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THE UNEXPECTED DUCHESS

[St. Martin's Paperbacks](#) **Bestselling author Valerie Bowman sets the stage in Regency England for her Playful Brides series, where couples' misadventures on the way to the altar are witty, romantic romps based on some of the world's most beloved plays. The first installment, The Unexpected Duchess, is inspired by Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac. IN THIS BATTLE OF WITS Lady Lucy Upton's tongue may be too sharp to attract suitors but her heart is good, and when her painfully shy friend Cassandra needs help she devises a brilliant scheme to help her discourage an unwanted suitor, the Duke of Claringdon. Lucy will hide behind the hedgerow and tell Cass just what to say to discourage the Duke of Claringdon...but it turns out that he's made of sterner stuff than either of them anticipated. And Lucy is shocked to discover that tangling with the tenacious man is the most fun she's had in ages. KISSES ARE THE BEST WEAPON Lord Derek Hunt made a promise to his dying friend to marry the demure Cassandra, and for a man who wants nothing more than peace and quiet after the horrors of war, she'll make the perfect bride. If only the impudent Miss Upton will let him court the girl! Doing battle is the last thing on his mind, but bantering with Lucy behind the bushes is too tempting to resist. And in The Unexpected Duchess, the spoils of this war just may be true love... Valerie Bowman's Secret Brides novels are: "Intriguing [and] engaging."—Publishers Weekly "Too delightful to miss!"—Lisa Kleypas "Sparkling...witty...engaging." —RT Book Reviews**

MY FAIR DUCHESS

A DUKES BEHAVING BADLY NOVEL

[HarperCollins](#) **The unexpected duchess Archibald Salisbury, son of a viscount, war hero, and proficient in the proper ways of aristocratic society, has received orders for his most challenging mission: Genevieve, Duchess of Blakesley. How she inherited a duchy isn't his problem. Turning her into a perfect duchess is. But how can he keep his mind on business when her beauty entices him toward pleasure? It was impossible, unprecedented...and undeniably true. Genevieve is now a "duke", or, rather, a duchess. So what is she to do when the ton eyes her every move, hoping she'll make a mistake? Genevieve knows she has brains and has sometimes been told she has beauty, but, out of her depth, she calls on an expert. And what an expert, with shoulders broad enough to lean on, and a wit that matches her own. Archie is supposed to teach her to be a lady and run her estate, but what she really wants to do is unladylike—run into his arms.**

SECRETS OF A WEDDING NIGHT

[St. Martin's Paperbacks](#) **Secrets of a Wedding Night Valerie Bowman HOW TO STOP A WEDDING Young, widowed, and penniless, Lily Andrews, the Countess of Merrill, has strong opinions on marriage. When she spots a certain engagement announcement in The Times, she decides to take action. She will not allow another hapless girl to fall prey to a man—particularly the scoundrel who broke her heart five years ago. Anonymously she writes and distributes a pamphlet entitled "Secrets of a Wedding Night," knowing it will find its way into his intended's innocent hands... HOW TO SEDUCE A WIDOW Devon Morgan, the Marquis of Colton, desires a good wife and mother to his son—someone completely unlike Lily Andrews, the heartless beauty who led him on a merry chase five years ago only to reject him. When Devon's new fiancée cries off after reading a certain scandalous pamphlet, he vows to track down the author and make her pay. But when he learns it's his former fiancée Lily, he issues a challenge: write a retraction or prepare to be seduced—to find out how wonderful a wedding night can be...**

THE ACCIDENTAL DUCHESS

[Penguin](#) **From New York Times bestselling author Madeline Hunter comes this seductive tale of a headstrong young lady, a scandalous manuscript, and the iron-willed duke determined to save her from her ruin. For fans of Mary Balogh, Eloisa James, and Julia Quinn. When Lady Lydia Alfreton is blackmailed over the shocking contents of a manuscript she once wrote, she must go to the most desperate of measures to raise the money to buy back the ill-considered prose: agreeing to an old wager posed by the arrogant, dangerous Duke of Penthurst. At least Penthurst is a man she wouldn't mind fleecing—and she's confident she'll win. Penthurst long ago concluded Lydia was a woman in search of ruinous adventure, but even he is surprised when she arrives at his house ready to bet her innocence against his ten thousand pounds—a wager he only proposed to warn her off gambling. When she loses to a simple draw of the cards, Lydia is shocked. Now, her problems are twofold: a blackmailer determined to see her pay and a duke determined to tame her rebellious ways. One misstep and Lydia could find herself ruined—or bound to the seductive man who would make her his duchess.**

THE ACCIDENTAL COUNTESS

[Macmillan](#) **Returning home from the war and to an unwanted arranged marriage, Captain Julian Swift finds himself falling for Lady Cassandra Monroe, his fiancée's cousin who, unbeknownst to him, has been in love with him for years. Original.**

DUCHESS IF YOU DARE

A DAZZLING HISTORICAL REGENCY ROMANCE

[Zebra Books](#) **Fans of Sarah MacLean, Vanessa Riley, and Julia London will adore this modern take on the Regency, filled with tough, empowered women meeting their matches in a sexy story from rising star Anabelle Bryant. "Delightful." —Lenora Bell, USA Today bestselling author From the glittering ballrooms of the ton to the city's grittiest corners, London has no shortage of wrongs in need of righting—and the Maidens of Mayhem are prepared for the challenge. United by secrecy and sisterhood, these daring woman from all walks of life aim to fight injustice wherever it takes them—even into the arms of unexpected love... Scarlett Wynn's tragic childhood taught her that life can be cruel to women with little power. So when a local seamstress disappears, Scarlett vows to find out why. Armed with a weapon and her courage, Scarlett scours London for clues—and crosses the unlikely path of Ambrose Cross, the Duke of Aylesford, at an unlikely place: an upscale brothel. The Duke is trying to solve a mystery of his own, and Scarlett is sure they can help each other—if she can resist the attraction that draws them together . . . As Duke of Aylesford, Ambrose is duty-bound to protect his family name from scandal no matter the cost. But Scarlett's fearless spirit forces him to look beyond his world of privilege. Scarlett is as intoxicating as she is dangerous, igniting a fire in him like no other. But when the pair learn both mysteries they're trying to solve are tied to a string of missing women, the tangled scheme they uncover may put their lives, and their growing love, in mortal danger—and lead them to search their hearts like never before . . . "A delightful historical romance with a liberal dash of adventure, plenty of sizzling heat, and a heart of pure gold. A superb start to Bryant's new Maidens of Mayhem series" —Lenora Bell, USA Today bestselling author "Duchess if You Dare is a fantastic read that kept me up late and has me anxiously awaiting the next book in the series."—USA Today Bestselling Author Renee Ann Miller "Brilliant." —Publishers Weekly**

SECRETS OF A SCANDALOUS MARRIAGE

[St. Martin's Paperbacks](#) **A duchess awaiting trial for her vile husband's murder is the most delicious gossip the ton has heard in years. But for Kate Townsende, the woman in question, it could be a matter of life and death. And when a shrewd and handsome nobleman offers to publish her side of the story while arranging for a barrister to take her case, she's tempted by much more than the chance to defend herself... James Bancroft, Viscount Medford, tells himself he's only interested in a bestselling pamphlet, but Kate's stubborn determination is captivating. Could the accused widow be telling the truth? At first, James isn't sure of anything besides his growing desire for her—but before long he's willing to risk much more than his reputation to make the infamous beauty his wife... Secrets of a Scandalous Marriage is the third Secret Brides novel from Valerie Bowman.**

THE LEGENDARY LORD

[St. Martin's Paperbacks](#) **THE MAKING OF A LEGEND... When Christian Forester, Viscount Berkeley, flees the stuffy ballrooms of London for his Scottish hunting lodge, the last thing he expects to find ensconced before his fire is an incredibly beautiful woman. But the plight of lovely young Sarah Highgate, who has run away from an unwanted betrothal, inspires an eminently practical exchange. He'll safeguard her reputation with the ton while she advises him how to best attract a proper bride... As the undisputed belle of the season, Sarah has enchanted plenty of suitors. Still, she isn't interested in marriage, especially not to the pompous bore her father has chosen for her. But her hasty escape seems reckless now that she's estranged from her family and has no one to count on besides Christian. Turning the lucklesslord into such a catch has another unplanned consequence for Sarah: Has he run away with her heart? The Legendary Lord is the sixth installment of Valerie Bowman's Regency-set Playful Brides series.**

MY FAIR DUCHESS

[Julie Johnstone](#) **After years of playing the rake to hide a dark family secret, the Duke of Aversley feels tainted beyond redemption and cynical beyond repair. Never does he imagine hope will come in the form of a quirky, quick-witted lady determined to win the heart of another gentleman. Thanks to a painfully awkward past, Lady Amelia De Vere long ago relinquished the notion she was a flower that had yet to blossom. But when her family faces financial ruin and the man she has always loved is on the verge of marrying another, she'll try anything to transform herself to capture her childhood love and save her family—including agreeing to participate in a bet between her brother and the notorious, dangerously handsome Duke Of Aversley. Bound by the bet, Amelia and Aversley discover unexpected understanding and passion beyond their wildest dreams, if only they can let**

go of their pride, put trust in each other and chance losing their hearts.

THE SILENT DUCHESS

Feminist Press at CUNY The international bestseller from Italy's foremost woman writer--now in paperback.

THE UNLIKELY LADY

St. Martin's Paperbacks **FOR THE BACHELOR AND THE BLUESTOCKING...** Certain that no man wants a bluestocking for a wife, Miss Jane Lowndes is careful to wield her books and her spectacles as weapons against matrimony. Convincing her ambitious mama that she's content to stay a spinster is easier said than done, however. It's a good thing Jane is not above a bit of manufactured scandal if it will keep her from the altar, and the argumentative, contrary Lord Garrett Upton... **ROMANCE IS NEVER BY THE BOOK** With the war over, Garrett is determined to enjoy his bachelor's life while he can, even when it means attending a house party in celebration of a friend's wedding—and suffering Jane's notorious disdain. But when a masquerade ball leads to a mistaken kiss, he's surprised to learn that Jane's bookish exterior hides a truly passionate soul. When two such headstrong people are determined to remain unattached, can love lead to a happy ending?

MR. HUNT I PRESUME

June Third Enterprises, LLC He never forgot her... When General Collin Hunt is ordered to take a much-needed holiday, he resigns himself to rest and recreation at his brother's country estate. But when the only woman he ever loved—and selflessly gave up—shows up as his sister-in-law's governess, his carefully ordered life is turned inside out. She'll never forgive him... When Erienne Stone defied her family and fled her life of privilege, she never expected to be reunited with the man who'd abandoned her more than a decade before. But Lucy, Duchess of Claringdon, is a hard woman to say no to, even when Erienne's heart is in danger of breaking all over again. A meddling matchmaker may be the key to their second chance... After a decade of pain and heartache, can two star-crossed lovers trust the truth in their own hearts?

EARL LESSONS

June Third Enterprises, LLC He never wanted a title Fresh off the battlefield, Captain David Ellsworth has returned home to discover the shocking and unwelcome news that he's the new Earl of Elmwood. Though David had no idea he was in line for a title, he and his sister must now navigate the snark-infested waters of the London ton. He knows how to be a soldier, an officer, and a brother, but he hasn't a clue how to be an earl. David will need all the help he can get. Even if it comes from the undeniably beautiful woman...who is the darling of the world he detests. She never wanted a husband The younger sister of a marquess, Lady Annabelle Bellham moves through elegant ballrooms with the ease of a lioness traversing the jungle. She's the most elusive belle at every ball, and gentlemen have long placed bets on which lucky man will finally win her hand. But Annabelle has no intention of falling prey to a man's charms. She's seen the destruction wrought by marriage and is dead set on avoiding a similar fate. But here they are... Thankfully, Annabelle's older brother hasn't pressured her to take a husband—yet. Which is why she feels obliged to agree when he asks her a favor: To teach the newly minted Earl of Elmwood how to act in Society. Still, the task shouldn't be too difficult. All Annabelle must do is spend countless hours in the company of a handsome, brooding ex-soldier—who's making her question every rule she's set for herself. She and David have nothing in common except a fiery passion and some highly inconvenient feelings...could it be enough?

ANY DUCHESS WILL DO

Harper Collins What's a duke to do, when the girl who's perfectly wrong becomes the woman he can't live without? Griffin York, the Duke of Halford, has no desire to wed this season—or any season—but his diabolical mother abducts him to "Spinster Cove" and insists he select a bride from the ladies in residence. Griff decides to teach her a lesson that will end the marriage debate forever. He chooses the serving girl. Overworked and struggling, Pauline Simms doesn't dream about dukes. All she wants is to hang up her barmaid apron and open a bookshop. That dream becomes a possibility when an arrogant, sinfully attractive duke offers her a small fortune for a week's employment. Her duties are simple: submit to his mother's "duchess training"... and fail miserably. But in London, Pauline isn't a miserable failure. She's a brave, quick-witted, beguiling failure—a woman who ignites Griff's desire and soothes the darkness in his soul. Keeping Pauline by his side won't be easy. Even if Society could accept a serving girl duchess—can a roguish duke convince a serving girl to trust him with her heart?

NEVER TRUST A PIRATE

St. Martin's Paperbacks Bestselling author Valerie Bowman sets the stage in Regency England for her Playful Brides series, where couples' misadventures on the way to the altar are witty, romantic romps based on some of the world's most beloved plays. The seventh book in the series, Never Trust a Pirate, is inspired by Emma Orczy's *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The rules of engagement were never so scandalous. . . A rumored pirate and the scurrilous black sheep of his well-to-do family, Cade Cavendish relishes his world of rebellion, deception, and seduction. Nothing and no one can hold him to be the duty-bound, honorable man he is expected to be. But when an unexpected run-in at his twin brother's estate with a ravishing, raven-haired maid leads her to believe he's actually a viscount, Cade's renegade life is thrown wildly off-kilter. And even though a case of mistaken identity can be quickly set to rights, matters of the heart are quite different... Miss Danielle LaCrosse is startled to learn that the handsome gentleman who radiates sin and has the devil in his eyes is not her employer the Viscount, but rather his infamous brother. A former heiress, orphaned and left penniless, Danielle has more than a few secrets of her own. Cade may be skilled at coaxing even the most hidden desires out of Danielle but can he earn her trust—and win her heart—as they embark on an adventure to confront a dangerous enemy from both of their pasts . . . and uncover the identity of the so-called Black Fox along the way?

A DUCHESS A DAY

A NOVEL

HarperCollins USA Today bestselling author Charis Michaels enchants with her Awakened by a Kiss series, taking our favorite fairy tales' forgotten characters and making them the hero of their own story. An heiress with a plan... Lady Helena Lark has spent years trying to escape her wedding to the vain and boring Duke of Lusk. She's evaded, refused, even run away. When her family's patience runs out, they pack her off to London to walk down the aisle. But Helena has another idea: find a more suitable bride to take her place, even if she must look for a replacement duchess every day. A bodyguard with a job to do... Declan Shaw, better known as "The Huntsman," is a mercenary who can pick and choose his clientele. After his last job, escorting a young noblewoman to France, landed him in jail under false accusations, he wants nothing to do with aristocrats or women. But the law isn't done with him, and if he agrees to babysit a duke's errant fiancé, the payout could make his legal troubles go away. A most unexpected alliance... When their worlds collide, Declan realizes that containing his new client is only slightly harder than keeping his hands off her. Helena senses an ally in her handsome new bodyguard and solicits his help. Together they must escape the forces that oppose them and fight for the fairy-tale love they desire.

THE RELUCTANT DUCHESS

A CHARMINGLY SEXY HISTORICAL REGENCY ROMANCE

Lyrical Press To save her family from ruin, one young woman must agree to marry a mysterious duke in this charming Regency Romance for fans of Sabrina Jeffries and Tessa Dare. Orphaned young, Oliver Sterling, eleventh duke of Kendal, lives in seclusion in his massive home, Horncliffe Manor. Convinced since childhood that he is monstrous, his only company is his guardian, Mr. Winters—a man who perpetuates Oliver's self-loathing. Still, Oliver is only human. One day, he sees a beautiful young woman in a painting titled "St. Ives Girl." Captivated, he asks Mr. Winters to find her, marry her by proxy, and bring her back as his bride . . . Rebecca Kane is shocked that her squire father has agreed to marry her off to a duke in exchange for payment of his gambling debts. But with no option, she submits. Rebecca fears this husband she has never seen in the light of day—yet in the marriage bed, her husband is kind and gentle. And though they remain in darkness, she detects nothing odd about him. She wonders what he is hiding and soon finds there are more mysteries to uncover—about the unsettling noises coming from deep within the manor, about Mr. Winters, and about love—of oneself and one's beloved . . . Praise for the novels of Jane Goodger "An unforgettable read." —RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars, on *The Earl Most Likely* "Fun, delightfully romantic—and sexy." —Sally MacKenzie on *The Spinster Bride* "A touching, compassionate, passion-filled romance." —RT Book Reviews on *A Christmas Waltz* "Goodger writes romances that touch readers' hearts and bring a smile to their day." —RT Book Reviews

THE IRRESISTIBLE ROGUE

Macmillan **A PROPOSAL FROM A SCOUNDREL** Daphne Swift has not laid eyes on her devilishly charming husband, Captain Rafferty Cavendish, in quite some time. As a matter of fact, she wants the rogue to annul their brief marriage so that she can marry the reliable and estimable Lord Fitzwell. But the breathtakingly handsome Rafe is not interested in letting Daphne go—at least not without paying his scandalous price... **THE SEDUCTION OF HIS WIFE** Rafe prefers to face the dangers of spying alone, but this time he needs his innocent, fiery wife to uncover the information he seeks. He has even agreed to release her from their marriage if she submits completely to his plan. However, Daphne's alluring combination of courage and curves makes her a dangerous distraction, and it is not long before Rafe is trading subterfuge for seduction in order to prove that Daphne is meant to be his and his alone... Valerie Bowman's Playful Brides novels are: "Smart and sensual...readers will be captivated."-RT Book Reviews "Sexy, satisfying romance."-KirkusReviews "Merry, intelligent, and wholly satisfying."-USA Today

THE DUCHESS

Ivy Books The daughter of the wealthiest man in England, a cynical Allegra Morgan accepts the proposal of the impoverished Quinton Hunter, Duke of Sedgwick, on the condition that her new husband will never ask for her love, a rule that both find increasingly difficult to honor, thanks to an unexpected passion and a dangerous mission that draws them into the perils of the French Revolution. Reprint.

HIS LAST DUCHESS

[Hachette UK](#) When sixteen-year-old Lucrezia de' Medici marries the fifth Duke of Ferrara, Alfonso d'Este, she imagines life with her handsome husband will be idyllic. But little does she know that he is a very complicated man. The marriage is fraught with difficulties from the start, and, as time passes, Lucrezia becomes increasingly alienated. For Alfonso, the pressure mounts as the Vatican threatens to reclaim his title should the couple remain unable to produce an heir. Only his lover Francesca seems able to tame his increasing fury. But Alfonso's growing resentment towards his duchess soon becomes unbearable, and he begins to plot an unthinkable way to escape his problems. Originally inspired by a Robert Browning poem, His Last Duchess gorgeously brings to life the passions and people of sixteenth-century Tuscany and Ferrara. It is a story you are unlikely to forget for a long time.

SEALS OF DUCHESS ISLAND: BOOKS 4-6 MILITARY ROMANCE SERIES BOXED SET

[KC Press](#) Books 4-6 in the ASSIGNMENT: Caribbean Nights series--all three full length novels in one set! Contains: Protecting Her SEAL Marrying Her SEAL Keeping Her SEAL Protecting Her SEAL Former Navy SEAL Miles Lynch came home from Iraq with the nickname "Mild." His dirty little secret? It's easy to stay calm when you don't care about anything. He learned the hard way that happy endings don't exist—fighting for the cause only got him broken and disillusioned. Explosives expert Lale Şakir knows a thing or two about chemistry, but only on paper. When it comes to men? Total novice. But when she agrees to create an artificial coral reef for Aqueous Adventures as an excursion site near the Caribbean island Miles calls home, will the unexpected heat between them cause too many complications... or melt the polar ice cap around his heart? Marrying Her SEAL Navy SEAL Jaxon Hyland can fix anything—except the inconvenient attraction he's always had for his gorgeous best friend. It was easy to maintain a hands-off policy when he was deployed half a world away, but when Thora pops up on Duchess Island, the Caribbean paradise Jack calls home, everything changes. Emotionally bruised by a bad breakup, Thora needs Jack now more than ever. Jack has never been able to tell her no, not even when she asks him to marry her. It's supposed to be temporary. 100% fake. Platonic. But how long can that really last when she's the only woman he's ever wanted? Keeping Her SEAL Jace Custer followed his former SEAL team to the Caribbean in hopes of answering the question: What's next? But he doesn't fit in at Duchess Island like he did in Iraq. While searching for a place to call his own, Jace unexpectedly finds a home tending bar for Stella Chase, but when the chemistry between them heats up, he realizes he wants more from her than just a job. Stella can't trust her bartender with her heart—he's too young, too hot, and too much of a player. Jace is determined to strip away her preconceptions of him... but she's just as determined to hold him at arm's length. Can a recovering player ever really change his stripes? Or is he destined to never fit into his own life?

THE DUCHESS WAGER

[Katie Flanagan](#) The duke is sure he'll win the bet, until he meets Margot... Fitz, the Duke of Harrods, views marriage as a business arrangement, not a question of the heart. Especially once he bets his friends that he won't marry the next woman he fancies. He knows it will be an easy win - until they take refuge from a snowstorm at Bleneccle Manor and he meets Lady Margot Wickham. A widow in mourning at her parents' home in Northern England to recover from her husband's sudden death, Lady Margot Wickham isn't sure she'll ever be ready to face the duties of being a Dowager Countess. When unexpected travelers show up in a snowstorm, Margot is grateful for the distraction. Until she realizes she might be too distracted by a certain duke. Duty calls When Margot gets notice of unrest at her husband's cotton mill, she realizes she can put off duty no longer. Alarmed, Fitz volunteers to accompany her south. He plans to help her resolve the issue - but the road trip is a convenient excuse to stay close, too. This Regency Romance is perfect for fans of Amalie Howard and Mary Balogh. It works as a standalone or as a companion to the rest of the Countess Chronicles series.

AN AMERICAN DUCHESS

[Center Point](#) In Kent, England, the arrival of Beranger Northcott, Duke of Brightshire, causes a stir. Because with the duke comes his new American bride, who isn't quite what anyone expects. By accepting the hand of her beloved, Emma Brinkman went from hardworking Colorado rancher to duchess. Now she's expected to comport herself as nobility. Overnight. For Emma -- stifled, homesick, and unable to shake the feeling she's being watched --the metamorphosis is a challenge. And if Emma's suspicions are correct, perhaps even a dangerous one.

THE DUCHESS

[Welbeck Publishing Group](#) From the Sunday Times bestselling author of The Governess. The Duchess, the second novel in Wendy Holden's trilogy about royal outsiders, fictionalises the unknown London life of Wallis Simpson. Arriving in 1928, Wallis was a divorced, penniless, middle-aged foreigner with average looks and no connections. Yet, just eight years later, a king renounced his throne for her. How did a woman from nowhere capture the heart of the world's most glamorous bachelor? Wendy Holden tells the amazing story. _____ Praise for Wendy Holden's The Governess: 'A beautifully woven and exquisitely detailed story' HEATHER MORRIS, author of The Tattooist of Auschwitz 'Brilliantly researched . . . I was completely absorbed and transported' ADELE PARKS, author of Just My Luck 'Compelling characters and a wonderful blend of historical accuracy and real narrative drive . . . A heart-breaking study of loyalty and love' SALLY MORRIS, Daily Mail '[A] beautifully researched and captivating novel . . . Wendy Holden's tender and intimate portrait of Lilibet, the future Queen Elizabeth II, is masterly' RACHEL HORE 'A great book for escaping into . . . I loved this!' KATIE FFORDE 'Sensitive, funny and fascinating - this masterful novel gives the reader fly-on-the-wall privileges into the early life of the Queen' FREYA NORTH 'A brilliantly imagined and poignant novel [...] of sacrifice, deep affection, strained loyalties and divided English society in the post-Downton Abbey era' ELIZABETH BUCHAN 'An intimate view of the royal family at a time of great uncertainty and change . . . Marion Crawford's dedication to her charges, as well as her passion for education and reform, shines through the pages' CHANEL CLEETON 'Wendy Holden absolutely delivers in this perfect blend of story and history . . . Lovers of The Crown series on Netflix will adore this!' SUSAN MEISSNER 'I loved, loved, LOVED this book and if it isn't adapted for the screen, I'll eat my crown!' ERICA JAMES

HIS THREE-DAY DUCHESS (MILLS & BOON HISTORICAL) (THE SOMMERSBY BRIDES, BOOK 3)

[HarperCollins UK](#) He's claimed his title Can he inherit a bride too?

A DUKE LIKE NO OTHER

[St. Martin's Paperbacks](#) A 2018 Daphne du Maurier finalist First comes love, then comes marriage. Unless it's the other way around. . . General Mark Grimaldi has sacrificed everything for his military career, working his way through the ranks without the benefit of a nobleman's title. Now, his years of dedication are about to pay off—with an offer for a prestigious promotion to Home Secretary. There's only one condition: Mark must be married. Aside from the small matter of not actually wanting to be wed, Mark faces another troubling problem: he already has a wife. Nicole Huntington Grimaldi has spent ten contented years in France without her husband—and without regret. When Mark asks her to return to London and play the part of his beloved wife, she sees her chance. But neither of them is prepared for news that will throw Mark's future into chaos...nor the undeniable desire they've rekindled. Maybe happily-ever-after can happen the second time around in A Duke Like No Other, the next Regency romance from Valerie Bowman. Valerie Bowman's Playful Brides novels are: "Wholly satisfying."—USA Today "Smart and sensual...readers will be captivated."—RT Book Reviews "Smoldering." —Booklist

THE DUCHESS IN HIS BED

[HarperCollins](#) For a duchess with practical desires, falling in love is an inconceivable part of her plan... As owner of the Elysium Club which caters to women's fantasies, Aiden Trewlove is accustomed to introducing adventurous ladies to sin and vice. But he is uncharacteristically intrigued by the mysterious beauty who visits his club one night, yearning to indulge in the forbidden—with him. Drawn to her indomitable spirit, he breaks his rule of never becoming personally involved with his clientele and is determined to fully awaken her desires. A recent widow, Selena Sheffield, Duchess of Lushing, has never known passion, not until Aiden's slow, sensual seduction leads her on a journey of discovery and incredible pleasure. But her reasons for visiting the notorious club are not all that they seem. As Selena's motives become complicated by love, she finds herself with a most unexpected choice: forge ahead with a secret plan that could secure her future—or follow her heart which could prove ruinous.

DARE TO BE A DUCHESS

[Entangled: Scandalous](#) He's a powerful duke. She's his uncle's ward. They have forever been at war, until one night, one masquerade, and one kiss... Lara Ramsay is no stranger to scandal. As the orphaned daughter of a British colonel and his beloved Indian wife, whispers follow her everywhere. Not even the protection of the formidable Duke of Wolverton, a man she can't stand, keeps the gossips at bay. The audacious Lara has driven Tristan Wentworth, The Duke of Wolverton, to distraction since the day his uncle took her in—and he's quite certain doing so is her favorite pastime. After catching her and his younger sister at a salacious masquerade, he's had enough scandal and issues a marriage ultimatum: find a husband within six months or one will be chosen for her. Unfortunately, no one in the ton appeals to her. Except, perhaps, the duke himself. The battle of wills has only just begun, and when Lara kisses him, their fate is sealed. Sometimes even the most proper duke needs to break the rules to win the heart of the woman he loves... Each book in The Elusive Lords series is STANDALONE: *Dare to be a Duchess * To Covet a Countess

THE BENCH

[Penguin UK](#) #1 New York Times Bestselling Picture Book Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex's first children's book, The Bench, beautifully captures the special relationship between father and son, as seen through a mother's eyes. The book's storytelling and illustration give us snapshots of shared moments that evoke a deep sense of warmth, connection, and compassion. This is your bench Where you'll witness great joy. From here you will rest See the growth of our boy. In The Bench, Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, touchingly captures the evolving and expanding relationship between father and son and reminds us of the many ways that love can take shape and be expressed in a modern family. Evoking a deep sense of warmth, connection, and compassion, The Bench gives readers a window into shared and enduring moments between a diverse group of fathers and sons - moments of peace and reflection, trust and belief, discovery and learning, and lasting comfort. Working in watercolour for the first time, Caldecott-winning, bestselling illustrator Christian Robinson expands on his signature style to bring joy and softness to the pages, reflecting the beauty of a father's love through a mother's eyes. With a universal message, this thoughtful and heartwarming read-aloud is destined to be treasured by families for generations to come.

EXCERPTS FROM THE SECRET CURTSEY SOCIETY

Excerpts from The Secret Curtsey Society: Once She Was Tempted by Anne Barton The Unexpected Duchess by Valerie Bowman The Baron Next Door by Erin Knightley What a Lady Craves by Ashlyn Macnamara

THE RELUCTANT DUCHESS (LADIES OF THE MANOR BOOK #2)

Baker Books A Riveting Edwardian Series Set among Britain's High Society Lady Rowena Kinnaird may be the heiress to a Highland earldom, but she has never felt good enough—not for her father, not for the man she thought she'd marry, not for God. But after a shocking attack, she's willing to be forever an outcast if it means escaping Loch Morar. Brice Myerston, the Duke of Nottingham, has found himself in possession of a rare treasure his enemies are prepared to kill for. While Brice has never been one to shy away from manor-born ladies, the last thing he needs is the distraction of Lady Rowena, who finds herself in a desperate situation. But when Rowena's father tries to trap Brice into marrying his daughter, Brice makes a surprising decision. Rowena wanted to escape the Highlands, but she's reluctant to marry a notorious flirt. And when she learns that Brice is mixed up in questionable business with a stolen treasure, she fears she's about to end up directly in the path of everything she was trying to avoid.

DESPERATELY SEEKING A DUCHESS

Penguin What happens when an impoverished duke with a reputation for being a rogue collides with a strong-willed heiress who wants to explore the world? An unlikely friendship...and unexpected passion. Cailin Audley doesn't fit in with Polite Society. A life spent among the working class taught her to value her independence in a way no newfound fortune or glittering ballroom could ever erase. When a major misstep sees the new heiress whisked away to the English countryside, Cailin soon realizes the vexing lengths her family will go to see her settled. But having risked her heart once before, Cailin has no interest in the men of the ton—especially not the frustratingly charming Duke of St. James. Courtland Balfour, the Duke of St. James, devoted brother and notorious rogue, despises what he must become—a fortune hunter. But with the ducal coffers drained by his late, spendthrift of a father, Courtland knows his duty lies at the altar and he will do anything to ensure a future for his siblings. Just his luck that the one lady who could make this new fate bearable, who enflames him like no other, is the one woman who wants nothing to do with him or his title. But when an act of desperation inadvertently lands he and Cailin at the heart of another scandal, Courtland knows better than to waste his chance. Surely he can convince Cailin to love him?

DISCIPLINING THE DUCHESS

Scarlet Rose Press Over five seasons, Miss Harmony Barrett has managed to repel every gentleman of consequence and engineer a debacle at Almack's so horrifying that her waltzing privileges are revoked. If she's not in the library reading about Mongol hordes, she's embarrassing her family or getting involved in impulsive scrapes. Enter the Duke of Courtland, a man known for his love of duty and decorum. Through a vexing series of events, he finds himself shackled to Miss Barrett in matrimony. But all is not lost. The duke harbors a not-so-secret affinity for spanking and discipline...and his new wife is ever in need of it. Will the mismatched couple find their way to marital happiness? Or will the duke be forever Disciplining the Duchess? This 85K word erotic romance novel contains domestic discipline themes and both harsh and loving spanking scenes.

UNEXPECTED DUKE

A NOBLE LORDS REGENCY ROMANCE BOOK

Sasha Cottman Lord Kendal Grant is a self-centered egotistical nightmare. He is also a solid gold genius when it comes to his music. But his muse has fled, and he is left fending off fools who would have him compose music just like Mozart. Kendal hates Mozart with the passion of a thousand fiery suns. Mercy Wood has no time for bad boy egos, she simply needs to make enough money to pay the rent. Kendal Grant is just another wealthy musician with money to burn. If he wants his piano tuned every day, she will gladly take his coin. But when Kendal tries to stiff her with his payment, he quickly discovers he has met his match. She is Mercy in name only. She demands an extra payment. Her price a single kiss. A kiss which when claimed, is scorching and takes them both by surprise. Kendal's muse is awakened at the touch of a woman far beneath his social status. With Mercy's inspiration, Kendal begins to create music which will set him on the path to being one of the greatest composers of all time. Her love also makes him question everything else in his life. But his wish to make her his wife becomes a near impossibility when an unexpected turn of events places him directly in line to become the next Duke of Banfield. A piano tuner's daughter could never be a duchess. With Mercy gone, Kendal loses all love for his music. His fingers feel leaden when he touches the piano keys, his playing reflects his empty heart. His brothers in the Noble Lords rally and convince Kendal that a life without the woman he loves is a life not worth living. But has he left it all too late and will another take his place in her life? The Noble Lords. Stories of war-scarred English lords who are bad boy musicians and the women who dare to love them. Sasha Cottman's regency historical romance novels cover such themes as secret love, secret babies, second chance, unrequited love, friends to lovers, enemies to lovers, bad boys, lords, dukes, earls, prince, royalty, secret engagements, marriages of convenience, first love, secret love, runaway bride, ugly duckling, and adventure.

INEVITABLY A DUCHESS

Someday Lady Publishing, LLC Lady Jane Haven had to find a reason to survive. Widowed after an abusive marriage, Jane seeks solace in the arms of the one man she has always loved. But her scars run deep, and the physical comfort her lover brings does little to heal her pain. Richard Black, the Duke of Lofton and spy for the British War Office, waited for her, watching as the agony of marriage broke the woman he loved. His instincts tell him to protect her at all costs now that she has come to him, but when Jane stumbles into his current case investigating a bodysnatching ring, his intentions prove harder to keep than he had anticipated. As a treasonous plot threatens their chance at love, can Jane find the strength to be his duchess? Inevitably a Duchess is the prequel to the fast-paced, thrilling, historical romance Spy Series. If you love heart-stopping romance, steamy intrigue, and unexpected danger, don't miss this captivating series from bestselling author Jessie Clever. Discover adventure and romance when you download Inevitably a Duchess today.

THE DUCHESS

The Duchess, the second novel in Wendy Holden's trilogy about royal outsiders, fictionalises the unknown London life of Wallis Simpson.

THE BOOK OF THE DUCHESS

Good Press "The Book of the Duchess" by Geoffrey Chaucer. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

HIS THREE-DAY DUCHESS

Harlequin He's claimed his title. Could he inherit a bride, too? Part of The Sommersby Brides. The Duchess of Skeffington retreats to the estate that was her refuge during her cruel marriage. She's shocked to come face-to-face with the distant heir, now newly inherited duke, adventurous Simon Alexander. When Elizabeth is robbed, it's up to them both to find the thief. But traveling together would attract too much gossip... Unless they pose as husband and wife! "This is in a league of its own. It is a stylishly written, heart-breaking, emotional and vividly accurate. One Week to Wed is a perfect, roller coaster ride of emotional angst" —Chicks, Rogues and Scandals on One Week to Wed "An amazing start to this new series by the very talented Ms Benson. This is one of those books that is way too good to be true, it is fabulous" —Chicks, Rogues and Scandals on One Week to Wed

BECOMING DUCHESS GOLDBLATT

HarperCollins One of the New York Times' 20 Books to Read in 2020 "A tonic . . . Splendid . . . A respite . . . A summer cocktail of a book."—Washington Post "Unforgettable . . . Behind her brilliantly witty and uplifting message is a remarkable vulnerability and candor that reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles—and that we can, against all odds, get through them."—Lori Gottlieb, New York Times best-selling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone Part memoir and part joyful romp through the fields of imagination, the story behind a beloved pseudonymous Twitter account reveals how a writer deep in grief rebuilt a life worth living. Becoming Duchess Goldblatt is two stories: that of the reclusive real-life writer who created a fictional character out of loneliness and thin air, and that of the magical Duchess Goldblatt herself, a bright light in the darkness of social media. Fans around the world are drawn to Her Grace's voice, her wit, her life-affirming love for all humanity, and the fun and friendship of the community that's sprung up around her. @DuchessGoldblat (81 year-old literary icon, author of An Axe to Grind) brought people together in her name: in bookstores, museums, concerts, and coffee shops, and along the way, brought real friends home—foremost among them, Lyle Lovett. "The only way to be reliably sure that the hero gets the girl at the end of the story is to be both the hero and the girl yourself." — Duchess Goldblatt

THE TRUTH ABOUT CADS AND DUKES

Elisa Braden When a wager goes wrong... Painfully shy Jane Huxley is the furthest thing from a diamond of the first water. Bookish, bespectacled, and, well, plain, she never expected to befriend a dissolute charmer like Colin Lacey, much less agree to help him retrieve a lost family heirloom. Fortunately, he is nothing like his cold, rigid older brother. Unfortunately, he is not above deception if it means winning a wager. And that puts Jane in a most precarious position. A formidable duke will marry a plain Jane... For Harrison Lacey, the Duke of Blackmore, protecting his family honor is not a choice, it is a necessity. So, when his cad of a brother humiliates the unwitting Lady Jane, Harrison must make it right, even if it means marrying the chit himself. And a marriage of convenience will become so much more... Her reputation hanging by a thread, Jane agrees to wed the arrogant Duke of Blackmore, although she's convinced it will result in frostbite. Only after lingering glances lead to devastating kisses does she begin to suspect the truth: Perhaps—just perhaps—her duke is not as cold as he appears.
