never a Bride and book three is Always Proper, Suddenly Scandalous and book four is Always a Rogue, Forever Her Love. \*\*Sexual content within marriage

This was an engaging story about Lord Waxham and Miss Sophie Winters. Unfortunately the heroine was childish, churlish, and socially clumsy. I did not like the heroine as the picture painted of her was a turnoff to me. Did not seem like a Regency either. The Lady Addersley Scandal sheet excerpts only irritated me as they continued to detail faux pas after faux pas. It was too much. I said how dumb can this chick get? Spoiled my enjoyment of the story. Waxham was weak, he did

not seem like a hero to inspire passion, as in the first book in the series.

Wonderful Historical romance! Enjoyable tale of two flawed characters that come to appreciate all each other has to offer. I especially loved the laugh out loud funny moments. Sophie and Christopher were very well developed characters who you can't help but root for and come to love. This is how Historical romance should be written!

I loved this second book in the series!! Sophie is a whitty woman who never quite knows how to hold her tongue or temper. Christopher has a big secret and thinks that Sophie knows what it is and this scares him. When Christopher is made to seduce Sophie and we'd her for her dowry there is all sorts of emotions and shenanigans that take place and give Sophie even more attention in the scandal section! It is interesting to see how the author brings all truth to light and it was very well written!

This an okay book overall. However I thought the interaction between the Heroine and Hero were a bit boring I honestly thought there was more chemistry between sophie and the duke they at least seemed to share deep conversation, but maybe I was influenced by my wanting that pairing from the first book in the series. It seemed that the past problems they had were a poor barrier they apologized and admitted they were both wrong at least three times yet they would go right back to sniping at each other, sophie in particular truthfully almost all their interaction was this way. This book especially was a bit slow in the sexual tension department, there was a bit in the very beginning when they were masked, then nothing so much as a kiss until more than halfway through the book. A lot of describing her curved hips from afar however. The author has a habit of the book continuing where it seems the story is mostly resolved this was less then the previous one as the issues were still there but it still feels overlong when the book is average length. Also all the sex scenes are in the last 25% of the book and in rapid succession literally a few pages apart between encounters I honestly skipped them. Honestly I think this will my last book from this author the plotlines are just okay and the sexual tension is just too lacking.

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