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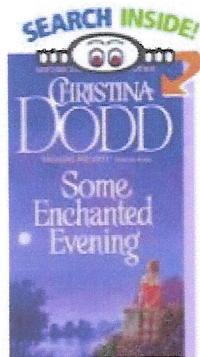
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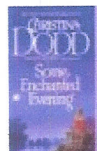
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There's little hope for any other females who have designs on handsome Robert MacKenzie when he sees the beautiful Clarice ride into town. He falls for her and invites her to visit him at his manor house.....need we say more? Christina Dodd, you know that romance and intrigue ensue.

Elizabeth Sastre gives a sweetly regal performance as the story of Cl. Robert unfolds. She has a breathy innocence in her voice that brings princess to life.

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I docked the book for these reasons: Godfrey's character remains too throughout the book; it's hard to understand why Clarice wants to re after reading all about her grandmother; Robert worries about being but the reasons for that fear are not clear enough; it's not entirely be a royal princess like Clarice would stoop to essentially being a peddle resolution could be longer, more detailed.

By ignoring those minor problems and maintaining the suspension of Some Enchanted Evening is a very pleasant way to spend a few hour some believability concerns, Clarice is a strong and likeable heroine herself to put duty before love. Robert is a powerful and compelling t not believe she's a princess until halfway through the book. Their lov the page, and their sorrow at being parted echoes in the heart.

There are some wonderful secondary characters, especially the old m delightful! I'm looking forward to the next book. This one ends with a humorous and exciting, just the thing to generate interest in the Amy the wait that gonna be tough.

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I've read RUNAWAY PRINCESS and SOMEDAY MY PRINCE, and her pr always face incredible problems resourcefully and bravely (sometime bravely inside) and they get the best guys in romance. It's Christina who really work, this strong alpha guys who start out being overbear end of the book the heroine has brought him to his knees. That's why princess in Christna Dodd's books. I want one of those guys.

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★★★★★ **Some Enchanted Book**, October 25, 2004

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Lord Robert blackmails Princess Clarice to help him get vengeance against a dishonest English officer in Scotland after she is nearly run out of town by scamming an English magistrate. I really loved the premise for this series. The fun plot of this first book and I can hardly wait for the rest of the little stories. Ms Dodd has such a wry, fun and sexy voice and tells a fast paced story that is better than any romance author out there.

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★★★☆☆ **2 1/2 stars: Not so bad, and yet, not so good either**, (October 2004)

Reviewer: [Truthsayer "NoirFemme"](#) (California) - [See all my reviews](#)
Christina Dodd has written a number of sexy, witty, emotional, memorable novels over the last decade or so; but unfortunately, *Some Enchanted Evening* is not one of them. I had high expectations regarding this novel; not only because of the author, but because the premise was so neat, and it sounded a bit like *Beauty*--my favorite fairy tale.

Clarice and Robert were very underdeveloped, the pacing was very slow, the villain/Robert's goal was very, very weak, and the love scenes between them were way too early and way too unbelievable. They'd only met two times as I recall, Clarice wishes to go home, she's forever spouting about being a princess, yet she sleeps with a man she barely even knows.

Robert's character was erratic--I never knew who he was enough to feel any emotion for him, and his hazily described past. His immediate plan to avenge his own personal vendetta became tiresome after a while, and then, when he wished upon his enemy was a big let-down; it wasn't even that dramatic of the build-up about it.

Plus; this series has remarkable similarities to Connie Brockway's *Return to the Trilogy*: in the fact that they both feature three impoverished sisters in the early years of the nineteenth century. This book in particular was *Seduction*: heroine wanting to gain back her heritage through patronizing someone, a battle-weary hero who was betrayed by a comrade, and Scotland.

If you're a die-hard Dodd fan, you'll probably read this book regardless, but if you've never read her, this isn't a book to start with. I personally prefer *"In My Wildest Dreams"* or *"Rules of Attraction"*

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★★★★★ **Splendid Read!**, August 14, 2004

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Lately, I've had difficulty reading past the first chapters of the books from the store or library -- I've become "disenchanted" with the offer contrast, this newest book by Dodd held my attention, is fast-paced, has a fairy-tale ending. I especially liked the hero and heroine. Claric not cold; Robert is strong, cold, but then thaws -- nicely. I disagree with which states that Robert seems to force Clarice into love-making. She and enjoys each of their sensual encounters, and is even the aggressor. I think the whole story is wonderfully written, flows beautifully, and deserves the reader (me) waiting for Amy's story, which will hopefully arrive soon!

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