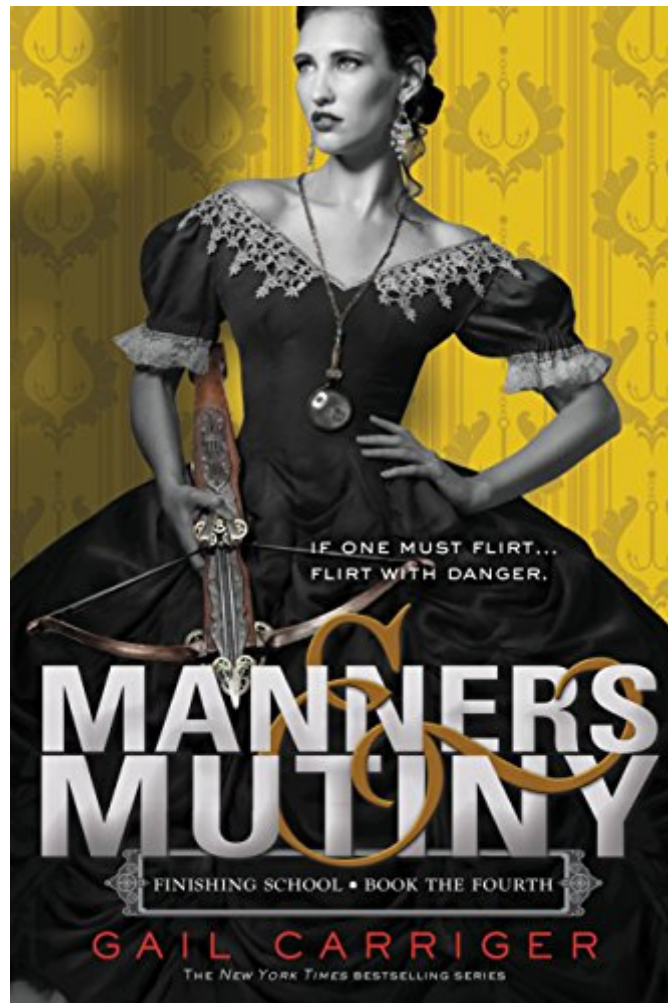




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Manners & Mutiny (Finishing School Series)



Synopsis

If one must flirt...flirt with danger. Lessons in the art of espionage aboard Mademoiselle Geraldine's floating dirigible have become tedious without Sophronia's sweet sootie Soap nearby. She would much rather be using her skills to thwart the dastardly Picklemen, yet her concerns about their wicked intentions are ignored, and now she's not sure whom to trust. What does the brusque werewolf dewan know? On whose side is the ever-stylish vampire Lord Akeldama? Only one thing is certain: a large-scale plot is under way, and when it comes to fruition, Sophronia must be ready to save her friends, her school, and all of London from disaster--in decidedly dramatic fashion, of course.

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Customer Reviews

Gail Carriger brings the Finishing School series to a finish with Manners & Mutiny and I must say, things do go out with a bang! Sophronia has had a time of it all while attending Mademoiselle Geraldine's, but a proper lady knows not to complain as such! While I could never really fully get into this series as a whole, I have enjoyed it on some level! I guess, it's just been too long since I read the first book and even binging the remaining books continued to leave me befuddled as to a few

things. Then add in the fact that all these events take part before the Parasol Protectorate series and I'm right about lost! LOL. Though I want to say I can dredge up some inklings of the first series Gail wrote and the connection to this one. As we've seen a few characters and then the epilogue here gives even more headway into that series. The year is winding down and as the girls come back after the holidays to reign in the new year with their fellow classmates, quite the disaster occurs and everyone must leave the floating school, everyone except for Sophronia of course! Sophronia is determined to uncover who is attacking the school and basically stop them, using all the skills she's learned as of late. This series is definitely fun and quirky, you could say! Sophronia is a fun heroine and her friends are just as amusing and entertaining! Even as the series wraps itself up we learn a few shocking revelations about them. Then there's that ever present YA love triangle. Truly, it's a love-hate relationship with those. It all depends on the execution of it for it to work for me. This one was a bit muddy. Sophronia has feelings for Soap, the lowly sootie, but who's now a newly made werewolf when she bargained the last time around to save his life. It's not just his race that stands between them in having a public relationship, though sadly, it does factor in when you consider the time in society, but there's still a handful of other things as well. Then there's Felix who claims to care for Sophronia and yet, he betrayed her and her friends last time around as well. He was never able to stand up for himself and leech away from his father. And yet, we learn a thing or two about him. What kind of drove me bonkers was that Sophronia never really seemed to have a choice in mind. She clearly was driven away from Felix after his betrayal, yet I never got that she cared for Soap than more than just a friend. She constantly tells herself she doesn't feel anything for him...I don't know. Maybe it was how I read it, she had no conflicting feelings when she said such things to herself, so I just didn't get that "I love Soap" vibes. Though we already know she does care for him in a sense, he's been her friend since the very beginning after all. The series ends rather well. There was just one character whose fate was left untold...Sophronia goes on in the afterword that tells us pretty much where all her friends left off, except one. And I felt disappointed by that. But what can you do? Otherwise, I felt like things wrapped up nicely. And I feel confident in my assumption, we do see her briefly in the Parasol Protectorate series, as there was mention of her next assignment just towards the end of the book. The Finishing School series was a fun and enjoyable read! I can't wait to read more from Gail Carriger, as it stands I still need to read Prudence and I am so looking forward to that one too! Overall Rating 4/5 stars

Sophronia and her friends have had several encounters with the Picklemen since they became students in Mademoiselle Geraldine's Finishing Academy, that actually teaches its students the art

of finishing people. After the last incident concerning the Picklemen ended with Soap being shot Sophronia is not willing to forgive and forget. She knows that they are planning something big and she is determined to figure out what that is and stop them, both as a revenge for Soap and because that is just simply who she is never being able to leave any scheme alone. This is my favourite of the series. It has more action and feels a bit more mature than the previous books. When I first picked up this series I found out that it is probably meant for younger readers than I thought going in expecting a bad-ass assassin school, but if you just take it for what it is then it's still a fun and fast read. This last book also ties everything up nicely and leaves no threads loose.

Amazing, like the rest of the series. This book was one of my first purchases. I don't really like buying kindle books. I prefer to purchase digital books that accompany a hard copy or to buy from providers who do not have proprietary file formats books are hard to back up, leading you to rely on their cloud technology and your internet connection to get your books to you. You can save their files to a device (like an iPhone), but not pull it off and put it on multiple devices (unless you have the Kindle app installed and even then holds authority over the files you paid for). My computer was too old to host Kindle reader so I had to go through a grueling process of installing it on someone else's computer, downloading it, converting it to a pdf and then reading it on a third party pdf reader from my computer. What a pain. There is no easy download button like on other digital media sales sites. Despite this the book was amazing once I read it. Sophronia is one of the best characters out there! She has integrity, charm, intelligence, and is loyal to her friends. I love reading about her adventures and hearing what happens in her head as those adventures unfold.

This is the 4th book in this series, and sadly the last one, as Sophronia finishes at the end. I really did enjoy reading about Sophronia's adventures, although, this book did start off a bit slower than the rest, the end does make up for it. This one has a lot of the same as the others did, balls, tea, espionage, bunson boys and Mademoiselle Geradine girls. Everyone makes appearance in this one: Sophronia, Dimity, Agatha, Monique, Soap and Felix. I for one would have liked more Felix in this book, and I really did like the Felix character, but after his betrayal in the last book he isn't really in this book much. And Soap, I do like Soap as well, but as a werewolf he was different and not the Soap I liked in the previous books. Sophronia always sees the conspiracies in everything, and this book is no different. As the picklemen try to take over their school it seems that only Monique and Sophronia is trying to stop it, with no one else really believing. It was great to see Sophronia and Monique kind of team up in this one :)

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