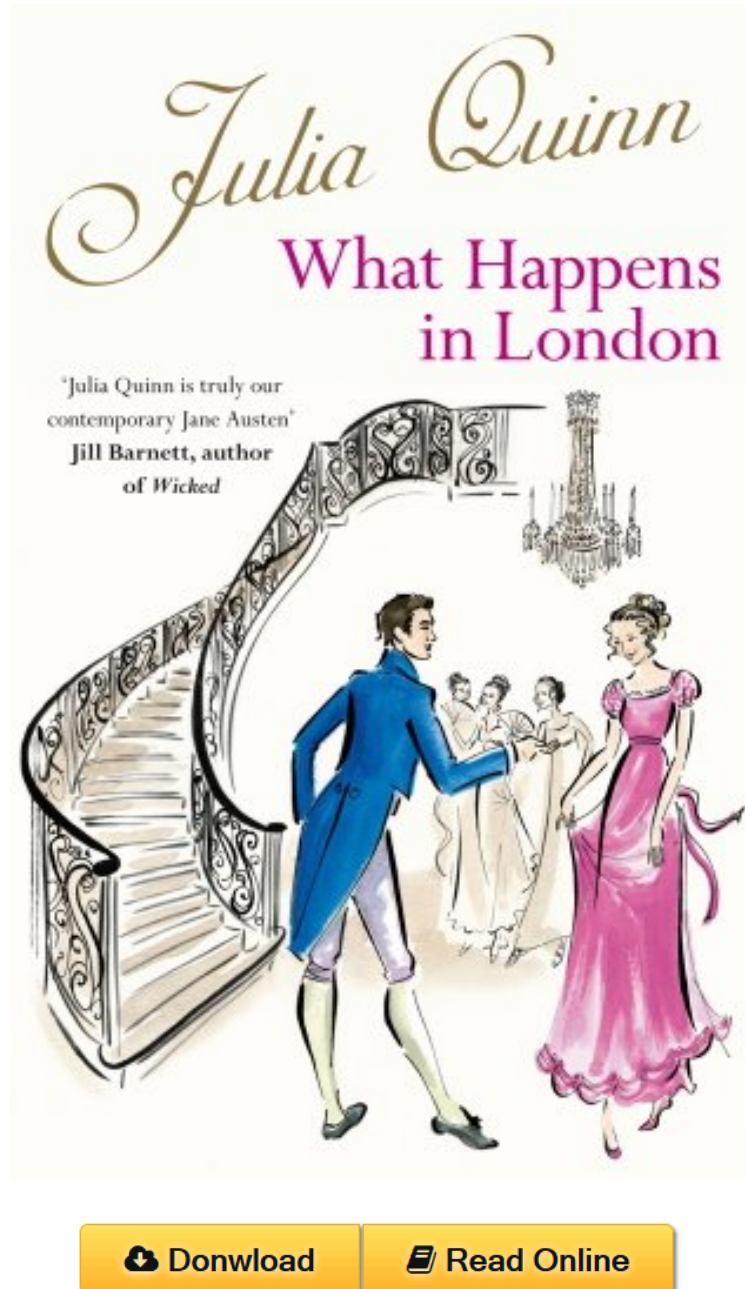


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Von Julia Quinn : What Happens In London (Bevelstoke) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Happens In London (Bevelstoke):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen9 von 9 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It will make you laugh out loud.....Von Steffi A.First of all let me say that I was really relieved after I finished this book. Having read quiet a lot of books by Julia Quinn I was kind of disappointed after her last two books "The lost Duke of

Wyndham" and "Mr. Cavendish, I presume" but this book brings back her talent full force!!When it comes to wit and humour in a regency romance there is no one quiet like Julia Quinn. If I wasn't laughing out loud then I was at least grinning.....So naturally it all started with a rumour.....Over a cup of tea, Lady Olivia Bevelstoke is told that her new neighbour, Sir Harry Valentine, is whispered to be a murderer. Indeed, it is said that he killed his fiance. Dismissing the idea as nothing but idle gossip Olivia has to admit that her curiosity is piqued nonetheless and what a coincidence that her chambers window offers a perfect view into Harry's study :-). So before long, Olivia finds herself spying on him - and what she discovers is really rather odd.....Her new neighbour spends endless hours every day bent over some documents and having two brothers, Olivia knows that this is anything but normal.....What Olivia doesn't know is that he knows that she is watching him.And what Olivia doesn't know either is that there is actually nothing mysterious about Harry Valentine. Quiet the contrary in fact for Harry could easily be described as boring. Being raised by a father who was a drunkard - though a very funny and nice one - and a mother who is indifferent to everything and everyone he is only too eager to leave his home behind for school - and Harry loved school! Until today, Harry loves numbers, he loves puzzles and he loves to spend his time in a library with a good book more than he likes to go out with friends. That, together with the fact that due to his Russian grandmother he speaks fluently Russian and French, made him come to work for the War Office - the boring branch though - the one that is translating documents vital to national security. He is not a spy but he had all the training and so naturally, when the young woman the next door starts to watch him he is instantly suspicious. Could it be that she was a spy??So with Olivia thinking that he might be a murderer and Harry thinking that she might be a spy it is only understandable that when they finally meet face to face they detest each other from the very first.Then the Russian Prince Alexei is planning to visit London. His father was a sympathizer of Napoleon Bonaparte and the War Office thinks that maybe the Prince could also be plotting in Napoleon's name and so Harry - being a specialist in all things Russian - is asked to keep a watchful eye on him and also on the woman Prince Alexei has set an eye on - Lady Olivia Bevelstoke.....So thrown together by fate both Olivia and Harry soon have to admit that they don't know each other at all and that they just might like each other....Before there can be a happy end however there is still the Prince to spy on, there is a damsel in distress to be rescue and there are secrets to be revealed. And, of course, there is a novel called "Miss Butterworth and the Mad Baron" to be read :-).There are really so many funny things about the book: there is Harry's father for example, who is soooooo cool when he is drunken. Then there is Olivia's habit to form odd lists in her mind.....and at the end, there is the funniest marriage proposal I've ever encountered!Believe me, you won't be disappointed!!5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Absolutely marvelous.Von Detra FitchSir Harry Valentine has been fluent in English, Russian, and French since the age of twelve. After years in the Army, Harry now rents a residence south of Rudland House. The War Office often delivers documents to Harry which needs to be translated to English quickly. Harry spends most of his time in his office doing these translations; however, he keeps getting distracted by the fact that Lady Olivia Bevelstoke keeps standing at her window staring at him. Harry has no idea whether she is just a curious debutante or is actually a spy. After a couple of meetings Harry decides Lady Olivia is neither a spy, nor kind. In fact, Harry decides he does not like her at all.When Harry is summoned to the offices at Horse Guards in Whitehall he knows the reason cannot be good. A Russian prince is visiting at the same time that three known sympathizers of Napoleon are in town. It is rumored the prince's late father had favored Napoleon, but no proof was ever found. It is also rumored that his fortunes have diminished and the prince seeks a bride. He has been paying much attention to Lady Olivia. Thus Harry has been ordered to keep an eye on the prince and to make sure Olivia did not unwittingly commit treason. As Harry spends time with Olivia he finds that she is not as cold and remote as he had assumed. Olivia is full of humor and mischief. Perhaps Harry's mission will not be as boring as he had once believed.***** FIVE STARS! This story overflows with humor to help offset the serious spy content. Harry gives Olivia "a lurid gothic novel" that had been recommended by his sister. Over half of this story is sprinkled with hilarious gems from the gothic novel (which Olivia demanded Harry read and suffer through too). I absolutely could not hold back my laughter as the pair verbally rips the story to shreds often. Once again the author, Julia Quinn, shows readers how her story-telling talent puts her on the Best Seller lists so often. Absolutely marvelous!*****Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. THAT IS NEW IN LONDONVon Bern_LiebWell, I (male) read most of Ms. Quinn's novels to date, that is I stopped after "The Secret Diaries of Miss Miranda...". I thought that was not that good, and as I did not like "When He Was Wicked", and "It's In His Kiss" too much either, I skipped "Mr. Cavendish,..." and "The Lost Duke...". However I adored "On the Way to the Wedding", I thought that was just great.Some other readers seemed to feel the way I did, and after rooting through the reviews of "What Happens In London" on the American website I decided to give her new book a try.So what is new? First, there is some of the witty dialogue that we have come to love, and yes, there definitely are some funny moments, the makes-me-grin-silly factor is here again. Ms. Quinn seems to do some research on psychological issues and the scene where Olivia shies away from her fianc Harry after her traumatizing abduction seems very real. Big credit for that.The book follows the typical "after-300-or-so-pages-we-could-have-a-perfect-happy-ending,-but-now-we-do-need-some-more-suspense-before-the-final-glorious-I-DO-LOVE-YOU-SO" plot, which we have all seen before. However, it is done very well in this case.The omnipresent Smythe-Smith musicale is at this point getting slightly boring, starting to grate on the nerves

almost as much as the violins of the girls performing in it. Why four stars? After reading more than 15 of Ms. Quinn's books, I feel we have seen all of what is presented here before, and the experience of reading a Julia Quinn book becomes somewhat not-so-new-and-exciting, to put this politely. When you read Charles Dickens's "Nicholas Nickleby", and then his "Great Expectations", one can see how much the years have changed the author and have given his writing new and added depth. Julia Quinn is dubbed "The contemporary Jane Austen", so we could expect some little development from her too, right? Then again, would we want much depth in Ms. Quinn's books? Maybe not...

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