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# The Duke's Mistress (Regency Unlaced 1)



## Synopsis

The Duke's Mistress is the first story in Carole Mortimer's Regency Unlaced series. Hot and steamy tales of Regency heroes and heroines, with a dangerous dash of romantic suspense, as only Carole can write them! Carole has written over 200 books, in contemporary romance and Regency. She is the Recipient of the 2015 Romance Writers of America's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a USA Today Bestselling author. Entertainment Weekly Top 10 Romance Author. 2014 Romantic Times Pioneer of Romance. Was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature".

**Author's Note:** Please be aware that the stories in the Regency Unlaced Series are more explicit in language and sexual content than my other books. The young widow Lady Dorothea Fitzroy is bored with her life. Most especially so with her role as mistress of her brother's household, and the endless round of society engagements this forces her to endure. What Thea so badly needs is a secret and passionate lover, to become mistress of another kind entirely, and so add excitement and spice into her humdrum life. But where is she to find this handsome and inexhaustible gentleman? Julian Remington, the arrogant and haughty 17th Duke of Blackmoor has no interest in finding a mistress for his bedroom or his home. He's jaded, cynical, and distrustful when it comes to women. One woman, a woman from his past, has caused too much grief in his life for him to ever trust another. Thea and Julian are about to be caught up in a passion for each other that blazes so fiercely, and so out of control, it is beyond the power of either of them to resist.

The Duke's Mistress is the story of an arrogant duke and an adventurous young widow, caught up in their insatiable desire for each other, the vengeful woman who would like nothing better than to see Blackmoor suffer as she has suffered, and believes Thea Fitzroy to be the means by which she will achieve it.

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## Customer Reviews

To be honest, I wasn't sure at the start of this novella if I was going to like it. The fact that Thea and Julian were only passing acquaintances and got hot and heavy right at the start I found pretty unrealistic. However, the characters and storyline quickly pulled me in and I ended up really loving it. Please be aware that this this is an erotic romance with very explicit language, sex, even some spanking. Julian is an arrogant alpha male, and being a duke, is used to getting what and whom he wants. Thea is a widow who's searching for sexual fulfillment which Julian is more than happy to provide. There was also a bit of mystery and mayhem concerning a female from Julian's past, as well as surprises and twists that kept the story interesting. Overall it was a captivating read and although I had to suspend belief every now and then, was an engaging love story nonetheless. I'm really looking forward to the other books in this series and would recommend to anyone looking for some spice with their romance.

"Thea desired a lover."FINAL DECISION: Short, sexy and also containing a suspense story, there is a lot in this short novella, but the characters are well-drawn and make this one worth reading.THE STORY: Lady Dorothea Fitzroy, a young widow, is bored with her staid life living with her brother. She wants to find a lover and fulfill the sexual desires that her marriage left unfulfilled. Julian Remington, Duke of Blackmoor, walks into Thea's life and while she desires him, she believes that

she has nothing to attract such a man. Brought together by the marriage of Julian's daughter and Thea's nephew, the two begin a sexual dance that is threatened by a secret from Julian's past. Someone wants to make sure that Julian pays for what happened in the past and will use anyone--including Thea to get revenge.

**OPINION:** This is one sexy little treat between Julian and Thea. The two are clearly meant for one another and the only thing keeping them apart is the danger from Julian's past. I liked how their relationship developed and how there was a lot packed into this short book. While the identity of the threat is quickly known, there is still drama. I also liked that Thea is a woman who is ready to take control of her own life and own pleasures. These are likeable characters and I can't wait to read more in the series.

**WORTH MENTIONING:** This book introduces the series and other characters from future book make small appearances, but this novella focuses on the main characters rather than trying to introduce everyone in the series.

**CONNECTED BOOKS:** *THE DUKE'S MISTRESS* is the first book in the Regency Unlaced series.

**STAR RATING:** I give this book 4.25 stars.

My first for this writer, and based on the review, i expected heavily-written sex scenes. What i did not expect was to be enticed by the intrigue in the storyline. I could believe that strong need for revenge. I certainly could believe the strong sense of protectiveness Julian has over Thea. The formula worked :)

The book starts with a mysterious woman plotting revenge on Julian Remington Duke of Blackmoor. You will find out more as the book progresses. Lady Dorothea Fitzroy is a widow of an older man. She wants passion and a lover to give her what she always longed for sexually. Julian enters her life as his daughter is marrying her nephew. She is attracted to him and she to him sexually on the first meeting. He has only used women for sex because of a relationship that happened years ago. He really treats Thea as a whore at first in his love making. The mystery weaves along with the romance in the story is Thea any safer than Julian from this mysterious woman. Thea is in love with Julian but is he is it to be only a sexual episode or a HEA. I read the story in one sitting to find out. I had read Carole Mortimer before but this story is a sensuous one so the sex haters in a book this is not for you. I am planning on continuing the series as the books become available.

Lady Dorothea Fitzroy, a young widow, has become bored with her role in her brother's household and her role in society. She has endured her period of mourning and decides that what she needs is to become a man's mistress. Since her brother is a widower she becomes involved in preparations

for her nephew, George's, wedding to Amelia, an only child of a widower. She finds that she is involved in a murder and blackmail from the past and an attempt to murder her. The plot twists are well done and this is an arousing story of lust and love.

This was an adventure. If you need something to grab you right from the start this story is it. Even though it was short, it was complete. Fast paced, so hold on tight! Really enjoyed this story. It has some explicit words, so keep that in mind when purchasing. But it did not detract from the storyline.

Rather erotic beginning half totally predictable but I have to say almost cute ending. characters rather stereotypical. Prim and ladylike female who is very passionate. An duke who has reason to be controlling and cold and totally sexual in his approach to women. Rather trite but entertaining for quick read

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