

The Duke Of Ruin Reluctant Regency Brides Book 1

When handsome army officer Avery Fox unexpectedly inherits a fortune, he instantly becomes one of the season's most eligible bachelors. More accustomed to the battlefield, he has no patience with the naive debutantes who fill the ballrooms of London. Honest and impetuous Lady Lucy Radley is a breath of fresh air, guiding him through the season and helping him to avoid any traps. So when Avery is left with little option but to marry Lucy, he can't help but feel he's been manipulated. Nor can he shake the feeling that a duke's daughter should be out of his reach. From the wildly beautiful Scottish Highlands to the elegant soirées of Paris, Avery and Lucy go on a journey that is full of surprises for them both. But will their feelings for each other be strong enough to overcome the circumstances of their marriage and survive the ghosts of Avery's past? 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. For lovers of Bridgerton.

Gareth Alexander, Marquis of Heathgate, has spent nine years indulging every whim allowed the wealthy and wanton—also grieving five family members who died in the boating accident that left him with the title. To meet an obligation to a deceased friend, Gareth, a confirmed rake, must teach Felicity Worthington, an equally confirmed spinster, how to manage a brothel. Time is running out to ensure Felicity has the security the business will provide, but Gareth becomes increasingly reluctant to ruin a woman he respects as much as he desires.

A delightful eNovella from New York Times bestselling author Sabrina Jeffries about a young woman who learns that you can't learn about love from a textbook. In "Ten Reasons to Stay," previously published in the anthology *The School for Heiresses*, lessons go far beyond etiquette and needlepoint. Eliza Crenshawe's lesson is to look before she leaps. But when she discovers that her new guardian plans to marry her off without so much as a Season, she forgets all that. She flees—on a horse she unwittingly steals (oops!)—from Colin Hunt, a newly minted earl who wants nothing more than for her to go home...or stay forever.

Vengeance permeates English Renaissance drama - for example, it crops up in all but two of Shakespeare's plays. This book explores why a supposedly forgiving Christian culture should have relished such bloodthirsty, vengeful plays. A clue lies in the plays' passion for fairness, a preoccupation suggesting widespread resentment of systemic unfairness - legal, economic, political and social. Revengers' precise equivalents - the father of two beheaded sons obliges his enemy to eat her two sons' heads - are vigilante versions of Elizabethan law, where penalties suit the crimes: thieves' hands were cut off, scolds' tongues bridled. The revengers' language of 'paying' hints at the operation of revenge in

the service of economic redress. Revenge makes contact with resistance theory, justifying overthrow of tyrants, and some revengers challenge the fundamental inequity of social class. Woodbridge demonstrates how, for all their sensationalism, their macabre comedy and outlandish gore, Renaissance revenge plays do some serious cultural work.

The connections among vagabondage and human labor, mobility, status, and behavior have placed vagrancy at the crossroads of a multitude of political, social, and economic processes. Vagrancy and homelessness have been used to examine a vast array of phenomena, from the migration of labor to social and governmental responses to poverty through charity, welfare, and prosecution. *Cast Out: Vagrancy and Homelessness in Global and Historical Perspective* is the first book to consider the shared global heritage of vagrancy laws, homelessness, and the historical processes they accompanied. *Cast Out* attempts to bridge some of the divides that have discouraged a world history of vagrancy and homelessness. This ambitious collection spans eight centuries, five continents, and several academic disciplines. The essays include discussions of the lives of the underclass, strategies for surviving and escaping poverty, the criminalization of poverty by the state, the rise of welfare and development programs, the relationship between imperial powers and colonized peoples, and the struggle to achieve independence after colonial rule. By juxtaposing these histories, the authors explore vagrancy as a common response to poverty, labor dislocation, and changing social norms, as well as how this strategy changed over time and adapted to regional peculiarities.

The Reluctant Wife by Bronwen Evans Abby Taylor walked out on her irresistible husband three years ago. Now she has no choice but to return to Italy to ask him for a favor. To pay for her grandmother's heart operation she needs his money, but it comes with strings attached. Conte Dante Lombardi has it all—an Italian villa, a successful family business, and a noble title. But he needs a child to carry on his legacy and time is running out. He also hopes to satisfy the desire Abby rouses in him. As Abby uncovers why he's in such a hurry for a child, she falls in love with him again ... just as she realizes it might be impossible to keep her end of the deal.

The last thing Evelyn Hughes ever thought she wanted was silence. Deemed as the socialite to emulate, she was ready to accept a proposal from the highest-ranking bachelor in London. Kenneth Silence was the fellow most ladies wanted, if they dared trust their heart to their future. He carries charisma on his shoulders like it's his genuine birthright, but he also carries the weight of knowing when someone isn't telling the truth. He is rarely wrong. With his talent to discern he is forced to rescue Evelyn from social ruin while at the dinner party of the season, much to her dismay. Months later, he finds her secretly living-independent of society-in a very meager cottage owned by his friend, the Duke of Huntsman. He knew the detective in him could not be restrained. Silence is pulled by the mystery, but finds Evelyn Hughes to be the greater draw. "This classic regency

romance is the perfect blend of romance and mystery, and it quickly carries the reader flawlessly into England's historical world." - Melanie Schertz, author of Jane Austen fan fiction

Mistress of Two Fortunes and a Duke is a full length Steamy Regency Romance novel and Book 2 in the Parvenues & Paramours series. "...a witty, humorous and thoroughly delightful romp through Regency times where behind the veneer of respectability, the nobility are anything but proper and straight-laced... a must read for anyone who loves strong female characters, adventure and steamy romance." --Margaret, an Amazon reviewer

Parental neglect and new money have been the making of parvenue heiress and incorrigible do-gooder, Tilly Ravelsham. She is bent on relieving poverty and forwarding the cause of liberty by whatever means necessary. True, she dabbles in the demimonde. True, she breaks into houses. True, she conducts scandalous enterprises and an affair that could ruin her socially, if her enemy exposes her. But is that all so very wrong? Despite falling in love with Mr. Rutherford, a delicious man about town, Tilly is bound in a secret pact to the man about to marry her. She didn't mean to fall for Rutherford, and breaking his heart is making her wretchedly unhappy. Then she realizes that her actions and influence are slowly destroying him. She knows she should set him free so that he might be happy with another, but her heart refuses to let go. Tilly is growing tired of making sacrifices so that others may find happiness when she is miserable. Reluctant duke-to-be, Mr. Rutherford, has his life turned upside-down by the most fascinating, tempting and shocking woman he has ever met. But as merely seducing her has proved ineffective, Rutherford must find some other way of convincing her to marry him before she makes it to the altar with her rich-as-a-prince fiance. When Rutherford's love for the adventuress of his dreams gets him stabbed, pistol-whipped, unlawfully confined, and almost framed for a capital offence, will he conclude that there is such a thing as a young lady who is too interesting? Will he turn to the mysterious, beautiful widow his uncle has made him swear to protect? And will a concealed pregnancy or a murder be the powder keg that blows all of Tilly and Rutherford's plans and secrets wide open?

A governess and a duke could never be a good match, but the Duke of Harrogate will stop at nothing to save Miss Sophia Weston from a desperate situation. Miss Sophia Weston is left destitute after her father dies. Her brother and sister-in-law, Lord and Lady Brookridge, refuse to support her, even though it is their duty. When Sophia is forced to seek employment, she accepts a position as a governess for the widowed Duke of Harrogate. The duke's only daughter, Sarah, brings an immense amount of joy to Sophia. Soon enough, Sophia learns to accept her new situation and loves her daily interactions with her only pupil. However, Sophia also discovers that her feelings are growing for the duke, even though she knows the duke could never marry her. When Lord and Lady Brookridge learn about Sophia's whereabouts and her newfound happiness, they once again try to ruin her life with a scandal and take her away from everything

she has grown to love. When the Duke of Harrogate learns about the plan, he must choose between the governess and his own reputation. If you love clean and wholesome, Regency romances with a strong woman heroine and an inspirational romantic story, you will love *A Duke's Promise*. Authors Note: This is a clean, stand-alone romance with no cliffhangers.

He hunted for beauty. He wasn't prepared for love. "Entertaining, satisfying and sensuous." (All About Romance) There's a reason Ruan Bettancourt, the Duke of Cynssyr, has obtained the nickname Lord Ruin. In London for the season, his plan is to marry the most beautiful debutante on the marriage mart, and he always gets what he wants. Spinster Anne Sinclair is sensible, strong, and overlooked. On a night in which she vowed to protect her sister from the infamous Lord Ruin, she never expected to end up in bed with him. Forced into a marriage neither of them wanted, Anne and the Duke believe they have no hope of passion or love for the rest of their lives. When the rogue falls completely for his tall, bespectacled wife, it's up to him to convince Anne to relinquish her heart. Lord Ruin is the first book in The Sinclair Sisters saga, a series of Regency historical romance novels. If you like captivating, naughty, angst-ridden heroes and intelligent, complex, spine-steeled heroines, then you'll love Carolyn Jewel's steamy series. "Ms. Jewel's sensual, passionate and powerful love story keeps to the classic lines of the Regency historical while adding a fresh new voice." —Romantic Times "Spectacular! Carolyn Jewel is a masterful storyteller who creates stories filled with magic." —Romance and Friends "Entertaining, satisfying and sensuous." —All About Romance Keywords: Regency Romance, Regency Dukes, Forced marriage, steamy regency romance, Historical Romance with Duke, feel good romance

A historical novel about the ruin of an imaginary country called Kasch, set in the context of true events.

Four novellas in the best-selling Regimental Heroes Series by best-selling author, Jennifer Conner. It was a war. It was a duty. It was not a choice. Now, the men have returned to England. Nothing has changed, but everything is different. Will they find love in the women strong enough to help them battle their inner demons? Regimental Heroes Series Vol. 1 includes the short stories: The Duke and the Lost Night, The Reluctant Heir, The Wounded Nobleman and Redemption for a Rogue. The Duke and the Lost Night - Amelia arrives on the doorstep of her childhood friend, the Duke, in the middle of the night with an outrageous plan. If he agrees to ruin her, then she won't be required to marry the cad she doesn't love. Will Spencer do what she desires and go along with her idea, or does he have a very unexpected plan of his own? The Reluctant Heir - Clarke, the Earl of Garrison, has returned from war with a dark secret. He holds himself responsible for the death of the younger brother of the woman he loves. Will Adeline be able to unearth the truth as romance and intrigue deepens? Is she strong enough to help Clarke come to grips with the emotional damage and nightmares which plague him? The Wounded Nobleman - Ellis Garrison, the son

of an Earl, once had much more to offer the beautiful, Callie Dunning. Now he's returned from the war. The war that left him near death and forced to walk with a cane. When Callie nearly sacrifices her safety to save one of Ellis's new carriage horses from being shot by a stable hand, Ellis sees a change in Callie. She is not the spoiled, rich girl he knew. Damage is not always external. Some is inside the soul. Will Callie and Ellis rekindle the mutual attraction they once shared and be able to work through their wounds to give love another chance? Review: Ms. Conner strikes home with her Wounded Nobleman. Her battle scarred, Victorian hero connects with the modern reader's empathy for fighting men of all eras and what it takes to help heal them - Chris Karlsen Redemption for a Rogue - Told by everyone, including his father, he is slow-witted, Lord John Mitchell is willing to do almost anything to avoid helping run the family estate or care for his orphaned nephew. His lifelong battle learning to read and write has convinced him his father is right. After the death of her husband in the Crimean War, Vivienne Ravenhill needs financial stability for her son and herself. When Lord John's father suddenly dies, he is thrown into taking on the estate and the family's mill. Are John's learning disabilities something he can overcome in order to handle this responsibility? Will Vivienne find a place in his home...and his heart? An interesting look at tackling dyslexia in 1855.

He came to collect a debt. He left with a wife. Darius may be an ex-pirate and nameless bastard, but his word is his bond and damsels in distress are his weakness. In order to collect a large debt and rebuild his lost fortune, Darius takes Eliza Penfold as his wife. It's supposed to be a marriage of convenience, not passion. But from their first encounter, she stirs his blood like no other and Darius wonders if he can truly leave her behind. Deceived into a marriage contract with a dangerous man, Eliza is forced to admit she and her siblings need protection. She needs to let go of her wounded pride and flawed schemes if she's to survive. But when her protector is a vengeful pirate running a scheme of his own, she may be getting far more trouble than help. They're both hiding something and when one of England's most notorious and vicious criminals comes to call, lives will be in danger and loyalties will be put to the ultimate test...

BENJAMIN WAVERLEY, second son of the Duke of Townsend, knew he'd never marry. How could he? The moment some unsuspecting female took his name, the world might find out the despicable secret his family had been keeping and he'd be ruined. As far as he was concerned, his lot was cast. He would play the rake and that would be that. Until his father forced his hand in a marriage he knew would destroy not only him but his brilliant and beautiful bride. LADY RACHAEL NEWTON, daughter of the Earl of Kendrick, refused Benjamin Waverley's proposal not once but twice. He'd never have offered for her hand if he'd known the secret she kept from the entire world. Even her parents didn't know. Her weakness had ruined her once, but if her greater secret were found out her entire family would themselves suffer ruin. She wouldn't have it. But then, the matter wasn't hers to decide.

In Barbara Metzger's Valentines, three women find true love just in time for Valentine's Day, with a little help from Cupid, and in Margaret Evans Porter's Road to Ruin, lovely Nerissa loses her reputation and heart to notorious scoundrel Baron Dominic Blythe. Original.

When Lord Greene wagers his daughter's hand in marriage in a card game, no one is less surprised the woman herself. The only thing that shocks Olive is that the man that he has gambled her away to is none other than The Duke of Ruin. Rumours abound that the Sixth Duke of Everleigh callously murdered his late wife and killed her lover in a duel --and now Olive is to become his bride. Ruan Ashford took one look at Olive Greene and knew that he had to have her in his bed. The beautiful, auburn-haired temptress will make a perfect Duchess; there's only one problem - his new wife despises him. When a chance arises for Olive to disappear she readily grabs hold of it, and soon the Duke of Ruin is hunting the Cornish countryside for his runaway bride. When he finds her can he convince her that he's not the dreadful villain the world thinks him to be and that his love for her is real?

“Goodger writes romances that touch readers’ hearts and bring a smile to their day.” —RT Book Reviews The Brides of St. Ives The charming seaside town of St. Ives is hard to leave—but to save her family from ruin, one young woman must face a frightening unknown . . . 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

A year after the death of James I in 1625, a sensational pamphlet accused the Duke of Buckingham of murdering the king. It was an allegation that would haunt English politics for nearly forty years. In this exhaustively researched new book, two leading scholars of the era, Alastair Bellany and Thomas Cogswell, uncover the untold story of how a secret history of courtly poisoning shaped and reflected the political conflicts that would eventually plunge the British Isles into civil war and revolution. Illuminating many hitherto obscure aspects of early modern political culture, this eagerly anticipated work is both a fascinating story of political intrigue and a major exploration of the forces that destroyed the Stuart monarchy.

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England again. Summoned by an enigmatic message from her lover, Anne is drawn once more to the passion, the excitement and the deadly danger that Edward Plantagenet brings into her life. But now, the girl who was once a penniless servant has a child and an inheritance to defend. An old friend and old enemy return - one is rival to Edward and will risk everything to see her happy at last while the other wants her dead. Can Anne let her love for Edward threaten everything she has? Or will she need his help to protect her from the powerful enemies who mean to destroy her.

The Windham Brides Julian St. David, Duke of Haverford, has inherited a sea of debts. He plans to restore the family finances, but his sister has a faster solution: a house party to find Julian a wealthy bride. Elizabeth Windham had no interest in marriage until a scandal forced her hand. Yet she's impressed by Julian's broad shoulders and vast library. Their attraction is unexpected and overwhelming. With meddling siblings, gossips, and financial ruin lurking, will they find true love or true disaster?

USA Today Bestselling author Collette Cameron brings you this newly assembled, emotional first in series collection. Filled with devilish lords and the ladies who capture their hearts, this collection contains award-winning and award-nominated, sigh-worthy Historical Regency Romances you won't be able to put down. Sometimes love needs a little help-then fate comes along and gives a nudge. *The Viscount's Vow*: Blaming her for his brother's death, Ian intended to ruin Vangie. Instead, he is forced to marry the last woman in England he could ever love. *A Kiss for a Rogue*: When a lonely wallflower is reunited with her former betrothed, sparks fly and passion sizzles, offering them a second chance at love. *A Diamond for a Duke*: An unexpected encounter between a duke sworn never to love again, and the childhood friend he never forgot turns a simple dance into something much more. *The Earl and the Spinster*: He's determined to sell her home. She's vowed to save it all cost, including wagering her virtue in a winner-takes-all bet with her sworn enemy. *Triumph and Treasure*: Ruined, her reputation in tatters, she was a means to an end. *Theirs'* was a marriage of convenience. Nothing more. He wasn't ever supposed to love her.

Merryn Fenner is on a mission to ruin the Duke of Farne. A beautiful bluestocking with a penchant for justice, Merryn has waited ten years to satisfy her revenge against sensual, mysterious Garrick Northesk. Her family name had been tarnished at his hands, her life destroyed. And now she intends to return the favor—by finding the true heir to the duke's title and disinheriting Garrick. Yet when a disaster traps Merryn and Garrick together, white-hot desire stirs between the two sworn enemies. Her reputation utterly compromised, Merryn is forced to do the one thing she cannot bear: accept the scandalous marriage proposal of the man she has vowed to ruin.

He's betrothed...but not to the woman who holds his heart She's hiding from the past... Hoping to put the shame of her father's disgrace behind her, Jessica Brentwood is determined to be the epitome of decorum and propriety her first

London Season. All is well until she's discovered naked in the arms of a notorious rake, Crispin, the wicked Duke of Bainbridge. Though thoroughly compromised--through no fault of her own--Jessica refuses the enigmatic nobleman's obligatory marriage proposal. She'd rather face certain scorn and ridicule than be forced into a marriage of convenience. Or rather, inconvenience. He's avoiding his future... Betrothed since childhood, Crispin has no interest in wedding the woman he's expected to marry before Season's end. The lovely country miss, Jessica Brentwood, holds the key to his heart, though he's never hinted at his feelings for her. When they are the victims of a cruel hoax, Crispin isn't at all unhappy that he'll have to break his unwanted betrothal to marry Jessica. Except, his betrothed isn't willing to release him from their agreement, and the vengeful villains who conspired to ruin Jessica and Crispin aren't finished plotting mayhem. How can he convince Jessica his rakehell's reputation is mostly conjecture and that he's adored her from afar? Dare Jessica believe the scoundrel who swears he's not a rogue and vows he wants to protect her?

_____ This heartwarming secret admirer historical by a USA Today bestselling author will make you sigh and have you rooting for Jessica and Crispin to outwit those conspiring against them. If you enjoy reading class differences, lovable rogue, duke, and intrepid heroine love stories with a pinch of mystery, a dash of humor, and gripping emotion, then you'll adore Collette Cameron's enthralling SEDUCTIVE SCOUNDRELS SERIES. Buy WOODED BY A WICKED DUKE and settle into your favorite reading nook for a page-turning, entertaining Regency world adventure you can't put down. Though this book can easily be read as a stand-alone, most readers prefer to read the series in order. SEDUCTIVE SCOUNDRELS SERIES: A Diamond for a Duke Only a Duke Would Dare A December with a Duke What Would a Duke Do? Wooed by a Wicked Duke Duchess of His Heart Coming Soon! Never Dance with a Duke Coming Soon! To Lure a Duke's Lady Coming Soon! Loved by a Devilish Duke Coming Soon! Wedding her Christmas Duke Coming Soon! When a Duke Loves a Lass Coming Soon! How to Win A Duke's Heart Coming Soon! To Love an Irredeemable Duke Coming Soon! OUT COLLETTE'S OTHER SERIES: Castle Brides Heart of a Scot Highland Heather Romancing a Scot The Blue Rose Regency Romances: The Culpepper Misses The Honorable Rogues(TM) Wicked Earls' Club

A lady in exchange for debt. Is there any way out for Lady Christina? Lady Christina is utterly delighted. Lord Harlow, the gentleman she adores has asked for her hand in marriage, and she is certain her father, the Earl of Enfield, will agree. However, Christina accidentally overhears a lady and a gentleman speaking with her father, threatening to ruin his family, his reputation and his good name unless he gives them the keys to the Enfield estate. Horrified, Christina runs into the room, only to discover that she herself has become part of the bargain. Unable to tell her true love her reasons for her sudden betrothal, Christina sinks into despair. Lost and confused, her only hope is that Lord Harlow

might find a way to discover the truth, without her having to say a word. If you like gripping historical romance with period-perfect detail, then you'll love this page-turning Regency romance. Grab your copy today! Other books by Rose Pearson: The Duke's Daughters SeriesThe Duke's Daughters: A Sweet Regency Romance BoxsetA Rogue for a Lady My Restless EarlRescued by an EarlIn the Arms of an EarlThe Reluctant Marquess (Prequel)A Smithfield Market Regency RomanceThe Smithfield Market Romances: A Sweet Regency Romance BoxsetA Rogue's FlowerSaved by the ScoundrelMending the DukeThe Baron's MaladyThe Returned Lords of Grosvenor SquareThe Returned Lords of Grosvenor Square: A Regency Romance BoxsetThe Waiting BrideThe Long ReturnThe Duke's Saving GraceA New Home for the DukeThe Spinsters GuildA New BeginningThe Disgraced BrideA Gentleman's RevengeA Foolish WagerConvenient ArrangementsA Broken BetrothalIn Search of LoveWed in DisgraceBetrayal and LiesA Family for ChristmasMistletoe MagicLove and Christmas Wishes: Three Regency Romance Novellas

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