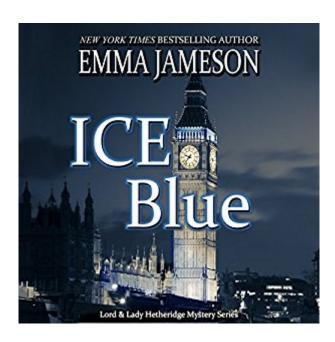
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Ice Blue: Lord & Lady Hetheridge





Synopsis

Anthony Hetheridge, ninth baron of Wellegrave, chief superintendent for New Scotland Yard, never married - no children, no pets, no hobbies, and not even an interesting vice - will turn 60 in three weeks. With the exception of his chosen career, too sordid for his blue-blooded family to condone, his life has been safe and predictable. But then he meets Detective Sergeant Kate Wakefield - beautiful, willful, and nearly half his age. When Hetheridge saves the outspoken, impetuous young detective from getting the sack, siding with her against Scotland Yard's powerful male hierarchy, his cold, elegantly balanced world spins out of control. Summoned to London's fashionable Belgravia to investigate the brutal murder of a financier, Hetheridge must catch the killer while coping with his growing attraction to Kate, the reappearance of an old flame, and the secret that emerges from his own past. Fall in love with Ice Blue, book one in the New York Times best-selling Lord & Lady Hetheridge mystery series.

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Customer Reviews

I was immediately intrigued by Anthony Hetheridge, although the opening is a bit distant and takes a while to settling into Hetheridge's present POV. The character voice pulled me into the story as I learned a few important facts about the man. Once the story settled into his POV it moved smoothly, there were a lot of wonderful little character details. And then I met Kate. The interaction between these two characters--all the characters, really--would have kept me reading just about anything. They're funny, flawed, realistically drawn and very well written. The budding romance between Kate

and Tony was absolutely adorable, and the real person feel of the characters made me cheer and fear for them. The dialogue was wonderful and had me laughing out loud more than once. I always think that the sign of good dialogue when I just have to tell someone else about it, and my fiancé heard quite a bit while I was reading. There were some issues with the story, of course. I thought there could have been more separation and character development between scenes like the taking of people's statements, for instance. These recountings sometimes occurred in large blocks of dialogue and I think it could have been broken down and livened up a little. Toward the end, the story slowed down for me. I felt the mystery elements--although well researched--needed some fine tuning. They could have been more energetic, and at times they felt more like background than plot. Kate also seemed more like the main character than I'd expected, since the summary is all about Tony, and I would have liked to get more into Tony's head. I didn't understand him as well as I understood Kate, but since this is the first book in a series, I expect to get to know him better as the story progresses.

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