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#### Review

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"With its irrepressible heroine, deliciously dark and dangerous hero, and suitably atmospheric setting, Clare's latest impeccably written novel cleverly references the classic gothic romances of Victoria Holt and Madeleine Brent, while at the same time incorporating plenty of the steamy passion and lush sensuality found in today's brand of sexy historical romances."--*Booklist* on *The Secret Desires of a Governess*

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"THE SECRET DESIRES OF A GOVERNESS is excellent reading material for those who like their romance novel with explosive love scenes and a good solid plot."--*Fresh Fiction*

"Tiffany Clare writes a swoon-worthy romance filled with rich details and vivid characters. Any readers wishing for a bold and sweeping historical romance need look no further—Tiffany Clare is a treasure of an author!"—Lisa Kleypas, *New York Times* bestselling author

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#### From the Author

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Without kissing her, Elliott's lips brushed over her cheek and around the shell of her ear. His breath was hot against her skin. Her eyes slid shut as he whispered in that gruff tone of his, "What do you want, Miss Hallaway?"

*Nothing.*

*Everything.*

Oh, God, she was so close to falling into a trap that she didn't speak in fear of making this whole situation worse.

There wasn't a sound to be heard, except those that occurred in nature. Alone warbler chirped a soft song in the nearby shrubbery; gulls cried in the distance, their wails carried in on the wind whistling through the castle grounds. The constant chirp of crickets hummed around them as they stood quiet and still against the wall.

Then there were the even, deep breaths of Lord Brendall, awaiting the answer she could not give. Refused to give him. She clenched her hands into fists so she wasn't tempted to flatten them against his chest and feel the muscle soft and brawny and just within her reach.

"Why should you want me at all?"

"I've been asking myself that question since you arrived."

What could she say to that? His hand glided firmly over her arm then around to the small of her back. His long fingers spread wide, his arm strong as he held her away from the cool stone wall.

Move away, she told herself. Slip beneath his arms and tell him he should stay away from her. Tell him that she wanted nothing to do with him, even though it was a lie.

No objection made it past her lips. Her fluttering, frantic heart did not beat in protest, either. Her mind, on the other hand, insisted she do what was proper before she acted on rash impulses.

But right was relative, wasn't it? "I have to go back to the house."

What a feeble excuse. The words were the right thing to say, her actions the opposite of what she should do to follow through on that suggestion.

"Not yet," he said, brushing his thumb over her right cheek and then cupping it with his palm. At least she held herself back from nuzzling into the rough feel of his hand. She looked up into his eyes; the blue was eaten up by the black centers. They were so intense and full of lustful hunger. Need. Want. It all mingled there. So many emotions, she couldn't pinpoint just one. She shouldn't have looked so closely at him. Because now she didn't know why she should deny herself something she wanted. Deny herself something that felt so right to indulge in.

Fists unfurled, she pressed them against his shirt and went up on her toes. She'd do the kissing this time. Because there was definitely going to be kissing. Lots of kissing if she could help it, since she liked the way his tongue rolled around in her mouth. The way he tasted faintly of coffee and brandy.

"Oh, damn," she whispered.

Before she could think better of her hasty actions, deny herself what she wanted most right now, her mouth pressed against his. She didn't start slow and gentle. She didn't want any such thing. She took and took. Delving her tongue into his mouth, thrusting her tongue against his, with his, around his.

This was a very bad idea. But no one would know what had transpired between them, except them. Mayhap it would be their little secret. She nearly snorted with that thought. It was as though she were reaching for a glittering shilling in a deep, deep well. Instead of clasping it, she was tumbling over the precipice.

Eventually she knew she'd crash to the bottom, broken and dejected.

Yet she still reached for that shiny, tempting coin.

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*In Tiffany Clare's scintillating new novel, a young woman longs for the one man she shouldn't?only to find out that the feeling is scandalously mutual. ...*

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