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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

An 18th-century hero, Lucien Raphael Montaine, fifth Marquess of Litchfield, wants to marry an affable woman to have his children, grace his table and not challenge him in any way. Lucien wants to create a life different from his parents': his mother, a spirited woman, ran off with another man, and his father died by his own hand. Fate enters Lucian's life in the form of Kathryn Grayson, a lively, intelligent runaway from a madhouse where her uncle committed her so he could spend her considerable fortune. Kathryn has a passion for medicine--an unorthodox pastime for a Georgian lady--and likes nothing better than analyzing cadavers and mixing potions. Stubborn Lucien can't fight his attraction to Kathryn, and despite his reservations, he agrees to marry her to thwart her uncle. Gradually, Lucien softens and accepts her vocation, and she learns to understand his needs. Unfortunately, Martin's (Dangerous Passions) story line suffers from lightly sketched period atmosphere and heavy sentimentalism. (Jan.)

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Review

"Kat Martin delivers what readers desire: an exciting, sensual, engrossing romance whose characters use the power of their love to give them strength." -- Romantic Times

About the Author

Kat Martin's bestselling novels include *Nothing But Velvet*, *Innocence Undone* and the Raines of Wind Canyon Series—*Against the Wind*, *Against the Fire*, and *Against the Law. Silk and Steel* was nominated for a RITA Award. She is a graduate of the University of California, where she majored in Anthropology and History, a background that helped to develop her interest in the past. "I love anything old," she says. "I especially love to visit the settings for my books. My husband and I often stay in out-of-the-way inns and houses built in times past. It's fun and it gives a wonderful sense of a bygone era." Before becoming a writer, Martin was a real estate broker. She lives with her husband, author Larry Jay Martin, in Missoula, Montana.

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