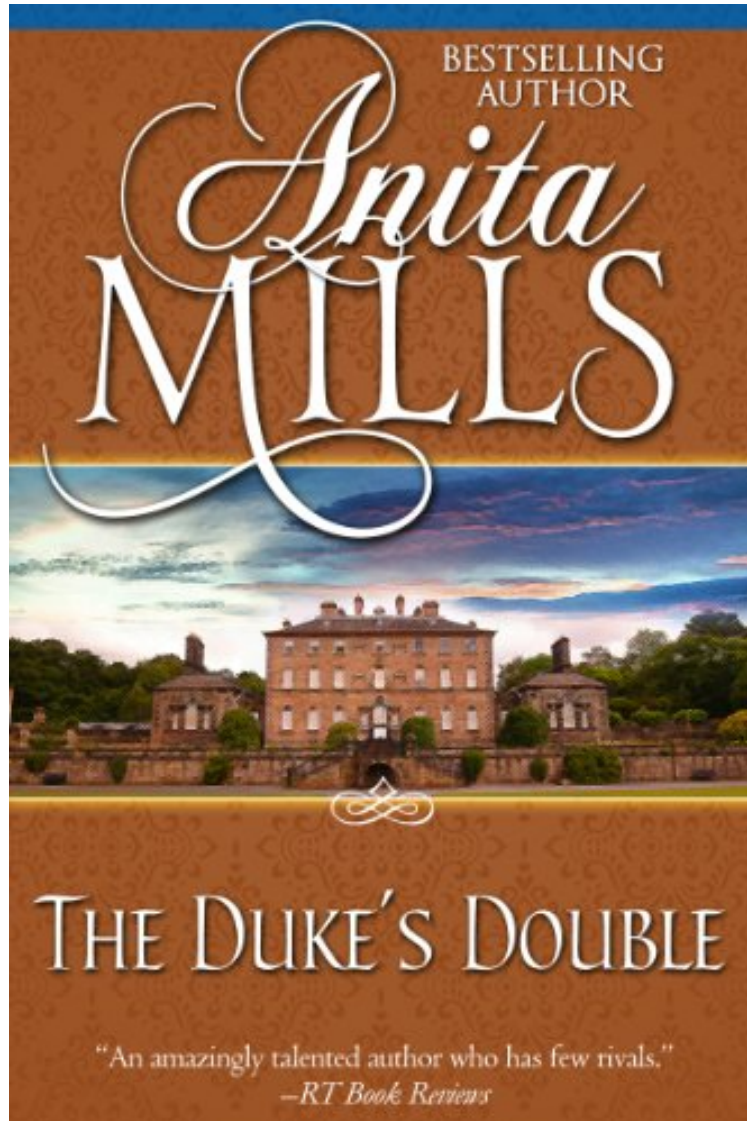


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Von Anita Mills : The Duke's Double (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Duke's Double (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The man she loved dragged Joanna's name through the mud.Von Joyously Retired TeacherAfter the death of her beloved second husband, Joanna Sherwood must return to England for the sake of her two young sons. The last thing she wants to do is run into her spiteful first husband, who, at his mother's instigation, had divorced her for adultery with his best friend and forced both of them into exile.But that was over six years ago, and Joanna's successful second marriage had left

her with two sons to raise, one of which bore a striking resemblance to her first husband, the Duke of Roxbury. However, Joanna was told that the Duke never visited his estate anymore, so she felt safe in making the decision to return to her second husband's neighboring estate to raise her two boys. Nevertheless, the Duke happens to be home at the time and during the inevitable unpleasant encounter with his ex-wife, he glimpses his son...a son he never knew he had...a son who looks enough like him to be his double and yet bears the name and title of his wife's second husband. The Duke's ham-handed attempts to gain access to his only son only succeed in frightening Joanna into a hasty betrothal to a kindly lord who reminds her of her beloved second husband and who promises to take her and her children with him to his estates in Ireland. The Duke realizes that he still loves Joanna and finds that he is willing to forgive her for her past unfaithfulness. However, the shoe, so to speak, is on the other foot. Joanna was innocent of wrongdoing, and she cannot forgive HIM until he admits it. There are a lot of issues involved in this potential reconciliation that unfortunately remain unresolved at the end (like a final confrontation with the duke's poisonous mother), but I found the romance quite enjoyable, if a little intense for my taste. The duke's betrayal and cruelty to Joanna made me wonder how anyone could forgive such behavior, but I suppose one must consider such factors as the manipulating mother and his extreme youth at the time. In any case, this very unusual romance between the Duke of Roxbury and his former wife is definitely worth further exploration.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderful tale of a love triangle, mistrust and betrayal
Von Dr W. Richards
The other reviews have explained as much as I would have needed to about the plot of this book, so I can skip that part of this review. We meet Joanna Sherwood almost a year after the death of Gary, the Earl of Crewe, the childhood friend who married her after Adrian, the Duke of Roxbury, divorced her for alleged adultery. We are told that Joanna's eldest son looks very like Adrian, so much so that Gary used to refer to him as 'Duke's Double.' It is seeing Justin which first makes Adrian wonder whether it's possible that he misjudged Joanna. It's obvious early on that both Adrian and Joanna still love each other, though both feel they have much to blame the other for. The author carries off this sense of betrayal extremely well, allowing us glimpses into both protagonists' feelings and thought processes along the way. One thing I found a little odd was Adrian's persistence, when talking to Joanna, in believing that she was unfaithful, when we know that from early on in the book he was reassessing his earlier belief in that regard; but on the other hand, it's possible that he actually wanted her to tell him herself that she wasn't unfaithful. That aside, I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Powerfully Emotional Book
Von Tina E
This is probably the strangest review I've ever written, because it's the first time I'm going to give a 5 to a book I know I'll never read again. "The Duke's Double" was a powerful, emotional piece of literature that deals with friendship, betrayal, the death of a good friend, and the redemption of a lost love. It is, without a doubt, the most poignantly bitter-sweet work I've ever read by an author of romantic fiction. The reason I won't be reading "The Duke's Double" again has nothing to do with the quality of this book...it was superbly well written. I simply won't be pulling it off my shelf again because I don't enjoy spending the better part of a day reading something that leaves me feeling dismal and slightly depressed. There are, however, many, many readers who enjoy bitter-sweet stories, and will therefore thoroughly enjoy this novel. Although I don't happen to like books that bring tears to my eyes (and this one caused me to whip out one tissue too many), I still have to rate this excellent piece of work a solid five. "The Duke's Double" pulls at all of your heartstrings, and probably a few that you didn't even know you had.

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