

Mistress By Mistake

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The Mrs. and the Mistress - Angie Dicarlo 2006-01-11

In the Skin of a Lion - Michael Ondaatje 2011-04-06
Bristling with intelligence and shimmering with romance, this novel tests the boundary between history and myth. Patrick Lewis arrives in Toronto in the 1920s and earns his living searching for a vanished millionaire and tunneling beneath Lake Ontario. In the course of his adventures, Patrick's life intersects with those of characters who reappear in Ondaatje's Booker Prize-winning *The English Patient*. 256 pp.

Mistress of Rome - Kate Quinn 2010-04-06

The first in an unforgettable historical saga from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Alice Network* and *The Diamond Eye*. "So gripping, your hands are glued to the book, and so vivid it burns itself into your mind's eye and stays with you long after you turn the final page."—Diana Gabaldon, #1 New York Times bestselling author
First-century Rome: One young woman will hold the fate of an empire in her hands. Thea, a captive from Judaea, is a clever and determined survivor hiding behind a slave's docile mask. Purchased as a toy for the spoiled heiress Lepida Pollia, Thea evades her mistress's spite and hones a secret passion for music. But when Thea wins the love of Rome's newest and most savage gladiator and dares to dream of a better life, the jealous Lepida tears the lovers apart and casts Thea out. Rome offers many ways for the resourceful to survive, and Thea remakes herself as a singer for the Eternal 'City's glittering aristocrats. As she struggles for success and independence, her nightingale voice attracts a dangerous new admirer: the Emperor himself. But the passions of an all-powerful man come with a heavy price, and Thea finds herself fighting for both her soul and her destiny. Many have tried to destroy the Emperor: a vengeful gladiator, an upright senator, a tormented soldier, a Vestal Virgin. But in the end, the life of Rome's most powerful man lies in the hands of one woman: the Emperor's mistress.

Yours Cruelly, Elvira - Cassandra Peterson 2021-09-21
The woman behind the icon known as Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, the undisputed Queen of Halloween, reveals her full story filled with intimate bombshells—told by the bombshell herself. On Good Friday in 1953, at only 18 months old, 25 miles from the nearest hospital in Manhattan, Kansas, Cassandra Peterson reached for a pot on the stove and doused herself in boiling water. Third-degree burns covered 35% of her body, and the prognosis wasn't good. But she survived. Burned and scarred, the impact stayed with her and became an obstacle she was determined to overcome. Feeling like a misfit led to her love of horror. While her sisters played with Barbie dolls, Cassandra built model kits of Frankenstein and Dracula, and idolized Vincent Price. Due to a complicated relationship with her mother, Cassandra left home at 14, and by age 17 she was performing at the famed Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. Run-ins with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Tom Jones helped her grow up fast. Then a chance encounter with her idol Elvis Presley, changed the course of her life forever, and led her to Europe where she worked in film and

traveled Italy as lead singer of an Italian pop band. She eventually made her way to Los Angeles, where she joined the famed comedy improv group, The Groundlings, and worked alongside Phil Hartman and Paul "Pee-wee" Reubens, honing her comedic skills. Nearing age 30, a struggling actress considered past her prime, she auditioned at local LA channel KHJ as hostess for the late night vintage horror movies. Cassandra improvised, made the role her own, and got the job on the spot. Yours Cruelly, Elvira is an unforgettably wild memoir. Cassandra doesn't shy away from revealing exactly who she is and how she overcame seemingly insurmountable odds. Always original and sometimes outrageous, her story is loaded with twists, travails, revelry, and downright shocking experiences. It is the candid, often funny, and sometimes heart-breaking tale of a Midwest farm girl's long strange trip to become the world's sexiest, sassiest Halloween icon. Instant New York Times Bestseller, Los Angeles Times Bestseller, USA Today Bestseller, Publishers Weekly Bestseller A New York Times Best Books to Give This Season selection

Master of Sin - Maggie Robinson 2011-10-24

Flying from sin. . . Andrew Rossiter has used his gorgeous body and angelic face for all they're worth--shocking the proper, seducing the willing, and pleasuring the wealthy. But with a tiny son depending on him for rescue, suddenly discretion is far more important than desire. He'll have to bury his past and quench his desires--fast. And he'll have to find somewhere his deliciously filthy reputation hasn't yet reached. . . .into seduction Miss Gemma Peartree seems like a plain, virginal governess. True, she has a sharp wit and a sharper tongue, but handsome Mr. Ross wouldn't notice Gemma herself. Or so she hopes. No matter how many sparks fly between them, she has too much to hide to catch his eye. But with the storms of a Scottish winter driving them together, it will be hard enough to keep her secrets. Keeping her hands to herself might prove entirely impossible. . . Praise for Maggie Robinson's Novels "Deliciously wicked." --Romance Junkies (5 stars) on *Mistress by Midnight* "A fun read that will keep you turning pages into the night." -- *Affaire de Coeur* (4.5 stars) on *Mistress by Mistake*
MISTAKEN FOR A MISTRESS - Jacqueline Baird 2017-07-17
A man shows up not long after Marlene's mother and Paolo, her mother's wealthy, married lover, die. The man says he's a friend of Paolo's and that he wants to discuss Paolo's will with her. But then she overhears a cruel plot against her: "Seduce that low-class harlot who's looking for a sugar daddy and leave her without a single penny." Because Marlene, her mother and Paolo lived together as a family, the man has mistaken Marlene for Paolo's mistress...and decided to punish her!

Mistress Matchett's mistake - Emma Marshall 1887

My Fair Mistress - Tracy Anne Warren 2007-10-30
He drives a hard bargain, but the pleasure is all hers. London financier Rafe Pendragon has a reputation for ruthlessness, and exotic beauty Julianna Hawthorne is determined to clear the debt her brother owes him. Captivated by Rafe's virile good looks, weakened by his

intoxicating mix of danger and sensuality, Julianna boldly agrees to Rafe's shocking terms: six months as his mistress. As Rafe's intense green eyes pierce her body and set it afire, Julianna can only imagine what emotions his kiss may unleash. Surrendering to the pleasures of seduction and carnal delight, Rafe never anticipated that love would be the cost of his bargain. When he realizes that a vindictive enemy may harm Julianna should their clandestine liaison be exposed, Rafe must choose between loving her and protecting her. To save his fair mistress, Rafe must risk what he has already lost: his heart.

The Mistress Mistake - Lynda Chance 2013-03-12

Can love come from a sinful beginning? Jessica Conway is at the end of her rope. She desperately needs a few things that her moral values can't buy: food, shelter, a chance for a better life. Connor Montgomery is tortured with guilt from the past and wants only one thing from Jessica, something he's very willing to pay her for. Setting her up as his mistress seems like the perfect idea. But how long can a situation continue that was a mistake from the very beginning?

The Venetian's Midnight Mistress - Carole Mortimer 2009-10-01

Niccolo D'Alessandro has never seen eye to eye with spirited redhead Daniella Bell. So he's shocked to discover that the mystery woman he's just made love to after a Venetian-style masked party was Dani! Their night together was the most amazing of Dani's life, but with a failed marriage behind her she never wants to wed again. But Niccolo has other ideas... When Dani announces she's pregnant with his baby, the uncompromising Italian has only one demand: she will become his wife!

Bride By Mistake - Anne Gracie 2012-01-03

Eight years ago, Lieutenant Luke Ripton made a hasty wartime marriage to protect a young girl from a forced union and then left her protected in a remote mountain convent. Now, Luke is Lord Ripton, but he has been unable to obtain an annulment, which leaves him no choice but to collect a wife he never wanted. For nearly a decade, Isabella has waited like a princess locked in a tower, dreaming of her handsome, dark-eyed prince. Her dreams are shattered when Luke reveals himself, not a prince, but an autocratic soldier, expecting her unquestioning obedience, which is something Isabella's fiercely independent nature will not tolerate. But while Luke and Isabella's fiery personalities clash at every turn, they remain bound to their vows, never expecting that the passionate fury they share could become passion of a different kind . . . PRAISE FOR ANNE GRACIE: 'Anne Gracie outdoes herself with *Bride by Mistake* . . . Not to be missed!' MARY JO PUTNEY 'I never miss an Anne Gracie book' JULIA QUINN

Mistakes Not to Make When Avoiding a Rake - Fenna Edgewood 2021-04-22

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

Mistress Matchett's Mistake - Emma Marshall 1905*

The Margot Affair - Sanaë Lemoine 2020-06-16

A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE The secret daughter of a French politician and a famous actress drops the startling revelation that will shatter her family in this beguiling debut novel of intrigue and betrayal. NAMED ONE OF SUMMER'S BEST BOOKS BY The Skimm • Marie Claire • LitHub • Subway Book Review • Paperback Paris Margot Louve is a secret: the child of a longstanding affair between an influential French politician with presidential ambitions and a prominent stage actress. This hidden family exists in stolen moments in a small Parisian apartment on the Left Bank. It is a house of cards that Margot--fueled by a longing to be seen and heard--decides to tumble. The summer of her seventeenth birthday, she meets the man who will set her plan in motion: a well-regarded journalist whose trust seems surprisingly easy to gain. But as Margot is drawn into an adult world she struggles to comprehend, she learns how one impulsive decision can threaten a family's love with ruin, shattering the lives of those around her in ways she could never have imagined. Exposing the seams between private lives and public faces, *The Margot Affair* is a novel of deceit, desire, and transgression--and the exhilarating knife-edge upon which the danger of telling the truth outweighs the cost of keeping secrets.

THE SECRET HIS MISTRESS CARRIED - Lynne Graham 2020-07-30

Two years after their terrible goodbye, Billie's heart still hasn't fully healed. But ex-lover Gio shows up out of the blue, as charming as ever, wanting her back. Billie has a big secret--one that she never wants Gio to uncover. She's torn between protecting her precious secret and falling back into Gio's arms...

Mistress by Midnight - Maggie Robinson 2011-01-01

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Her Pleasure - Niobia Bryant 2022-11-29

"After surviving a shattering betrayal by a former friend, Jaime Pine has every reason to celebrate. Stronger and savvier after her perfect marriage crashed--and-burned, Jaime now has Luc, a billionaire music mogul willing to give her everything, including a dazzling career, and what looks like a forever happily-ever-

after. Until a no-limits island vacation with her best friends turns up the last person Jaime ever expected to see again"--Publisher marketing.

I Am Having So Much Fun Here Without You - Courtney Maum
2014-06-10

A romance in reverse is set in Paris and London and follows an artist's attempts to fall back in love with his wife after the end of his affair, an effort that is challenged by the sale of a personal painting and his wife's discovery of his infidelity. A first novel.

The First Mistake - Sandie Jones 2019-06-11

From the New York Times bestselling author of the Hello Sunshine Book Club pick *The Other Woman*, comes an addictively readable new domestic suspense about a wife, her husband, and the woman who is supposedly her best friend. **THE WIFE:** For Alice, life has never been better. With her second husband, she has a successful business, two children, and a beautiful house. **HER HUSBAND:** Alice knows that life could have been different if her first husband had lived, but Nathan's arrival into her life gave her back the happiness she craved. **HER BEST FRIEND:** Through the ups and downs of life, from celebratory nights out to comforting each other through loss, Alice knows that with her best friend Beth by her side, they can survive anything together. So when Nathan starts acting strangely, Alice turns to Beth for help. But soon, Alice begins to wonder whether her trust has been misplaced . . . The first mistake could be her last. Praise for *The Other Woman*: "One of the most twisted and entertaining plots."--Reese Witherspoon "A perfect beach read."--Kristin Hannah "Whiplash-inducing."--New York Times Book Review "Such fun you'll cheer [Emily's] chutzpah."--PEOPLE "This thriller will hit close to home."--Refinery29

The Mistake - Lily Maxton 2015-04-14

London, 1817. Infamous courtesan Julia Forsythe is the former mistress of a ruthless marquess. While she longs to flee from his cold clutches, a secret is preventing her from running. Now she must find a way to remain a mistress in name, if not in deed. Her plans are complicated by a growing affection for the estate's head gardener... Fifteen years ago, Adam Radcliff shared a close friendship with Julia. Now they stand worlds apart in both lives and statuses, but that doesn't stop Adam from falling more deeply for Julia, even knowing that wanting another man's mistress will only bring ruin upon them both... The Sisters of Scandal series is best enjoyed in order. Reading Order: Book #1 *The Affair* Book #2 *The Wager* Book #3 *The Love Match* Book #4 *The Mistake* Book #5 *The Improper Bride*

Mistress by Mistake - Susan Gee Heino 2009-12-01

Lord Dashford has decided to ward off the marriage-minded by convincing the world he's throwing away his fortune. No matter, since heiress Evaline Pinchley, dragged to the Dashford estate, has no inclination to marry him. Unfortunately, she fails to recognize her host when he begins to seduce her. An empty bottle later, Evaline wakes to find herself in Dashford's bed. Now rumors and passions are sure to run wild unless Dashford and Evaline realize that what happened by moonlight was no mistake.

His Mistress By Morning - Elizabeth Boyle 2009-10-13

Oh, how I wish . . . When a promised inheritance turns out to be a fraud, shy spinster Charlotte Wilmont makes an impetuous wish that despite her lack of charm and fortune, she could capture the heart of the one man whom she's forever adored--Sebastian, Viscount Trent. Be careful what you wish for . . . With that utterance, Charlotte awakens shocked to find herself entwined with her beloved Sebastian. But the respectable man she knew is now a most rakish devil and she is . . . well, by some inexplicable magic, London's most infamous mistress. Even passion comes at a price . . . Being the scandalous Lottie Townsend affords Charlotte unimaginable freedom--passionate nights with Sebastian,

endless days of shopping, and adoring fans. But all too soon, Charlotte finds that being one man's mistress isn't the same as being his wife. Yet if she returns to her old, respectable life, can Charlotte trust there will be enough magic left to recapture Sebastian's heart . . . and reawaken his rakish desires?

The Mistress of Auschwitz - Terrance Williamson
2019-08-27

Based on the harrowing life of Eleonore Hodys, *The Mistress of Auschwitz* follows the true story of a political prisoner detained in the notorious concentration camp. While experiencing all the horrors of the holocaust, Eleonore turns to friendship for survival. Through companionship with another female prisoner, Eleonore must decide if she has the courage to join the resistance movement which is planning the overthrow of their wicked oppressors. Matters are only complicated when Eleonore unwittingly attracts the attention of the Commandant and she is forced to decide between her own comfort or her principles.

Maggie Robinson Bundle: Mistress by Marriage, Mistress by Midnight, & Mistress by Mistake - Maggie Robinson
2011-09-01

Too late for cold feet Baron Edward Christie prided himself on his reputation for even temperament and reserve. That was before he met Caroline Parker. Wedding a scandalous beauty by special license days after they met did not inspire respect for his sangfroid. Moving her to a notorious lovebirds' nest as punishment for her flighty nature was perhaps also a blow. And of course talk has gotten out of his irresistible clandestine visits. Christie must put his wife aside--if only he can get her out of his blood first. Too hot to refuse. . . Caroline Parker was prepared to hear the worst: that her husband had determined to divorce her, spare them both the torture of passion they can neither tame nor escape. But his plan is wickedder than any she's ever heard. Life as his wife is suffocating. But she cannot resist becoming her own husband's mistress... "A very talented debut author." --Romance Junkies First comes seduction. . . As children, Desmond Ryland, Marquess of Conover, and Laurette Vincent were inseparable. As young adults, their friendship blossomed into love. But then fate intervened, sending them down different paths. Years later, Con still can't forget his beautiful Laurette. Now he's determined to make her his forever. There's just one problem. Laurette keeps refusing his marriage proposals. Throwing honor to the wind, Con decides that the only way Laurette will wed him is if he thoroughly seduces her... Then comes marriage. . . Laurette's pulse still quickens every time she thinks of Con and the scorching passion they once shared. She aches to taste the pleasure Con offers her. But she knows she can't. For so much has happened since they were last lovers. But how long can she resist the consuming desire that demands to be obeyed...? *Scandal Is Only The Beginning*. . . Charlotte Fallon let her guarded virtue fall once--and she's paid dearly for it ever since. She swore she'd never succumb to men's desires again. But even a village spinster's life miles from temptation can't save her from a sister with no shame whatsoever. Or a heart that longs for more, whatever the cost... Sir Michael Bayard found more than he expected in his bed when he finally joined his new mistress. He'd fantasized about her dewy skin and luscious curves, assured her understanding that what passed between them was mere dalliance. But he didn't expect the innocence and heat of her response in his arms. Nor her surprisingly sharp tongue once she was out of them... A few days of abandon cannot undo the hard-learned lessons of a lifetime. Nor can an honest passion burn away the restraints of society's judgments. Unless, of course, one believes in nonsense like true love...

Mistress by Mistake - Kim Lawrence 2011-04-18

Drew Cummings more than lived up to his reputation for

being incredibly sexy. He'd misjudged Eve, though, believing her to be a calculating gold digger chasing after his wealthy nephew.... So when Drew began seducing Eve himself, was he simply protecting his family fortune? Why else would he be interested in shy little Eve? There was no denying he wanted her...but was he looking for an affair-or something more permanent?

The Accidental Mistress - Merry Farmer 2019-01-24

When your reputation is ruined, why not enjoy it?For Regency wallflower, Miss Verity Barnes, nothing is more difficult than obtaining a voucher to Almack's Assembly Rooms...except salvaging her reputation after committing a grievous faux pas within ten minutes of stepping through the doors. But being cast out of fashionable society inspires Verity to seek out a different way of life-a way she believes will bring her happiness, comfort and security-becoming the mistress of a powerful man.Thomas Manfred, Marquess of Landsbury, isn't looking for a biddable woman to warm his bed. His fortunes lie on the brink of ruin, so he needs a wealthy wife, and Lady Charlotte Grey, darling of the ton, seems to be the only answer. But he cannot forget the adorable, amusing, and naïve young beauty who humiliated herself at Almack's. And when Verity shows up on his doorstep, demanding he take her as his mistress as amends for the part he played in her ruin, he simply cannot resist the temptation.But Lady Charlotte isn't willing to give up her position at Thomas's side or share his attentions with anyone. Her acid tongue could ruin Verity's reputation even more thoroughly than it has already been destroyed...unless fate intervenes.A light-hearted, fun, SUPER steamy, Regency romp-a quick read, not to be taken too seriously.PLEASE BE ADVISED - Steam Level: Five-Alarm Fire with a generous helping of F-bombs. Don't say you weren't warned. When the Wallflowers were Wicked: THE ACCIDENTAL MISTRESS THE INCORRIGIBLE COURTESAN THE DELECTABLE TART

Mistress of the Groom - Susan Napier 2011-07-15

Have you heard the latest? Don't tell anyone but... The groom was having an affair-with his bride's best friend! Jane had been desperate to stop the wedding. She'd had to prevent her best friend from making the biggest mistake of her life... Marrying Ryan Blair would have been disastrous. He was too rich, too powerful, too hot to handle! There was only one solution: to stand up in church and declare that she, Jane Sherwood, respectable businesswoman, was having a secret torrid affair with Ryan! It had worked. The wedding was finished. But now Ryan was determined to make Jane pay for his wrecked marriage-by making her his mistress for real!

Error in Shakespeare - Alice Leonard 2020-01-27

The traditional view of Shakespeare's mastery of the English language is alive and well today. This is an effect of the eighteenth-century canonisation of his works, and subsequently Shakespeare has come to be perceived as the owner of the vernacular. These entrenched attitudes prevent us from seeing the actual substance of the text, and the various types of error that it contains and even constitute it. This book argues that we need to attend to error to interpret Shakespeare's disputed material text, political-dramatic interventions and famous literariness. The consequences of ignoring error are especially significant in the study of Shakespeare, as he mobilises the rebellious, marginal, and digressive potential of error in the creation of literary drama.

The Accidental Mistress - Tracy Anne Warren 2007-11-27

He will expose her masquerade, but she will expose his heart. To escape an arranged marriage, spirited Lily Bainbridge has staged her own death, and, disguised as a boy, she fled to London and a life of freedom. Yet her plans to live masquerade as an independent widow are thwarted by an encounter with a powerful and dangerously attractive marquis who wants to make her his mistress. Lily is afraid that if she gives him her innocence,

he'll steal her heart. Having agreed to a marriage of convenience to honor his family duty, Ethan Andarton, the Marquis of Vessey, has no intention of abandoning his rakish ways. Then fate intervenes in the guise of an impetuous young lady-a woman bold enough to scheme her way to London, who tempts him with her mystery and her sensuality. Kiss after kiss, caress after tender caress, Ethan vows to discover all of Lily's hidden secrets. For beneath the layers of her clever ruse lies a burning passion that will ignite a tempestuous love neither of them can deny.

Spymistress - William Stevenson 2011-10-11

The New York Times Bestseller by the Author of A Man Called Intrepid Ideal for fans of Nancy Wake, Virginia Hall, The Last Goodnight by Howard Blum, The Woman Who Smashed Codes, The Wolves at the Door by Judith Pearson, and similar works Shares the story of Vera Atkins, legendary spy and holder of the Legion of Honor Written by William Stevenson, the only person whom she trusted to write her biography She was stunning. She was ruthless. She was brilliant and had a will of iron. Born Vera Maria Rosenberg in Bucharest, she became Vera Atkins. William Stphenson, the spymaster who would later be known as "Intrepid", recruited her when she was twenty-three. Vera spent most of the 1930s running too many dangerous espionage missions to count. When war was declared in 1939, her many skills made her one of the leaders of the Special Operations Executive (SOE), a covert intelligence agency formed by, and reporting to, Winston Churchill. She trained and recruited hundreds of agents, including dozens of women. Their job was to seamlessly penetrate deep behind the enemy lines. As General Dwight D. Eisenhower said, the fantastic exploits and extraordinary courage of the SOE agents and the French Resistance fighters "shortened the war by many months."They are celebrated, as they should be. But Vera Atkins's central role has been hidden until after she died; William Stevenson promised to wait and publish her story posthumously. Now, Vera Atkins can be celebrated and known for the hero she was: the woman whose beauty, intelligence, and unwavering dedication proved key in turning the tide of World War II.

Inkmistress - Audrey Coulthurst 2018-03-06

A sweeping, action-packed, and romantic fantasy full of dangerous magic and dark choices, perfect for fans of Tamora Pierce and Kristin Cashore-set in the same world as Of Fire and Stars. Asra is a demigod with a dangerous gift: the ability to dictate the future by writing with her blood. To keep her power secret, she leads a quiet life as a healer on a remote mountain, content to help the people in her care and spend time with Ina, the mortal girl she loves. But Asra's peaceful life is upended when bandits threaten Ina's village and the king does nothing to help. Desperate to protect her people, Ina begs Asra for assistance in finding her manifest-the animal she'll be able to change into as her rite of passage to adulthood. Asra uses her blood magic to help Ina, but her spell goes horribly wrong and the bandits destroy the village, killing Ina's family. Unaware that Asra is at fault, Ina swears revenge on the king and takes a savage dragon as her manifest. To stop her, Asra must embark on a journey across the kingdom, becoming a player in lethal games of power among assassins, gods, and even the king himself. Most frightening of all, she discovers the dark secrets of her own mysterious history-and the terrible, powerful legacy she carries in her blood.

Mistress By Mistake - Maggie Robinson 2010-05-01

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The Mistress's Revenge - Tamar Cohen 2011-06-07

There's a fine line between love and hate. For five years, Sally and Clive have been lost in a passionate affair. Now he has dumped her to devote himself to his wife and family, and Sally is left in freefall. It starts with a casual stroll past his house, and popping into the brasserie where his son works. Then Sally starts following Clive's wife and daughter on Facebook. But that's alright, isn't it? These are perfectly normal things to do. Aren't they? Not since *Fatal Attraction* has the fallout from an illicit affair been exposed in such a sharp, darkly funny, and disturbing way: *The Mistress's Revenge* is a truly exciting fiction debut. After all, who doesn't know an otherwise sane woman who has gone a little crazy when her heart was broken? "A cracking debut. . . .very *Fatal Attraction* with a clever twist at the end. Addictive stuff." —The Bookseller

The Major's Mistake (Scandalous Secrets Series, Book 3)

- Andrea Pickens 2013-08-01

Seven years ago, a malicious lie caused Lady Miranda Grosvenor's husband, the Marquess of Sterling, to cast her off. Shunned by Society, Miranda lives as a recluse until Sterling returns home from war and discovers he has a young son. As an uneasy truce begins, Sterling and Miranda must confront their shared past—and the unexpected reawakening of their passion. AWARDS: RT Magazine "Top Pick" REVIEWS: "...richly textured characterization for our reading pleasure." ~RT magazine

SCANDALOUS SECRETS SERIES, in order *The Banished Bride* *Lady of Letters* *The Major's Mistake* LESSONS IN LOVE, in series order *The Defiant Governess* *Second Chances* *The Storybook Hero*

Mistress - James Patterson 2013-08-05

Discover a dangerous world of manipulation, obsession, and murder in James Patterson's scary, sexy standalone thriller. Ben isn't like most people. Unable to control his racing thoughts, he's a man consumed by his obsessions: movies, motorcycles, presidential trivia—and Diana Hotchkiss, a beautiful woman Ben knows he can never have. When Diana is found dead outside her apartment, Ben's infatuation drives him on a hunt to find out what happened to the love of his life. He soon discovers that the woman he pined for was hiding a shocking secret. And now someone is out to stop Ben from uncovering the truth about Diana's illicit affairs. In his most heart-pumping thriller yet, James Patterson plunges us into the depths of a mind tortured by paranoia and obsession, on an action-packed chase through a world of danger and deceit.

Mistress by Midnight (Scandalous Women of the Ton, Book 3) - Nicola Cornick 2011-08-19

"To have one unfaithful wife could be construed as a misfortune. To have two would be worse than careless." London, November 1814

The Queen's Mistake - Diane Haeger 2009-10-06

From the author of *The Secret Bride*, the tragic tale of the fifth wife of Henry VIII. When the young and beautiful Catherine Howard becomes the fifth wife of the fifty-year-old King Henry VIII, she seems to be on top of the world. Yet her reign is destined to be brief and heartbreaking, as she is forced to do battle with enemies far more powerful and calculating than she could have ever anticipated in a court where one wrong move could mean her undoing. Wanting only love, Catherine is compelled to deny her heart's desire in favor of her family's ambition. But in so doing, she unwittingly gives those who sought to bring her down a most effective weapon—her own romantic past. *The Queen's Mistake* is the tragic tale of one passionate and idealistic woman who struggles to negotiate the intrigue of the court and the yearnings of her heart.

The Perfect Royal Mistress - Diane Haeger 2007-02-27

Born into poverty and raised in a brothel, Nell Gwynne sells oranges in the pit at London's King's Theater, newly reopened after the plague and the Great Fire devastated the city. Soon, her quick sense of humor and natural charm get her noticed by those who have the means to make her life easier. But the street-smart Nell knows a woman doesn't get ahead by selling her body. Through talent, charm, intelligence, and sheer determination—as well as a keen understanding of how the world operates—Nell works her way out of the pit and onto the stage to become the leading comedic actress of the day. Her skills and beauty quickly win the attention of all of London—eventually even catching the eye of King Charles II. Their attraction is as real as it is unlikely, and the scrappy orange girl with the pretty face and the quick wit soon finds herself plunged into the confusing and dangerous world of the court, where she learns there are few she can trust—and many whom she cannot turn her back on. From the gritty streets of seventeenth-century London, to the backstage glamour of its theaters, to the glittering court of Charles II, *The Perfect Royal Mistress* is a love story for the ages, the rags-to-riches tale of a truly remarkable heroine.

A Mistake of Consequence - Terri Evert Karsten 2015-02-10

It is 1754 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Callie Beaton is nearly twenty, single, and determined not to marry anyone her grandfather deems worthy. But after her impulsive flight from yet another unwanted suitor leads her to the pier one rainy evening, Callie is mistaken for someone else and dragged aboard a ship. Trapped in a

dark hold and at the mercy of strangers, Callie has no idea the ship is headed for a bustling port city across the ocean in America. Wracked with seasickness, unable to convince the ship's captain she is not who he thinks she is, and with only one tattered dress to her name, Callie somehow survives the horrid journey. She arrives in colonial Philadelphia penniless, nameless, and alone in a strange place. Two men offer her help: Ethan Asher, a handsome gentleman with a hidden past, and Davy McRae, a charming ship captain with a dangerous secret. Neither seems trustworthy, but when tragedy strikes, Callie is caught in the middle and must choose one of them to help her if she is to save herself and her newfound friends from disaster. In this historical romantic adventure, a Scottish lass who finds herself in the wrong place at the wrong time unwittingly embarks on a journey across the ocean to a new beginning where she searches for love, belonging, and ultimately her true destiny.

Mistress by Marriage - Maggie Robinson 2011-05-26

Too late for cold feet Baron Edward Christie prided himself on his reputation for even temperament and reserve. That was before he met Caroline Parker. Wedding a scandalous beauty by special license days after they met did not inspire respect for his sangfroid. Moving her to a notorious lovebirds' nest as punishment for her flighty nature was perhaps also a blow. And of course talk has gotten out of his irresistible clandestine visits. Christie must put his wife aside—if only he can get her out of his blood first. Too hot to refuse. . . Caroline Parker was prepared to hear the worst: that her husband had determined to divorce her, spare them both the torture of passion they can neither tame nor escape. But his plan is wickedder than any she's ever heard. Life as his wife is suffocating. But she cannot resist becoming her own husband's mistress. . . "A very talented debut author." —Romance Junkies Praise for Maggie Robinson's *Mistress by Mistake* "Sizzles off the page." —Anna Campbell