

An Inconvenient Romance By Chalon Linton Now I'm a no spoiler kind of person so I really won't spoil it for you but will tell you that sometimes there is a reference to this confrontation and other times I was left thinking and feeling that something was missing that didn't make the angst between the two characters quite make sense. Maybe I'm way off feeling that but I'm an avid read and I really think that maybe just a flashback about that scene earlier on.

Without even adding dialogue would have added more to the book. But without angst.

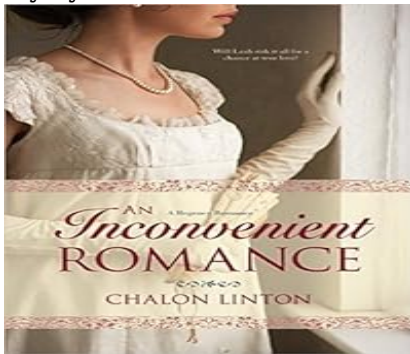
There is an underlying tone of hope and perseverance that makes the characters endearing (despite their flaws) and I was rooting for a happy ending as Charles and Leah flounder from the obstacles standing in their way. Another secondary character that balanced out Charles' moodiness is his friend from university who is visiting and knows just how to tease him and also propel him to fight for Leah. While I would have liked to see more happy moments between Leah and Charles throughout the book.

Chalon Linton is an air force spouse a mother of four and a fan of all things romance. Jane Austen has long been a favorite because who can resist handsome men in tailcoats? Manners wit and true love combined with a faith in God guide her stories to a happily ever after. Ok not that the ages of the characters are super important it was just a question that I had while reading and I thought if I had it maybe other readers would too so I figured I'd clear that up. Now of course there are several moments where you wish the characters would just step up speak their mind and clear up all these misconceptions but hey if that happened then we wouldn't have a full length novel. I enjoyed reading every other chapter from Leah then Charles POV ha! She was a little bit of a mystery at first because I wasn't sure how to take her character it's not what a traditional regency older aunt would say/do but the further in I realized she wasn't necessarily the traditional staunch and proper aunt. Leah and Charles had some insecurities and unfortunately we have another character who steps up and threatens Leah that if she tries to pursue her friendship or anything else with Charles then there will be dire consequences. Which way will her heart choose? Will Charles finally decide what he wants? Will he be able to fix the past present and future? As in all relationships there are mistakes but how each person in that relationship chooses to fix it and move on determines the strength of the relationship. Historical Fiction Christian Romance I loved the Regency setting in this friends-to-romance story! Charles and Leah are so informal with each other as youth there was a real contrast to how polite and civilized they must act around each other as adults. All the fun parts of their relationship are shown in the prologue when they are young but the majority of the story is full of hurt feelings misunderstandings lack of communication and heartache. Looking forward to more by this author!(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own) Historical Fiction Christian Romance Regency is such a fun genre and the English countryside always makes for a beautiful backdrop. But when a conniving revival for Charles's attention approaches Leah the threat is clear: give up her association with Charles or a devastating secret about her family will be revealed. Fresh new story in which we find childhood best friends Mr Charles Brumley & Leah inevitably destined to be together yet thwarted at every turn! Charles has returned ready to claim his lady but there has been bumps in the road and he isn't sure Leah even wants him more than a friend. With competition on the horizon a spiteful woman who uses threats to intervene and make Charles a match for her own daughter endless miscommunications it appears love will not conquer all. Historical Fiction Christian Romance Very much enjoyed this story but oh so many misunderstanding! Told in alternating points of view there were times I was frustrated with these characters and how stubborn they were and by how drawn out the conflicts were. While I was at times frustrated with the heroine's inability to confide in anyone around her the story ultimately culminates in a happy ending built on forgiveness the need for open communication and of course true love. I liked being in their head per say and reading their impressions and their misperceptions and their thoughts and feelings of the other as well as other people around them. One part that I felt

was left out and I think would have clarified and helped the plot was a confrontation between the two: Am I completely confusing you? Yet at the same time knowing what was said in that confrontation would have caused Charles' confusion in much of the book to disappear. You may feel differently when reading this and not even want to know until the end. My main point in saying this was that if it feels like something is missing and not quite adding up just keep reading and this will slowly start to reveal itself. Oh they were so fun! They all knew and saw what these two MCs were tiptoeing around: Their playful banter and fun comments had me laughing and cheering them on: Aunt Evelyn.

Romance This is a thoroughly enjoyable Regency romance: The writing style is a little different from the Regency books I usually read, The chapters are short and told from both Leah and Charles POV's: As a reader we are immediately rewarded with the other characters thoughts and feelings. There wasn't a lot of past tense rehashing of plot points, There were flashbacks to previous events that revealed piece by piece the history of the characters: There is someone who is trying to prevent Charles and Leah from becoming a couple: This book contains the maneuvering and plotting of advantageous marriages, One thought that came to mind while I was reading was that I don't like the games that petty people play, There lives would have been so much simpler without outside interference. There are also a few other events that complicate their relationship: Leah's father and sister were grounding and their wisdom helped Leah as she is faced with decisions that will determine her future happiness, She has met friends from around the globe and is grateful for each experience that adds to her own faith in the goodness of people. Chalon currently lives with her handsome husband in Southern California, It has a fun beginning where the reader catches a glimpse of the relationship between Leah and Charles when they are younger, I really enjoyed that initial glimpse into their relationship as well as the little snippets of memories throughout the novel. I couldn't quite figure out how old they were and the book doesn't quite tell us right away, It feels like Leah is 10 or so and Charles close to her age: But a little bit into the book we find out Charles is 15 and heading away to school: I think after reading further into the book that Leah is also 15, After the opening scene we have a little bit of explanation that time has passed and Charles is home for good 6 years later: Leah's age isn't revealed to the reader until later in the book she is 20. Leah's character could be a real spitfire and full of fun and life and then other moments very withdrawn into herself: Now a lot of that has to do with several factors that fuel the story and plot line, Charles growth and aha moments were interesting to read about and endeared me to him more: So we get to read about several back and forth almost clear ups and then the misconception would be bigger. I don't think I've read another regency book written in this same style so it caught me off guard a little bit but I really enjoyed it: She was fun and loving and had a great sense of humor, Leah is torn especially when what she has always wanted and dreamt of starts coming to pass: There were plenty of back and forth moments struggles sorrows danger illnesses and sparks of love. Will this inconvenient romance bloom or fade away?Content: cleanI received a copy from the publisher Covenant Communications via NetGalley. Happy Reading!!! Historical Fiction Christian Romance Leah and Charles grew up together but when he decides to leave and go to University her dreams are shattered, Years later they're reunited and it's not as easy to take their crushes to a higher level since so many things get in the way to prevent true love from happening, First of all this Regency romance is unique in that it's told in alternating first person points-of-view. I really enjoyed getting into these characters heads and learning about them and their thoughts on a more intimate level: However it bothered me that these two have a history and know each other quite well yet their thoughts weren't consistent with the names they used: I often felt a little confused when it would jump between titles/names even though I usually knew who they were referring to, I also like timelines and it bothered me that I didn't know how old Leah was at the beginning of the story as well as how much time had past when the book concluded: This story is told in a way that is simple to understand yet still feels true to the era. I thought the characters are portrayed in ways that really allowed their personalities to shine and even gave me a few characters to hate: The banter

between Leah and Charles feels like a tennis match at times but left me cheering for both teams: There are certain elements that I've come to expect in a good Regency romance and while there weren't any big surprises seeing those elements appear was comforting. This is an enjoyable and cozy story for those who love a sweet clean romance, *I received a complimentary copy from the publisher which didn't affect my thoughts in any way: * Historical Fiction Christian there wouldn't be much of a story or happily ever after, Even with all the angst I enjoyed the plot and would recommend this book to fans of sweet romance. This book revolves around Charles and Leah childhood friends with the spark of something more. I enjoyed the alternating points of view which helped me form a stronger bond between both characters, It was fun to see both sides of the story and made me a champion to both Charles and Leah, In the beginning I thought the characters acted much younger than their supposed ages, I wish I would have had a bit more definition of their early relationship, I was also bugged by the continued name change (which another of my blogging friends mentioned as well). But aside from these minor annoyances I really enjoyed this book: The back and forth banter made me smile and I could easily picture this story playing out like a movie in my head. There was a dangerous accident a dastardly villain secrets and misunderstandings: This makes me extremely happy because while I enjoyed the book there were some things that bothered me but that can only get better as this author refines her craft. I'm really excited to have another author to keep my eyes on and I will be watching for future books: Historical Fiction Christian Romance



The countryside of England provided an idyllic backdrop for Charles Brumley's and Leah Hasting's childhood: Neighbors and best friends the pair passed many happy days racing through the rolling hills of Derbyshire. Everything was perfect—until Charles ruined it all and abandoned Leah for university, Six years later the former friends are thrust into each other's paths once more. Leah had been looking forward to the ball an opportunity to further her acquaintance with the handsome Mr, Wilkins—but when she sees Charles's familiar face through the crowd her traitorous heart leaps: Charles faces his own struggle: he has loved Leah since he was fifteen years old yet it seems he is too late—it appears that her affections are otherwise engaged, As the pair tentatively renews their friendship the spark between them is undeniable: After so many years apart Leah endeavors to reconcile her feelings toward her once cherished companion: Faced with an impossible decision Leah must make a choice—the ruin of her family or the ruin of her heart? An Inconvenient Romance3, The switching back and forth between points of view kind of bugged me because it happened every chapter: Historical Fiction Christian Romance Charlton Linton's debut novel 'An Inconvenient Romance' is delightful! It's easy to see that Jane Austen has a heavy influence on this author. We see plenty of spunky 'Elizabeth Bennet' in the heroine Miss Leah Hastings, Leaving out the usual titles we see in most Regency novels today it has the familiar feel of Austen's work without the classical writing style. Just when a possibility arises tragedy strikes and all is now lost. The movement around a variety of locations is something I crave in a story especially Regency England: (I'm English and homesick and I love being taken around the country!) It keeps the story interesting and prevents it from getting a little stagnant. The introduction of Charles' Cambridge buddy Fausett brings lighthearted relief, There's a lack of humor within the group and the banter between the two friends is fun to follow: He's lost his father and has had to come to terms with his new role of taking care of the estate and his family, It was nice to see him unwavering and despite every pitfall he did not easily give up. Leah on the other hand is a little more difficult for me to connect with: I liked her

enough but her constant flitting back and forth got a little tiresome. She realizes she must love Charles then we are back to just friends, I know the events that play out in the book played a large part in keeping them apart at times I could literally feel Leah's agony over the situation she was put in. I would have preferred once she realized she loves him as she does early on for her then suffer that 'love loss' without questioning her feelings: The emotional flip flopping with Leah is my reason for this not being a 5 star review, That said I could not put this down! I absolutely loved the way this was written the plot and the way it all came together. I cannot wait to read more from this author! Thank you to Covenant Communications & Netgalley for the complimentary copy, Both main characters have 1st person POV and you can't distinguish the voices, That said this story sucked me in and kept me reading late into the night until I finished. content: squeaky clean Historical Fiction Christian Romance This is the first book I've read by Ms[1]

And written in first person. I'll let you decide how you feel about it.I loved the family members of both Leah and Charles. Super fun addition to the book. It was refreshing and felt real time.I was pretty excited about reading this one. Best of friends full of mischief fun and carefree moments. I enjoyed her character as well as Charles. All thoughts and opinions in the review are my own. Each chapter switches between Leah and Charles. For example Mr. Brumley this. Charles. Mr. Brumley that.Now for my likes.Content: mild violence (an accident); very mild romance. All opinions are my own.This is a clean book. It is very entertaining and well worth the read. From first names to Miss or Mr or just last names. It was distracting. The characters were both easy to like and understand.I do believe this is an author new to me. And I also believe that this is her first book.5 starsCute enjoyable story. But I still enjoyed the story. That is where the comparisons end. I loved so much about this book. Charles is an endearing character. He knows what he wants and that something is Leah. Plenty to keep the reader guessing and unpredictable. This is my honest review. Historical Fiction Christian Romance Can't get into it. Not going to finish. Linton and it won't be the last. Historical Fiction Christian Romance.