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Nine Rules to Break When Romancing a Rake

Harper Collins **A wonderfully talented new author joins the Avon Romance family—Sarah MacLean, who fans of Eloisa James and Julia Quinn will immediately take into their hearts! Sarah's delectable debut, *Nine Rules to Break When Romancing a Rake*, is the Regency Era romp readers have been waiting for—fresh, fun, and wonderfully romantic—placing her solidly in the company of Elizabeth Hoyt, Sophie Jordan, and others of the new generation of exciting up-and-comers.**

Mistakes Not to Make When Avoiding a Rake

In the sleepy country village of Bedford, the promise of love can transform the most world-weary rake, and the power of passion can move a proud young woman to repent of even her most stubborn prejudices. A cynical rake... The arrival of Thomas Campbell and his elder brother has the village of Bedford abuzz with excitement. Not only is Thomas tall, dark, and handsome, he is also rumored to be a most notorious rake. Claire Gardner is young, innocent, and completely infuriating. Yet given an opportunity, Thomas can't help teaching the headstrong beauty a lesson in desire. A quiet life for a lady... Content with a simple rural life, Claire Gardner has no wish for a season in London nor is she eager to wed. But after a catastrophic mistake compromises her honor, Claire finds herself ensnared in scandal. Claire is quite certain reformed rakes do not make the best husbands. She would rather face shame than lose her freedom to a man she is convinced does not love her. But as rumors swirl regarding her ruined reputation, the condemnation of her neighbors becomes more than she can bear. Tormented by a bitter betrayal, Thomas has steeled himself against ever loving again--but he harbors a secret which leaves him in need of a wife. Will the truth about the other woman in Thomas's life destroy their marriage before it has even begun? Meet the Gardner Girls: Four devoted sisters must face pride, peril, and adventure before each finds a love that conquers all. The Gardner Girls series is composed of standalone stories which may be read in any order. *Mistakes Not to Make When Avoiding a Rake* is the first book in the series, but the second chronologically. Book Details No cheating, no cliffhangers, and a happily ever after. Heat Level: Sweet-with-Heat, Slow Burn

Twice a Rake

Lord Rotheby's Influence

Second Wind Publishing **Some scandals are meant to be . . . When Aurora Hyatt loses her journal in Hyde Park, her ruin is a foregone conclusion. After all, if anyone discovers her writings, they'll find scandalous fantasies involving the newest rake in Town alongside entirely-too-candid thoughts about her typical dreary suitors. Aurora will either be forced into a loveless marriage with the first nodcock to make an offer, or she'll be assigned a permanent position on the shelf. Oh, dear good Lord. What catastrophe will God smote down upon her next? If Niles Thornton, Baron Quinton, desires to maintain any semblance of his current lifestyle, he must fulfill the requirements his grandfather, Lord Rotheby, has set for him. First and foremost: he must marry and begin filling his nursery within the year. When he is nearly barreled over by a racing curricule and a journal flies out to land at his feet, his troubles are over. Inside the journals pages, Quin discovers a scandal waiting to happen. Surely a young lady who would write such brazen things in a journal (and then dare to lose**

it) must recognize the necessity of a hasty marriage, even if the gentleman making the offer is rather less-than-honorable. In a drunken haze, Quin kisses Aurora on a crowded ballroom floor, necessitating their immediate marriage. Quin's troubles are only beginning, however, as Aurora's writings are soon the focus of both gossip rags and drawing room conversation. When word arrives of an even greater scandal following in his wife's wake, will he prove himself a drunken abuser like his father, or will he become the loving husband of Aurora's fantasies?

One Night with a Rake

[Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) **For King and Country, Three Notorious Rakes Will Put All Their Seductive Skills to Work. After All, The Fate of England's Monarchy is in Their Hands. Since the death of his fiancée, Nathaniel Colton's polished boots have rested beneath the beds of countless wayward wives and widows of the ton. He's careful to leave each lady smiling, and equally careful to guard his heart. So seducing Lady Georgette should pose no problem. But the beautiful reformist is no easy conquest, and Nate's considerable charm fails to entice Georgette to his bed. To woo her, Nate will have to make her believe he cares about someone besides himself--and no one is more surprised than Nate when he realizes he actually does.**

Between a Rake and a Hard Place

[Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) **"Plenty of action and passionate, wicked adventures."—RT Book Reviews on One Night with a Rake Lady Serena's List of Forbidden Pleasures Attend an exclusively male club. Smoke a cigar. Have a fortune told by gypsies. Dance the scandalous waltz. Sir Jonah Sharp thinks Lady Serena Osbourne will be just like any other debutante, and seducing her will be one of the easiest services he's ever done for the Crown. Then he catches her wearing trousers and a mustache in his gentleman's club and she demands he teach her to smoke a cigar. But what will truly be Jonah's undoing is finding out he's an item on her list too, which makes him determined to bring her all the forbidden pleasures she can handle.**

Waking Up with a Rake

[Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) **The Fate of England's Monarchy Is In The Hands of Three Notorious Rakes. To prevent three royal dukes from marrying their way onto the throne, heroic, selfless agents for the crown will be dispatched...to seduce the dukes' intended brides. These wickedly debauched rakes will rumple sheets and cause a scandal. But they just might fall into their own trap... After he's blamed for a botched assignment during war, former cavalry officer Rhys Warrick turns his back on "honor." He spends his nights in brothels doing his best to live down to the expectations of his disapproving family. But one last mission could restore the reputation he's so thoroughly sullied. All he has to do is seduce and ruin Miss Olivia Symon and his military record will be cleared. For a man with Rhys's reputation, ravishing the delectably innocent miss should be easy. But Olivia's honesty and bold curiosity stir more than Rhys's desire. Suddenly the heart he thought he left on the battlefield is about to surrender...**

Bargaining with a Rake

[Darbyshire Publishing LLC](#) **A lady desperate to escape. A rogue out for vengeance. A secret alliance that ignites a passion that threatens to destroy their carefully laid plans. A lady desperate to escape. For eleven years, Gillian Rutherford has dreamed of escaping her family's dark secret and living a normal life. Now, faced with an unwelcome marriage that will chain her to London and the secret slowly killing her, she's frantic to save herself and the sister she adores. Salvation comes in the form of an American shipping tycoon, and all she must do is seduce him into marrying her. But Gillian's scheme hits a snag when she makes a bargain with a notorious rake. He'll help her win the hand of his American friend, if she'll assist him with exacting revenge against her unwanted fiancé. But the price of the pact, may be her heart. A rogue out for vengeance. When tragedy strikes his family, Alexander Trevelle, Marquess of Lionhurst, begins to plot revenge. Fate smiles upon him when the key to his success stumbles into his path behind a dark curtain in an odious ballroom. And when he discovers the ravishing chit's scheme to avoid wedding the object of his loathing by instead acquiring a proposal from Alex's business partner, he is only too happy to assist her. Yet as the plan is set into motion, so too is impossible attraction. The lady wishes to be wed, and Alex desires no part of a union that demands the engagement of his affection. An arrangement better broken. Despite their best efforts, Gillian and Alex discover that some temptations are too strong to resist, and when the ardor that simmers between them explodes, it might be the thing to devastate them. For the proud lady and the damaged rogue both hide secrets from each other, and as their common enemy**

positions himself to outmaneuver them, the only path to victory is to expose their carefully guarded weaknesses. If they can trust in each other, they may just find that the greatest triumph of all is that of true love.

The Sheik

A Novel

Buccaneer Books Diana Mayo is young, beautiful, wealthy--and independent. Bored by the eligible bachelors and endless parties of the English aristocracy, she arranges for a horseback trek through the Algerian desert. Two days into her adventure, Diana is kidnapped by the

A Relentless Rake

Sourcebooks, Inc. "Un-put-downable... This may be Harrington's best yet." —Publisher's Weekly STARRED Review For fans of Grace Burrowes, Sarah Maclean, and Bridgerton, USA Today bestselling author Anna Harrington brings you a sexy feminist historical romance with: An unapologetic rake attempting to cover up his past A rule-following heroine unafraid to speak her mind Thrilling action and mystery Passionate attraction that overrides their deepest resistance Notorious rake Alexander Sinclair, Earl of St James, takes pride in displaying his sins. When he's tasked by the Home Office with finding the men who attempted to assassinate the prime minister, his hunt leads him to Olivia Everett, a most proper schoolmistress who wants nothing to do with a profligate nobleman like him. Unknown to her, Olivia's brother Henry has been working with the revolutionary group planning to overthrow the government. Shocked and hoping to save her brother, Olivia agrees to help the persuasive earl. But the closer they get to uncovering the villains, the more Alec and Olivia will need to trust each other. Praise for Anna Harrington: "As steamy as it is luscious. My favorite kind of historical!"—Grace Burrowes, New York Times bestselling author, for Dukes Are Forever "A touching and tempestuous romance, with all the ingredients Regency fans adore."—Gaelen Foley, New York Times bestselling author, for Dukes Are Forever "Harrington is a rising star...plenty of both love and danger."—Booklist STARRED Review for An Inconvenient Duke

Last Night with the Duke

The Rakes of St. James

St. Martin's Paperbacks "St. Martin's Paperbacks historical romance"--Spine.

A Rake's Ruin

Devilish Lords Only the wildest woman can ruin a devilish lord... Claire is the dutiful, proper Cleveland sister, and the only one who's not embroiled in a scandal. Until now. With her sister's marriage to an earl, the weight of responsibility to save her family has been lifted from her shoulders, and for the first time in her life Claire is free. A rebelliousness she's long denied has her acting out in ways she would never have imagined. Like chasing her brother through the dark streets of London... and kissing her brother's best friend and notorious rake, Lord Nicholas. Nicholas thought he knew everything there was to know about his friend's proper and boring younger sister. Beautiful though she might be, Claire holds no allure for the worldly rogue. At least, not until he holds her in his arms. Could this passionate, daring, feisty woman be the same Claire Cleveland with the simpering smiles? Even more alarming, has the woman of his heart been right in front of his eyes this whole time? He may be late to realize that there is more to Claire than meets the eye, but now that he's seen her true nature, he'll do anything to keep her by his side. Even if that means marrying her.

Hugo and the Maiden

He thought he had it all-until she showed him exactly what he'd been missing?Hugo Buckingham was perfectly happy with the life he'd built for himself. With his steady clientele and co-ownership stake in the most exclusive brothel in London, he had everything he needed. But that was before. Before he was falsely convicted of a crime and tossed onto a ship to New South Wales. Before the ship went down and stranded him on the tiny island of Stroma.Before her.Miss Martha Pringle is everything he's not-virginal, kind, and sweet. A good person. She deserves so much better than the likes of him. But that doesn't stop him from wanting her, needing her, with an urgency that borders on terrifying.Now, Hugo has a choice to make. Should he go home, clear his name, and return to his old life-or stay with Martha and build a new one?But more importantly?will Martha even want him once she discovers what kind of man he really is?Hugo and the Maiden, book 3 in THE SEDUCERS series, is a sexy, angsty, historical romance featuring a hero who doesn't believe in true love and the innocent heroine who proves him wrong . Happily ever after guaranteed.

Mistaken for a Rake

A Regency Romance

Lady Rebecca, a Duke's daughter, is attracted to a man snubbed by society who could ruin her reputation. But she believes in him. Is that a mistake? The Duke of Landon has finally had to leave his estate to launch his three eldest daughters in London society. Having been something of a distant father, he finds the prospect rather difficult, until a chance meeting with one Lady Hayward. Forming an alliance, he leaves them in Lady Hayward's care. Rebecca, the eldest of the Duke's daughters, is determined to make a suitable match this Season. Looking for a practical arrangement rather than affection, she is surprised when Lady Hayward steers her away from the one gentleman she cannot seem to stop thinking about. Lord Jeffery Richmond spurned the advances of a lady of the ton and now has a poor reputation that is entirely unjustified. How can he save himself from ruin in society? And how can he pursue a relationship with the daughter of a Duke while in such a situation! Can he convince her that he is not the man society believes him to be? Or will she turn away from him entirely, leaving him heartbroken and alone? This is the first book in the Landon House series, where Lady Hayward and the Duke of Landon form an alliance to assist each other with difficulties of their family life. Get your copy today!

50 Ways to Ruin a Rake

[Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) **Book 1 of Rakes and Rogues** USA Today bestselling author Jade Lee delights readers with the first in a vibrant, saucy Regency romances series. Mellie Smithson has a plan... Mellie Smithson is trapped in the country with no suitors and no prospects on the horizon except, perhaps, the exasperating-although admittedly handsome-guest of her father. Unwilling to settle, Mellie will do anything to escape to London... Trevor Anaedsley has a problem... Trevor Anaedsley's grandfather has cut off his funds until he gets engaged. Beset by creditors, Trevor escapes to the country-ostensibly to visit his old tutor Mr. Smithson-where he meets Smithson's lovely daughter Mellie. The obvious solution is suddenly before him-but will this fake engagement go as Trevor and Mellie plan? Or will they find that even the best laid plans often go awry? Celebrate the 80th birthday of Regency Romance with great books from Sourcebooks Casablanca! Rakes and Rogues Series: 50 Ways to Ruin a Rake (Book 1) One Rogue at a Time (Book 2) The Richer the Rogue (Book 3) Praise for 50 Ways to Ruin a Rake: "Lee creates a wonderful read full of madness and mayhem..." -RT Book Reviews, 4 1/2 Stars "With its wonderfully whimsical characters and fanciful plot, Lee's latest...is tailor-made for readers who like their Regency-set historicals served up with plenty of frothy fun." -Booklist "Full of witty banter and steamy love scenes, Lee will keep you entranced until the very end." -Historical Romance Lover, 5 Stars

My Fake Rake

The Union of the Rakes

[HarperCollins](#) "[A] feast of female empowerment, positive friendships, feel-good moments, and social satire." — NPR "A jolt of electricity, a blast of fresh air—everything delightful and exciting you could want it to be." — The New York Times Book Review Meet the Union of the Rakes—a new Regency romance series inspired by the Breakfast Club and other classic 80s films! In the first book, a bluestocking enlists a faux suitor to help her land an ideal husband only to be blindsided by real desire... Lady Grace Wyatt is content as a wallflower, focusing on scientific pursuits rather than the complications of society matches. But when a handsome, celebrated naturalist returns from abroad, Grace wishes, for once, to be noticed. Her solution: to "build" the perfect man, who will court her publicly and help her catch his eye. Grace's colleague, anthropologist Sebastian Holloway, is just the blank slate she requires. To further his own research on English society, Sebastian agrees to let Grace transform him from a bespectacled, bookish academic into a dashing—albeit fake—rake. Between secret lessons on how to be a rogue and exaggerated public flirtations, Grace's feelings for Sebastian grow from friendship into undeniable, inconvenient, real attraction. If only she hadn't asked him to help her marry someone else... Sebastian is in love with brilliant, beautiful Grace, but their bargain is complete, and she desires another. Yet when he's faced with losing her forever, Sebastian will do whatever it takes to tell her the truth, even if it means risking his own future—and his heart. *One of Oprah Magazine's Best Historical Romances to Read*

How the Rake Tempted the Lady : A Steamy Historical Regency Romance

[Laura A. Barnes](#) Love at first sight can sweep you away into a ... She lost her heart to him the first time they met. He kept falling harder for her whenever their paths crossed. After her uncle secures her engagement to another gentleman, can they find their way back to one another? Gemma Holbrooke had waited anxiously to enjoy a Season in London and to fall magically in love. When her uncle granted her wish, she dreamed of the beautiful gowns she would wear, the dances around the ballroom floors, and of all the handsome gentlemen who would court her. Before they traveled to London, her uncle hosted a house party, and one guest in particular changed her every aspiration. A handsome lord who avoided her at all costs. His bold stare tempted Gemma to discover the depth of their burning attraction. When her uncle forbade any contact with her true love, Gemma defied the strictures of society. At every opportunity she risked her reputation to be held in his arms, but too many obstacles stood in their way of happiness. Can Gemma outwit her uncle to secure the groom of her choice? Barrett Ralston scoffed whenever he heard anyone mention they fell in love at first sight. Such an act never existed. That was until he caught sight of Gemma Holbrooke. A siren disguised as an innocent debutante who lured him closer with every smile. Then everything he ever believed in changed in the blink of a kiss that knocked him to his knees. When her uncle issued a demand to stay clear from his niece, Barrett decided to tempt the beauty into a scandalous affair. At every secret rendezvous, their soft kisses and gentle caresses heated into a passion out of their control. But when Barrett's secret assignment to recover a stolen coin crossed over into their love affair, it broke their fragile connection. Can Barrett stop the threat from destroying Gemma's love for him? Soul mates meeting for the first time. A temptation that cannot be denied. A love like no other. Will Gemma and Barrett allow others to control their destiny? Or will they defy all the odds against them? How the Rake Tempted the Lady is the third book in Laura A. Barnes's Matchmaking Madness Series. If you enjoy reading love at first sight romances filled with steamy scenes, then you'll love Gemma & Barrett's romantic story full of temptation. Treat yourself to How the Rake Tempted the Lady today!

The Dangerous Lover

Gothic Villains, Byronism, and the Nineteenth-century Seduction Narrative

[Ohio State University Press](#) "The Dangerous Lover takes seriously the ubiquity of the brooding romantic hero - his dark past, his remorseful and rebellious exile from comfortable everyday living. Deborah Lutz traces the recent history of this figure, through the melancholy iconoclasm of the Romantics, the lost soul redeemed by love of the Brontes, and the tormented individualism of twentieth-century love narratives. The Dangerous Lover is the first book-length study of this pervasive literary hero; it also challenges the tendency of sophisticated philosophical readings of popular narratives and culture to focus on male-coded genres. In its conjunction of high and low literary forms, this volume explores new historical and cultural framings for female-coded popular narratives."--BOOK JACKET.

Submitting to the Rake

Wicked Hot Erotic Romance

Em Brown **A meddling Regency miss gets a set-down from the rakish Earl of Blythe, but can she resist his more wicked intentions?**

Daring the Duke

Harper Collins **DARING THE DUKE (APB) Anne Mallory** When we last saw Stephen Chalmers he was recovering from the attempt on his life by a ring of royal traitors. Since then he's successfully inherited a title, but he's yet to discover the identity of the mysterious rescuer responsible for saving his life. He's also yet to discover the secret identity of the criminal he's been hunting for years: an infamous thief who disappeared from the London scene years ago, only to return recently and act more brazenly than ever. And though he doesn't have the thief in his clutches yet, he's closer than ever. Orphaned and responsible for her younger sister, Audrey Kendrick had no choice but to turn to a life of crime in order to survive. It wasn't long before the clever, beautiful young woman became England's most notorious thief. Her true identity had never been discovered, not even by Stephen Chalmers, the disarming young Duke who had followed her for years. ISBN: 0060762233 ARP: \$14.95 178x111mm 384pp January 2006 Release

The Spinster and the Rake

Entangled: Amara **My Fair Lady meets Pride and Prejudice with a twist! Escape to Regency England with USA Today bestselling author Eva Devon.**

The Good Girl's Guide To Rakes (Last Chance Scoundrels, Book 1)

HarperCollins UK **A society darling A rake never far from scandal A deal that will change everything... 'Eva Leigh once again displays her literary prowess for creating marvelously memorable characters and crafting sensuality-forward love stories.'** Booklist

An Inconvenient Duke

Sourcebooks, Inc. **A steamy feminist Regency romance from acclaimed author Anna Harrington. All's fair in war...and in love... "We all make mistakes." His sensuous lips twisted in amusement, and he murmured a bit too huskily for comfort, "Didn't feel like a mistake to me." He kept his gaze locked onto hers as he raised the glass to take a sip. "We kissed last night, and I strongly suspect that we both want to do it again." His head tilted slightly as he studied her. "If I came around this desk and took you into my arms, would you stop me?"** Marcus Braddock, former general and newly appointed Duke of Hampton, is back from war. Now, not only is he surrounded by the utterly unbearable ton, he's mourning the death of his beloved sister, Elise. Marcus believes his sister's death wasn't an accident, and he's determined to learn the truth—starting with Danielle Williams, his sister's beautiful best friend. Danielle is keeping deadly secrets of her own. She has dedicated her life to a charity that helps abused women—the same charity Elise was working for the night she died. When Danielle's work puts her life in danger, Marcus comes to her rescue. But Danielle may not be the one in need of rescuing... Praise for Anna Harrington: "As steamy as it is luscious. My favorite kind of historical!"—GRACE BURROWES, New York Times bestselling author, for Dukes Are Forever "Enchanting...Harrington combines suspenseful mystery and charming romance in this compulsively readable treat."—Publishers Weekly **STARRED REVIEW** "A touching and tempestuous romance, with all the ingredients Regency fans adore."—GAELEN FOLEY, New York Times bestselling author, for Dukes Are Forever

Married to the Rake

Wallflowers and rakes do seldom mix well. Miss Chloe Larkin is completely assured of that. Especially when said rake is a member of the Waverly family--the people responsible for a feud that has been ongoing since practically the dawn of time. But he comes offering a deal...The centuries-old feud between the Larkins and the Waverlys has taken its toll. Brook Waverly wants this fight solved. Now. His ageing father cannot take much more of the stress and he's determined the problem shall be resolved before he comes to inherit. So he needs her help...Chloe is distrustful of Mr. Waverly--and rightly so. Not only is he her lifelong enemy but he has a reputation that would make the most experienced of women blush. And boy does he make this wallflower blush! However, she has little interest in continuing the silly feud and, with her little brother set to inherit one day and her father's failing health, the sooner it is all over, the better. Working with the handsome, and far too charming Mr. Waverly to get their fathers to come to an agreement is...interesting. Especially when he seems to be less concerned with ending the feud and more interested in her. Can she really trust him or is this just another way for his family to get their revenge on hers? If you love enemies to lovers and rakes with a heart of gold, buy *Married to the Rake* today!

Never Deny a Duke

A Witty Regency Romance

Zebra Books From New York Times bestselling author Madeline Hunter comes the fabulous finale in her *Decadent Dukes Society* trilogy about three untamable dukes and the strong, alluring women who ignite their decadent desires. A woman seeks to reclaim the land she believes was unfairly stripped from her family by the Duke who now refuses to return the land to her. A classic and witty battle of wills ensues as only Madeline Hunter can deliver. **HE IS THE LAST DUKE STANDING . . .** the sole remaining bachelor of the three self-proclaimed Decadent Dukes. Yet Davina MacCallum's reasons for searching out the handsome Duke of Brentworth have nothing to do with marriage. Scottish lands were unfairly confiscated from her family by the Crown and given to his. A reasonable man with vast holdings can surely part with one trivial estate, especially when Davina intends to put it to good use. Brentworth, however, is as difficult to persuade as he is to resist. The Duke of Brentworth's discretion and steely control make him an enigma even to his best friends. Women especially find him inscrutable and unapproachable—but also compellingly magnetic. So when Davina MacCallum shows no signs of being even mildly impressed by him, he is intrigued. Until he learns that her mission in London involves claims against his estate. Soon the two of them are engaged in a contest that allows no compromise. When duty and desire collide, the best laid plans are about to take a scandalous turn—into the very heart of passion . . . Madeline Hunter's novels are: "Brilliant, compelling. . . . An excellent read." —The Washington Post "Mesmerizing." —Publishers Weekly "Pure passion." —Booklist

The Theory of Earls

Independently Published "Chemise. Stockings. Piano." Three words, uttered by the beautifully rakish Lord Welles, leave Margaret Lainscott speechless. His improper request, that she play the piano for him in her...underthings is as shocking as it is titillating. Margaret should never have asked his help in reintroducing her to Lord Carstairs. But his friend meets all of Margaret's criteria for a husband; passably attractive, of below-average intelligence, and possessed of an obsessive outdoor hobby which will leave her free to pursue her own life. Welles is one of London's most committed bachelors, known for his notorious dealings with women and his part ownership of one of London's pleasure clubs. He's long admired Miss Lainscott's unrestrained passion at the piano; a passion he suspects is not reserved only for her music. Welles is certain Miss Lainscott will not entertain his improper request despite the attraction burning between them. A young lady such as Miss Lainscott would never ruin herself willingly. And Welles? Nothing would make him compromise his heart... Until a duet with a passionate pianist changes his mind. *The Theory of Earls* is a steamy, sexy regency romance with a guaranteed happily ever after and the first in a new series, *The Beautiful Barringtons* by Kathleen Ayers.

Lust and Longing Collection - Book 1-3

Steamy Regency Romance

Emilie Jacobsen **Winter Hearts:** Caroline knew that she should look away, but it felt like his brown eyes had captivated hers and would not let go of them. Just as she would not have been able to leave, if he had held on to her wrist. The notion was absurd, and she pried her eyes from his to look at his dark grey jacket instead. The fit was perfect, she could tell. Only the finest tailors in London could achieve a fit like that. As a blizzard catches Caroline in an inn without money for food or a room, she sees no other option than to find a man to spend the night with. In the crowded public room of the inn, she chooses Hugh, a wealthy man that she seems to have an instant connection with. He lets her stay in his room and when she becomes ill during the night, he hires a doctor for her. The attraction between them is undeniable, but Caroline feels certain that Hugh only wants her to be his mistress. Nevertheless, as her feelings starts to evolve, her hope starts to grow. **A Second Wedding Night:** "What is going to happen tomorrow night is not going to be pleasant," Millie's mother said on the eve before her wedding. Millie sat back startled but did not say anything. "It will most likely hurt," her mother went on as she was looking at a candle instead of Millie. "But your husband won't want to know about that. He will want to take his own pleasure from your body. You can only pray that he merely wants to do it once." Millie felt her jaw go slack. That sounded even more terrifying than what she had been expecting. After Millie receives disastrous advice from her mother on the night before her wedding, the marriage between her and Charles Montagu, the sixth duke of Camborne, takes a different turn than what it might have. Given that the two of them genuinely like each other and are attracted to each other. Ten years later they have formed a friendship: Millie helps Charles with his speeches for the House of Lords and Charles finds that he has the perfect wife except for one aspect: what happens or rather doesn't happen in the bedroom. A chance encounter at Charles' mistress makes it possible for them to finally talk their marriage over. Giving them the opportunity for a second wedding night. **An Impotent Rake:** The former courtesan Alicia has spent the past three years building a business as a woman that helped people of the upper classes with their sexual difficulties. Even though she is used to receiving a number of people, she is surprised when one of London's biggest rakes, Miles Stanhope, the seventh earl of Lindley, seeks her out, needing her help to cure his impotence before his wedding. The two had slept together once six years ago and as they start to work on Miles' problem, they find that the attraction is still there. They start an affair, but it quickly becomes apparent to both of them that there is more to it than simply sex. But can a rake that doesn't believe in love fall in love himself?

The Rake

Lessons in Love

Harper Collins **A Regency romp** about a young lady who vows revenge on the rakish lord who loved and left her, only to find herself unexpectedly caught in Cupid's net along with the handsome viscount when her plan to love and leave him backfires.

That Wicked Harlot

A Steamy Regency Romance

In this steamy Regency romance, Darcy Sherwood holds her own among the cads and rakes who frequent the dubious gaming hall where she works. When she has the opportunity to exact revenge upon the family who wronged her sister, she intends to provide the arrogant Baron Broadmoor the biggest set-down of his life...by requiring him to be her suitor. But when Lord Broadmoor begins to play his role too well, can she resist falling for the man she's supposed to hate? Radcliff Barrington, the Baron Broadmoor, has no intention of quietly submitting to Miss Sherwood-even if she does hold the deed that could ruin his family. He intends to turn the tables on Miss Sherwood. She must surrender the deed or surrender herself... If you love Georgette Heyer, think of this book as a super-sexy tribute to *Faro's Daughter!*

The Taming Of The Rake

[HarperCollins Australia](#) Charming, wealthy and wickedly handsome, Oliver 'Beau' Blackthorn has it allexcept revenge on the enemy he cannot forget. Now the opportunity for retribution has fallen into his hands. But his success hinges on Lady Chelsea Mills-Beckman the one woman with the power to distract him from his quest. Desperate to escape her family's control, Lady Chelsea seizes the chance to run off with the notorious eldest Blackthorn brother, knowing she's only a pawn in his game. But as Beau draws her deep into a world of intrigue, danger and explosive passion, does she dare hope he'll choose love over vengeance?

Midnight Marriage

A Georgian Historical Romance

[Sprigleaf](#) **One of the 20 Most Romantic Books Ever, According to BookBub Members** Inspired by real events, a secretly arranged marriage establishes a dynasty. After years in exile, Julian returns to claim a bride he doesn't know. To his delight, he discovers she is everything he'd hoped for. Unaware they are already married, Deb is content with her independent life. Julian's challenge is to have her accept him on his merit, even though she has no choice at all. The future of the Roxton dukedom depends upon it. Set in the opulent world of the Georgian aristocracy, Lucinda Brant delivers another lavish 18th century experience in her trademark style—heart-wrenching drama with a happily ever after. Character-driven romantic adventure Non-explicit, mild sensuality Story length 100,000 words (not including bonus material) Reviews Lucinda Brant's sweeping family sagas are a perfect reminder of why I fell in love with historical romance —Cheryl Bolen, New York Times bestselling author You will once again be reminded why Lucinda Brant's books are such a treasure. —SWurman, Night Owl Reviews 5 STAR TOP PICK The energy starts on page one and never lets up. Twists and turns, dramatic revelations, and some enjoyable chaos make this a book that keeps the reader turning pages. Highly recommended! — Fiona Ingram, Readers' Favorite 5 STAR MEDAL WINNER Lucinda Brant fully immerses the reader in the world of Georgian England, keeping you turning pages, or listening late into the night as the case may be. For those historical romance fans who have been gobsmacked by Nicholas Boulton (as a narrator), I am thrilled to report that Alex Wyndham is every bit as good. His narrative voice is deep and lovely. I unreservedly recommend that you listen to Midnight Marriage.—Lady Wesley, Romantic Historical Reviews audiobook review Accolades B.R.A.G. Medallion Honoree Readers' Favorite Audiobook Silver Medal Winner Readers' Favorite International Book Award Finalist

Pursued by the Rake

Welcome to the new series Season of Scandal by USA Today Bestselling Author Mary Lancaster! Four innocent young ladies-in-waiting to the Princess of Wales spend the night sheltering from a wild party in her residence - only to discover in the morning that Her Highness was never there. And the news is already out. The ladies flee the scene to fight as best they can for their lost reputations. And to confront the man who tricked them. Pursued by the Rake (Book 1) If her reputation is false, is his? Hazel is ruined. With no money, no near family, and the stagecoach to her old governess's home vanishing into the distance, she is forced to accept the help of the one man she never wished to set eyes on again. To Hazel, the handsome and respected diplomat Sir Joseph Sayle is an infamous rake who took advantage of the princess she served. She hates his arrogance as much as his inexplicable effect on her senses. Under normal circumstances she would never have dreamed of setting foot in his curricle, least of all when he was, by his own admission, "not entirely sober" after a night's carousing. However, the journey in his relaxed company is unexpectedly fun, and when they reach their destination and are threatened by a parcel of eccentric children with a pistol, he enters the adventure with enthusiasm. It seems Sir Joe is much more than the man Hazel thought him. Amusing, kind, and passionate, he and his elegant pursuit provide exciting distractions to her woes. But flirting with him is a dangerous game, and by the time they face the trickster responsible for her ruin, her heart is already lost. Read for Free in Kindle Unlimited! Season of Scandal Book 1 - Pursued by the Rake Book 2 - Abandoned to the Prodigal Book 3 - Married to the Rogue Book 4 - Unmasked by her Lover

Her Prodigal Passion (Mayhem in Mayfair, #4)

[Grace Callaway Books](#) "Grace Callaway is a remarkable writer." -- Love Romance Passion A Diamond in the Rough Merchant's daughter Charity Sparkler is a sensible miss who harbors one secret folly: she's in love with her best friend's brother. She knows that the worldly rake will never return a wallflower's affections, yet when destiny throws them together, she discovers that passion can be the greatest of equalizers ... and love can be more than a dream. A Hero in the Making Gentleman turned prizefighter Paul Fines battles his demons through boxing, drink, and women. When an act of disgrace nearly destroys him, he begins the road to redemption—only to accidentally compromise his sister's spinster friend. Honor bound to a marriage of convenience, he is stunned to discover that lust can heat a bridal boudoir ... and love can mend a jaded heart. A Marriage About to Become Inconvenient As an ugly duckling and a reformed rake fight for love, secrets unfold that could threaten their future. Can she forgive a past betrayal and recognize her own beauty? Can he find redemption in the boxing ring? Will steamy nights of Her Prodigal Passion turn into happily ever after? ~~~ Her Prodigal Passion is the 4th book in the Mayhem in Mayfair series, which features hot romance, fun and feel-good happily ever afters, and intriguing mystery and adventure. This book can be read as a stand-alone novel and is also part of a series. The chronological order for Grace's series follows below: Mayhem in Mayfair series (hot Regency romance): Book 1: Her Husband's Harlot (Helena & Nicholas) Book 2: Her Wanton Wager (Percy & Gavin) Book 3: Her Protector's Pleasure (Marianne & Ambrose) Book 4: Her Prodigal Passion (Charity & Paul) Heart of Enquiry (Kent family saga) series (hot historical romance): Prequel Novella: The Widow Vanishes (Will & Annabel) Book 1: The Duke Who Knew Too Much (Alaric & Emma) Book 2: M is for Marquess (Gabriel & Thea) Book 3: The Lady Who Came in from the Cold (Marcus & Penny) Book 4: The Viscount Always Knocks Twice (Richard & Violet) Book 5: Never Say Never to an Earl (Sinjin & Polly) Book 6: The Gentleman Who Loved Me (Andrew & Primrose) Game of Dukes series (hot historical romance): Book 1: The Duke Identity (Harry & Tessa) Book 2: Enter the Duke (Ransom & Maggie) Book 3: Regarding the Duke (Garrity & Gabby, Preorder now!) The Chronicles of Abigail Jones (hot Victorian paranormal romance): Book 1: Abigail Jones Keywords: wallflower, ugly duckling, cinderella, virgin heroine, marriage of convenience, friends to lovers, family saga, series, prizefighter, tortured rake, London, Mayfair, humor, mystery, adventure, suspense, action

Her Wanton Wager (Mayhem in Mayfair, #2)

[Grace Callaway Books](#) A game of seduction. An epic battle of wits. In this steamy enemies to lovers romance, the winner takes all... "Fun, sexy and very enjoyable!" --Five-star review from Love Romance Passion A Wager She Can't Afford to Lose When her brother falls into the clutches of gamester Gavin Hunt, feisty heiress Persephone Fines will do whatever it takes to save him. Hunt offers her an outrageous proposition: he will release her brother... if she can resist six nights of seduction. Can she withstand the scoundrel's wicked charm—and the shocking desire he rouses with each touch? A Bet He's Determined to Win A product of London's violent stews, Gavin Hunt has clawed his way to success and power. Now he will stop at nothing to achieve his life-long goal: revenge upon the man who betrayed him. He plans to seduce his enemy's sister... but doesn't count on losing his heart. Will he give up his need for vengeance—or risk forsaking the only woman he's ever loved? From Six Nights... to Forever As the battle of the sexes rages on and seduction flares into uncontrollable passion, Gavin and Percy must also fight a hidden enemy. Only by trusting one another can they defeat the threats of past and present. In this high-stakes game of love versus sin, what will be the outcome of... Her Wanton Wager? Length: Full-length novel (over 90K words) Sensuality: This is a hot historical romance with steamy love scenes ~~~ Her Wanton Wager is the 2nd book in the Mayhem in Mayfair series, which features hot romance, fun and feel-good happily ever afters, and intriguing mystery and adventure. This book can be enjoyed as a stand-alone novel and is also part of a series. The chronological order for Grace's series follows below: Mayhem in Mayfair series: Book 1: Her Husband's Harlot (Helena & Nicholas) Book 2: Her Wanton Wager (Percy & Gavin) Book 3: Her Protector's Pleasure (Marianne & Ambrose) Book 4: Her Prodigal Passion (Charity & Paul) Heart of Enquiry (Kent family saga) series: Prequel Novella: The Widow Vanishes (Will & Annabel) Book 1: The Duke Who Knew Too Much (Alaric & Emma) Book 2: M is for Marquess (Gabriel & Thea) Book 3: The Lady Who Came in from the Cold (Marcus & Penny) Book 4: The Viscount Always Knocks Twice (Richard & Violet) Book 5: Never Say Never to an Earl (Sinjin & Polly) Book 6: The Gentleman Who Loved Me (Andrew & Primrose) Game of Dukes series: Book 1: The Duke Identity (Harry & Tessa) Book 2: Enter the Duke (Ransom & Maggie) Book 3: Regarding the Duke (Garrity & Gabby, Preorder now!) Chronicles of Abigail Jones (hot Victorian paranormal romance): Book 1: Abigail Jones Keywords: virgin, innocent heroine, tortured rake hero, family saga, series, mystery, adventure, suspense, intrigue, sexy steamy hot romance, Regency, Victorian, revenge, duke, marquess, aristocracy

A Love Match for the Marquess

Find the perfect wife? Check. Marry the lady? Check. Move on with life? ... This Marquess' marriage is not turning out the way he expected. His fiery bride has won his hand, now can she win his heart? To have and to hold Vivacious, bold, beautiful Madison Hutton is an instant success when she arrives in London for her debut season. While she has caught the eye of many an eligible bachelor, her head is not so easily turned. Madison is looking for one thing: a true love marriage. When she meets Henry, a dashing young marquess, she thinks she has found her perfect match... After years of wild bachelorhood, Henry is ready to find a suitable wife and settle down. The enchanting Madison checks all the boxes: smart, outgoing, sweet. She will make the perfect marchioness. The raging attraction between them? That is a bonus. To find a love that is true But as the wedding bells fade, Madison and Henry both realize marriage is not as easy as they thought it would be. And the person they married? A stranger, a rake, a partner...a true love? ----- The Hesitant Husbands is a steamy Regency romance series. Each book can be read and enjoyed as a stand-alone romance novel. A Love Match for the Marquess is Book 3 in the series, but the first story chronologically.

Rules for Heiresses

[Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) USA Today bestselling author Amalie Howard whisks you away with a historical romance full of drama, true love, and the perfect happily ever after. Readers will devour this tale of: A rebellious heiress determined to be independent A shunned duke forced to return to his family estate And a scandal between them that will have the whole town aflutter Sometimes, finding love means flouting the rules... Born to a life of privilege, Lady Ravenna Huntley rues the day that she must marry. She's refused dozens of suitors and cried off multiple betrothals, but running away—even if brash and foolhardy—is the only option left to secure her independence. Lord Courtland Chase, grandson of the Duke of Ashvale, was driven from England at the behest of his cruel stepmother. Scorned and shunned, he swore never to return to the land of his birth. But when a twist of bad luck throws a rebellious heiress into his arms, at the very moment he finds out he's the new Duke, marriage is the only alternative to massive scandal. Both are quick to deny it, but a wedding might be the only way out for both of them. And the attraction that burns between them makes Ravenna and Courtland wonder if it'll truly only be a marriage of convenience after all... Praise for Amalie Howard: "Her writing sparkles."—LISA KLEYPAS, New York Times bestselling author "Smart, sexy, deliciously feminist romance that I couldn't put down."—SARAH MACLEAN, New York Times bestselling author, for The Beast of Beswick "Amalie Howard is the fresh voice historical romance needs right now."—KERRIGAN BYRNE, USA Today bestselling author

Rogue's Kiss

[Createspace Independent Publishing Platform](#) Would a potential suitor be bolder if he were told the object of his desire had only six months to live? Sweet, pretty Thea Brightwell's dull, quiet life with her crotchety aunt is about to be turned upside down by a visit to Bath and a chance encounter with handsome Mr Grayling. However, the fledgeling affair is quickly nipped in the bud by Thea's aunt who has no intention of losing her unpaid nurse and companion, while Mr Grayling regrettably acknowledges he needs to marry an heiress to restore his family's crumbling fortunes. Unbeknownst to penniless Thea, she has an unlikely champion in her well-meaning but 'not-too-bright' Cousin Bertram who has decided to play matchmaker. If the lack of a dowry is the only impediment to Mr Grayling making an offer of marriage, Bertram reasons the gentleman would play a riskier hand if he were told that the damsel he covets were destined for her deathbed within six months? Crotchety maiden aunts, love letters gone astray, and 'old flames' appearing from the woodwork lead to a most disconcerting outcome! ROGUE'S KISS can be read as a stand-alone. It follows award-winning racy Regency romp RAKE'S HONOUR. Rake's Honour: Book 1 Book 2: Rogue's Kiss Book 3: Devil's Run What Readers are Saying about the series: "I LOVED beautiful Thea's story and couldn't put it down losing hours of sleep!" "The unexpected twist at the end made me smile and think...yes that's perfect." "Nicely written and enjoyable Historical romance with a little steam." *Note: Due to the respective natures of the various Brightwell heroines, Rogue's Kiss is sensual rather than steamy while Rake's Honour is hot and steamy.

To Love a Marquis Reformed Rakes

Miranda Jayne Whittier flees to London, escaping marriage to the Marquis of Melbourne, a man she's never met who is surrounded in rumors she can't overlook. With the last of her pin money spent, she accepts employment at Lady Constance's House of Reform. Assigned to Viscount Harken, a handsome but difficult man who doesn't make their association easy, she is determined to help him and, in the process, solidify her position. She soon discovers he deserves better than he believes. Anson Greenleaf, Marquis of Melbourne, thought collecting his betrothed would be a simple matter, but he'd been wrong. Miss Whittier has taken on a position in the city, which presents him with a unique opportunity. Using one of his lesser known titles, he poses as a client. Instead of learning why she ran from him, he finds himself drawn to her and is determined to charm her. Before long, he forms an intense desire for her. One he must fight. When Miranda discovers the Marquis of Melbourne followed her to London, she fights against the need to leave the position she loves and the man she's come to care for. As her life falls apart, she's forced to give up the viscount. When she learns of the Marquis's deception, she realizes she can't marry him. After all, she knows exactly what he wants in a bride. And, she knows it's not her.

Once a Rake

When Ian Ferguson flees after being falsely accused of trying to assassinate the Duke of Wellington, he finds himself wounded and at the mercy of Lady Sarah Clarke, an impoverished country wife with secrets of her own.

The Rake

Kensington Publishing Corp. A woman holds the key to one man's destiny in this classic Regency romance from the legendary New York Times bestselling author. Disinherited and disgraced, Reginald Davenport's prospects cried for a dire end. But fate has given him one last chance at redemption—by taking his rightful place as the heir of Strickland, his lost ancestral estate. Davenport knows his way around women, yet nothing prepares him for his shocking encounter with Lady Alys Weston. Masquerading as a man in order to obtain a position as estate manager of Strickland, Alys fled a world filled with mistrust and betrayal. She was finished with men—until Strickland's restored owner awakens a passion she thought she would never feel. A passion that will doom or save them both . . . if only they can overcome their pasts . . . Praise for Mary Jo Putney "Putney's endearing characters and warm-hearted stories never fail to inspire and delight." —Sabrina Jeffries "A complex maze of a story twisted with passion, violence, and redemption. Miss Putney just gets better and better." —Nora Roberts "A gifted writer with an intuitive understanding of what makes romance work." —Amanda Quick "No one writes historical romance better." —Cathy Maxwell "Dynamite!" —Laura Kinsale

The Duke Redemption

Grace Callaway From USA Today & International Bestselling Author Grace Callaway A passionate night at a masquerade uncovers their deepest desires...but will the light of day destroy their perfect fantasy? Find out in this sensual and heart-melting twist on Beauty and the Beast! ~National Reader's Choice Award Finalist~ ~Maggie Award for Excellence Finalist~ ~NTRWA Carolyn Reader's Choice Award Finalist~ "You get all the feels in all the right places when reading a Grace Callaway book....The love affair between Wick and Bea is beautiful (and scorching)." -Angela, Goodreads A Lady Looking for Sin Once London's reigning debutante, Lady Beatrice Wodehouse is poised for a life of happiness when an accident shatters her dreams. Renamed Lady Beastly by vicious gossips, she flees loss and betrayal, escaping to the countryside. There, she finds solace in anonymity and discovers new purpose, turning her estate into a haven for society's outcasts. Yet a shard of her old dream remains: she yearns for a taste of forbidden passion... A Gentleman in Search of Redemption Once London's most feckless rake, Wickham Murray has fought to redeem his honor and prove that he is more than a shallow Adonis. Now a railway industrialist, he's as renowned for his prowess in the boardroom as in the bedchamber. His latest venture will be the greatest success of his career: the only obstacle is a stubborn country spinster who refuses to sell him her land. On his way to negotiate with her, he stops at a masquerade, where an encounter with a masked lady changes everything he thought he knew about

desire... Their Timeless Tale Negotiations go from heated to scorching as Bea and Wick discover that they are not only opponents in business but lovers bonded by a night of ecstasy that neither can forget. As they wrestle with all-consuming passion and blossoming love, they must also contend with deadly attacks from a mysterious foe. In order to survive, they will have to unravel dark secrets...and trust the truth of their own hearts. The Duke Redemption is the 4th book in the Game of Dukes series, which features hot, sexy romance, fun and feel-good happily ever afters, and intriguing mystery and adventure. This book can be enjoyed as a stand-alone novel and is also part of a series. The chronological order for Grace's series follows below: Game of Dukes series (hot historical romance): Book 1: The Duke Identity (Harry & Tessa) Book 2: Enter the Duke (Ransom & Maggie) Book 3: Regarding the Duke (Garrity & Gabby) Book 4: The Duke Redemption (Wickham & Beatrice) Book 5: The Return of the Duke (Knight & Fancy) Heart of Enquiry (Kent family saga) series (hot Regency romance): Prequel Novella: The Widow Vanishes (Will & Annabel) Book 1: The Duke Who Knew Too Much (Alaric & Emma) Book 2: M is for Marquess (Gabriel & Thea) Book 3: The Lady Who Came in from the Cold (Marcus & Penny) Book 4: The Viscount Always Knocks Twice (Richard & Violet) Book 5: Never Say Never to an Earl (Sinjin & Polly) Book 6: The Gentleman Who Loved Me (Andrew & Primrose) Mayhem in Mayfair series (hot Regency romance): Book 1: Her Husband's Harlot (Helena & Nicholas) Book 2: Her Wanton Wager (Percy & Gavin) Book 3: Her Protector's Pleasure (Marianne & Ambrose) Book 4: Her Prodigal Passion (Charity & Paul)