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has spent most of his bachelor years drinking, gambling, and skirt-chasing. He won't see another pound from his parents, however, until he's engaged to Lavinia. Desperate, he accepts an offer from her innocent and spirited—and absolutely beautiful—sister Alex: She will turn him into a perfectly tamed suitor, and show him how to woo the shrew. But when Alex's true motives come to light, will their

bargain lead to recriminations—or to a romance that defies everyone's expectations? Award-winning author Valerie Bowman once again delivers romance and wit in *The Untamed Earl! Kiss Me at Christmas* St. Martin's Paperbacks When Duchess Kate Townsende is accused of murdering her vile husband, handsome nobleman James Bancroft offers to publisher her side of the story as she

awaits trial, a proposition that begins as business, but turns into pleasure. Original. **The Unexpected Duchess** Harper Collins In Ashlyn Macnamara's stunning romance debut—perfect for fans of Julia Quinn, Eloisa James, and Sabrina Jeffries—two childhood friends in Regency England discover love with the most unlikely of partners: each other. After watching her beloved sister,

Sophia, pine over the ton's golden boy for years, Miss Julia St. Claire has foresworn love and put herself firmly on the shelf. Unfortunately, her social-climbing mother and debt-ridden father have other ideas, and jump at the chance to marry Julia off to the newly named Earl of Clivesden . . . the man of Sophia's dreams. Since resigning his cavalry commission, Benedict Revelstoke has spent his time in

London avoiding the marriage mart. But when he discovers that the Earl of Clivesden has his sights set on Julia, Benedict tries to protect his childhood best friend from the man's advances—only to discover that more than friendship is driving his desire to defend her. He surprises them both with the force of his feelings, but when Julia refuses him, and her father announces her betrothal,

Benedict fears he's lost her forever—until Julia approaches him with a shocking scheme that will ruin her for all respectable society and lead them into an exquisite world of forbidden pleasures. Includes a preview of Ashlyn Macnamara's next novel, *A Most Devilish Rogue* Praise for *A Most Scandalous Proposal* "Ashlyn Macnamara brings all the elegance and romance of

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that just might be waiting for them under the mistletoe in Kiss Me At Christmas by Valerie Bowman. Bow Street Runner Daffin Oakleaf abhors Christmas. Carol singing and holiday cheer only remind him of a dark time. When a close friend calls on him for help, Daffin is happy to capitalize on the distraction. But when he learns the lovely Lady Regina is the one in danger, he's to become

bodyguard to the captivating woman... Regina has one mission: to find a night of passion in the arms of a gentleman. Considered firmly on the shelf, Regina has given up on marriage—but that doesn't mean she wants to be denied the pleasure married ladies experience. Daffin has long captured her attention...and when a threat calls him to her side, the sparks between them

ignite. But how can a hired bodyguard find his way into Regina's noble heart? **All I Want for Christmas Is a Duke St. Martin's Paperbacks Secrets of a Wedding Night Valerie Bowman HOW TO STOP A WEDDING Young, widowed, and penniless, Lily Andrews, the Countess of Merrill, has strong opinions on marriage. When she spots a certain engagement announcement**

t in The Times, she decides to take action. She will not allow another hapless girl to fall prey to a man—particularly the scoundrel who broke her heart five years ago. Anonymously she writes and distributes a pamphlet entitled "Secrets of a Wedding Night," knowing it will find its way into his intended's innocent hands... HOW TO SEDUCE A WIDOW Devon Morgan, the Marquis of Colton,

desires a good wife and mother to his son—someone completely unlike Lily Andrews, the heartless beauty who led him on a merry chase five years ago only to reject him. When Devon's new fiancée cries off after reading a certain scandalous pamphlet, he vows to track down the author and make her pay. But when he learns it's his former fiancée Lily, he issues a challenge: write a retraction or

prepare to be seduced—to find out how wonderful a wedding night can be... An Unlikely Friendship Macmillan Miss Frances Birmingham has set her cap for the charming, dashing Mr. Charles Holloway. She and her best friend, Annie, have the most clever idea. They've arranged a bachelor auction for charity. The proceeds will go to the Royale Society for the Humane Treatment of



Animals and the winners will be escorted to the most talked-about ball of the Season by their bachelor of choice. When Frances makes a bid for Charlie, will one fun night's amusement turn into a lifetime of love? A Secret Affair is part of the Secret Brides series by Valerie Bowman.

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### **Never Trust a Pirate**

HarperCollins  
With seven troublesome half sisters to marry off, Duncan, the Earl of Eads, has one problem: he's broke. With the prospect of marriage to the pompous local curate, Miss Teresa Finch-Freeworth has one dream: to wed instead the handsome Highlander she saw at a ball. How does a desperate lady convince a reluctant laird that she's the perfect bride for him? She strikes a wager! If she can find seven

husbands for seven sisters, the earl must marry her. Duncan has no intention of wedding the meddlesome maiden, and he gives her a deadline even the most audacious matchmaker can't meet—one month. But Teresa sets terms, too: with each bridegroom she finds, the earl must pay her increasingly intimate rewards . . . Secrets of a Wedding Night St. Martin's Paperbacks Bestselling

author Valerie Bowman sets the stage in Regency England for her Playful Brides series, where couples' misadventures on the way to the altar are witty, romantic romps based on some of the world's most beloved plays. The first installment, The Unexpected Duchess, is inspired by Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac. IN THIS BATTLE OF WITS Lady Lucy Upton's tongue may

be too sharp to attract suitors but her heart is good, and when her painfully shy friend Cassandra needs help she devises a brilliant scheme to help her discourage an unwanted suitor, the Duke of Claringdon. Lucy will hide behind the hedgerow and tell Cass just what to say to discourage the Duke of Claringdon...but it turns out that he's made of sterner stuff than either of them

anticipated. And Lucy is shocked to discover that tangling with the tenacious man is the most fun she's had in ages. KISSES ARE THE BEST WEAPON Lord Derek Hunt made a promise to his dying friend to marry the demure Cassandra, and for a man who wants nothing more than peace and quiet after the horrors of war, she'll make the perfect bride. If only the impudent Miss Upton will let him

court the girl!  
 Doing battle is  
 the last thing  
 on his mind,  
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 with Lucy  
 behind the  
 bushes is too  
 tempting to  
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 nothing left  
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 better life, but  
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 in her future  
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 be engaged,  
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 only man who  
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 Grayson—a  
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Sophie will  
 marry Phillip's  
 cousin, the  
 new Duke of  
 Harlowe,  
 Sophie's in no  
 position to  
 refuse. A  
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 Grayson died  
 a hero on the  
 battlefields of  
 Europe, but  
 he's very  
 much alive.  
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 spent the last  
 year  
 recuperating  
 from his grave  
 injuries in  
 secret at his  
 friend's  
 estate, his  
 brother was  
 murdered, his  
 cousin took  
 over the title  
 of duke, and

the woman he loved—the one he dreamed of every night—apparently moved on without him. But the duke is back Phillip has returned to London intent on reclaiming his brother's title and making the people who killed him pay. He doesn't understand how Sophie could have betrayed him; she can't forgive him for letting her believe he was dead. And yet neither can deny that the attraction between them burns hotter than ever. Nothing is as it seems, but perhaps the truth can save them...if it doesn't kill them first.

Mad About the Earl Macmillan  
CAN AN INDECENT PROPOSAL  
Eight years ago, a tall handsome stranger entered Lizzie Allbright's bedchamber and consummated a marriage of the utmost necessity. The Marquis of Steyne agreed to wed and bed Lord Bute's admittedly lovely daughter to pay off his mother's gambling debts. But once the deed was done, Steyne's lawfully-wedded wife vanished into the London night... LEAD TO EVERLASTING LOVE? Years later, Steyne has nearly forgotten about his runaway bride. But when he suddenly finds himself in need of an heir, he has no choice but to track her down. Living

happily in a small village under an assumed name, Lizzie is surprised to see her husband—and to feel such a strong attraction to him. But she is downright shocked when he asks her to bear him a son. How can they possibly repeat the heated encounter of their ill-fated wedding night without falling hopelessly in love?...in Christina Brooke's stunningly sexy Regency, *The Wickedest Lord Alive*.

Christina Brooke's historical romances are: "Clever, lush, and lovely."—Suzanne Enoch "Sensual and passionate."—Publishers Weekly "Delightful."—Night Owl Romance [Rules for Heiresses](#) Shadow Mountain Book #1 of *The Devil's Duke Lady* Constance Read is independent, beautiful, and in need of a husband—now . The last man on earth she wants is the rogue who

broke her heart six years ago, never mind that his kisses are scorching hot . . . Evan Saint-André Sterling is rich, scarred, and finished with women—forever. He's not about to lose his head over the bewitching beauty who once turned his life upside down. But Constance needs a warrior, and Saint is the perfect man for the job. Only as a married woman can she penetrate Scotland's most

<p>notorious secret society and bring a diabolical duke to justice. When Constance and Saint become allies—and passionate lovers—he'll risk everything to protect the only woman he has ever loved. <u>Save a Horse,</u> <u>Ride a</u> <u>Viscount June</u> Third Enterprises, LLC He's posing as a groomsman.R hys Sheffield, the Duke of Worthington, has bet his friends an</p>	<p>ungodly sum of money that despite his loftiness, he can pass himself off as a servant at the house party of the Season. But when his clever ex- flame arrives and recognizes Rhys in the stables pretending to be a groomsman, she realizes it's the perfect opportunity to pay him back for breaking off their engagement.S he's the bride- to-be.The lovely Lady Julianna Montgomery</p>	<p>may be the only young woman at the house party who's not in the market for a husband. She's quite happily engaged to a marquess, thank you very much, and scarcely remembers the pain of being callously tossed over by the Duke of Worthington two long years ago-till now.All bets are off.Rhys seems to be everywhere, flexing his muscles, laboring in the sun-and Julianna has</p>
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<p>never found him more appealing. With his signature charm, he persuades her to keep his secret. But when she learns he's determined to win a bet of honor, she can't resist playing a game of her own. She'll spend the next fortnight tempting Rhys at every turn and making him lose his precious wager. Even if it means she must lose her heart in the process?</p> <p><i>A Ministry of Marriage</i></p>	<p><i>Novel/ St. Martin's Paperbacks</i></p> <p>Can two star-crossed lovers come together—until death do they part?</p> <p>Viscount Hart Highgate has decided to put his rakish ways behind him and finally get married. He may adore a good brandy or a high-speed carriage race, but he takes his duties as heir to the earldom seriously. Now all he has to do is find the right kind of woman to be his bride—ideally,</p>	<p>one who's also well-connected and well-funded. . .</p> <p>Meg Timmons has loved Hart, the brother of her best friend, ever since she was an awkward, blushing schoolgirl. If only she had a large dowry—or anything to her name at all. Instead, she's from a family that's been locked in a bitter feud with Hart's for years. And now she's approaching her third London season, Meg's chances with</p>
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<p>him are slim to none. Unless a surprise encounter on a deep, dark night could be enough to spark a rebellious romance. . .for all time? Valerie Bowman's Playful Brides novels are: "Wholly satisfying."—U SA Today "Smart and sensual...read ers will be captivated."— RT Book Reviews "Smoldering." —Booklist <b>A Secret Proposal</b> Macmillan His best laid plans... Ewan</p>	<p>Fairchild, Viscount Clayton, has been busy ticking off the boxes for a bright future. Become a rising star in Parliament? Check. Find a lady he intends to marry? Check. Make his stables the envy of every man in London? Check, thanks to the prize Arabian thoroughbred he's just won at auction. Clayton's on his way to having it all and won't change course for anyone—not</p>	<p>even the beautiful young woman next door. ...are about to go awry Lady Theodora Ballard didn't mind missing a Season of dinner parties, balls, and soirees to care for her ailing mother, but when Thea's father sold her horse out from under her, she thought her heart would break. Now the roguishly handsome viscount at the neighboring estate has her horse—and she'll stop at nothing to get him back.</p>
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Unfortunately, a horse spying mission goes south, leaving Thea with a broken leg and Clayton with an alluring houseguest who upends his orderly world. The sparks between them are undeniable, but secrets and scandal abound. It's going to take more than a little love to save them...  
*The Regency Impostors*  
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 He never wanted a title  
 Fresh off the battlefield,

Captain David Ellsworth has returned home to discover the shocking and unwelcome news that he's the new Earl of Elmwood. Though David had no idea he was in line for a title, he and his sister must now navigate the snark-infested waters of the London ton. He knows how to be a soldier, an officer, and a brother, but he hasn't a clue how to be an earl. David will need all the help he can get. Even if it comes

from the undeniably beautiful woman...who is the darling of the world he detests. She never wanted a husband The younger sister of a marquess, Lady Annabelle Bellham moves through elegant ballrooms with the ease of a lioness traversing the jungle. She's the most elusive belle at every ball, and gentlemen have long placed bets on which lucky

man will finally win her hand. But Annabelle has no intention of falling prey to a man's charms. She's seen the destruction wrought by marriage and is dead set on avoiding a similar fate. But here they are... Thankfully, Annabelle's older brother hasn't	pressured her to take a husband—yet. Which is why she feels obliged to agree when he asks her a favor: To teach the newly minted Earl of Elmwood how to act in Society. Still, the task shouldn't be too difficult. All Annabelle must do is spend	countless hours in the company of a handsome, brooding ex- soldier—who's making her question every rule she's set for herself. She and David have nothing in common except a fiery passion and some highly inconvenient feelings...could it be enough?
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