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Christmas. featuring a grandmother, her grandchildren, her unwed son, a determined not-so-young lady, foreign diplomats, undercover guards, and agents of Napoleon! At Hartington Manor in the village of Little Moseley, Therese, Lady Osbaldestone. and her household are once again enjoying the company of her intrepid grandchildren, Jamie, George, and Lottie. when they are unexpectedly

joined by her ladyship's youngest and still-unwed son, also the children's favorite uncle. Christopher. As the Foreign Office's master intelligencer, Christopher has been ordered into hiding until the department can appropriately deal with the French agent spotted following him in London. Christopher chose to seek refuge in Little Moseley because it's such a tiny

anyone without a reason to be there stands out. Neither he nor his officeappointed bodyguard expect to encounter any dramas. Then Christopher spots a lady from London he believes has been hunting him with matrimonial intent. He can't understand how she tracked him to the village, but determined to avoid her, he enlists the children's help. The

village that

children discover their informationgathering skills are in high demand, and while engaging with the villagers as they usually do and taking part in the village's traditional events, they do their best to learn what Miss Marion Sewell is up to. But upon reflection, Christopher realizes it's unlikely the Marion he was so attracted to years before has changed all that much. and he starts to wonder if what she

wants to tell him is actually something he might want to hear. Unfortunately, he has set wheels in motion that are not easy to redirect. Although Marion tries to approach him several times. he and she fail to make contact. Then just when it seems they will finally connect, a dangerous stranger lures Marion away. Fearing the worst. Christopher gives chase—trailed by his bodyguard,

the children, and a small troop of helpful younger gentlemen. What they discover at nearby Parteger Hall is not at all what anyone expected, and as the action unfolds, the assembled company band together to protect a secret vital to the resolution of the war against Napoleon. Fourth in series. A novel of 81,000 words. A Christmas tale of intrigue, personal evolution, and

love. The Lady Risks All Savdek Management **Proprietary** Limited #1New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens continues the bold tales of the Cavanaugh siblings as the sole Cavanaugh sister discovers that love truly does conquer all. A lady with a passion for music and the maestro she challenges in pursuit of a worthy cause find

themselves battling villains both past and present as they fight to secure life's areatest rewards—love. marriage, and family. Stacie—Lady Eustacia Cavanaugh—i s adamant marriage is not for her. Haunted by her parents' unhappy union. Stacie believes that. for her. marriage is an unacceptable risk. Wealthy and well-born. she needs for nothing, and with marriage off the table. to give her life

purpose, she embarks on a plan to further the careers of emerging local musicians by introducing them to the ton via a series of musical evenings. Yet despite her noble status, Stacie requires a musical lure to tempt the haut ton to her events. and in the elevated circles she inhabits, only one musician commands sufficient cachet—the reclusive and notoriously reluctant Marguess of

Albury. Frederick. Marguess of Albury, has fashioned a life for himself as a musical scholar, one he pursues largely out of sight of the ton. He might be renowned as a virtuoso on the pianoforte, vet he sees no reason to endure the smothering overattentiveness of society. Then his mother inveigles him into meeting Stacie, and the challenge she lays before him is...tempting.

On a number of fronts. Enough for him not to immediately refuse her. A dance of subtle persuasion ensues, and step by step, Frederick finds himself convinced that Stacie's plan has real merit and that it behooves him to support her. At least for one event. Stacie's first musical evening, featuring Frederick as the principal performer, is a massive success—until Fate takes a hand and

lands them in a situation that forces them both to reassess. Does Frederick want more than the sterile. academic life he'd thought was for him? Can Stacie overcome her deepest fears and own to and reach for her girlhood dreams? Impulsive, arrogant, and used to getting his own way, Frederick finds his answer easily enough, but his new direction puts him on a collision course with

Stacie's fears. Luckily, he thrives on challenges-w hich is just as well, because in addition to convincing Stacie that love can. indeed. conquer all, he and she must unravel the mystery of who is behind a spate of murderous attacks before the villain succeeds in eliminating all hope of a happy ending. A classical historical romance set in London and Surrey, in the heart of the ton. Third novel in The

Cavanaughs a full-length historical romance of 122,000 words. Praise for the works of Stephanie Laurens "Stephanie Laurens' heroines are marvelous tributes to Georgette Hever: feisty and strong." Cathy Kelly "Stephanie Laurens never fails to entertain and charm her readers with vibrant plots, snappy dialogue, and unforgettable characters."Hi

"Stephanie Laurens plays into readers' fantasies like a master and claims their hearts time and again." Romantic Times Magazine The Perfect Lover Zondervan "A fabulously entertaining new quartet—with links to her popular Cynster series....Laure ns adds a dash of exotic spice to her always reliable mix of sexy romance and risky intrique." —Booklist The fourth book in

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New York Times and **USA Today** bestselling author Stephanie Laurens's sensational Black Cobra Ouartet. The Reckless Bride is a brilliant mix of intrigue, danger, and historical romance from one of the very best in the business. A breathtaking adventure set in England's Regency Era, The Reckless Bride continues the acclaimed romance novelist's extraordinary chronicle of

love and duty, as brave exofficers of the Crown band together to destroy the traitorous fiend known as The Black Cobra. Lord of the Privateers **Harper Collins** #1 New York Timesbestselli ng author Stephanie Laurens brings you the delights of a long-ago countryvillage Christmas. featuring a grandmother, her grandchildren. an artifact hunter, the lady who catches his

eye, and three ancient coins that draw them all together in a Christmas treasure hunt. Therese, Lady Osbaldestone. and her household again welcome her vounger daughter's children, Jamie, George, and Lottie, plus their cousins Melissa and Mandy, all of whom have insisted on spending the three weeks prior to Christmas at Therese's house. Hartington Manor, in the

village of Little Moseley. The children are looking forward to the village's traditional events, and this year, Therese has arranged a new distraction-th e plum puddings she and her staff are making for the entire village. But while cleaning the coins donated as the puddings' good-luck tokens, the children discover that three aren't coins of the realm. When consulted. Reverend

Colebatch summons a friend, an archeological scholar from Oxford, who confirms the coins are Roman. raising the possibility of a Roman treasure buried somewhere near. Unfortunately, Professor Webster is facing a deadline and cannot assist in the search. but along with his niece Honor, he will stay in the village, writing, remaining available for consultation

should the children and their helpers uncover more treasure. It soon becomes clear that discovering the source of the coins—or even which villager donated them—isn't a straightforwar d matter. Then the children come across a personable gentleman who knows a great deal about Roman antiquities. He introduces himself as Callum Harris. and they agree to allow him to help, and he gets

their search back on track. But while the manor five. assisted by the gentlemen from Fulsom Hall, scour the village for who had the coins and search the countryside for signs of excavation and Harris combs through the village's country-house libraries. amassing evidence of a Roman compound somewhere near, the site from which the coins actually came remains a frustrating

mystery. Then Therese recognizes Harris, who is more than he's pretending to be. She also notes the romance burgeoning between Harris and Honor Webster, and given the girl doesn't know Harris's full name. let alone his fraught relationship with her uncle, Therese steps in. But while she can engineer a successful resolution to one romanceof-the-season. as well as a

reconciliation long overdue, another romance that strikes much closer to home is beyond her ability to manipulate. Meanwhile. the search for the source of the coins goes on, but time is running out. Will Therese's grandchildren and their Fulsom Hall helpers locate the Roman merchant's villa Harris is sure lies near before they all must leave the village for Christmas with their families? Third in series. A

novel of Laurens has acclaimed 70,000 words. done it again **Bastion Club** books. The A Christmas with this tale of passionate notorious antiquities, tale of an oh-Neville reconciliation, so-proper lady Roscoe, who and the romance, and lives boldly requited love. outside the dangerous <u>Pennyroyal</u> man for whom bounds of **Green Series** she throws proper MIRA caution to the society, is one wind. The of Laurens's "Laurens's Lady Risks All books are most always in this unforgettable synonymous delightfully heroes—and with the story of sexy and sensuality and his seduction sensuous strong-willed historical of prim, heroes and straight-laced romance novel from the heroines." Miranda -Fresh Fiction Clifford is creator of the The #1 New filled with recklessly York Times romantic intrique, danger, and bestselling Cynster author of The passion that family—Regen Capture of the cy England's will thrill not Earl of most only Glencrae, irrepressible Stephanie clan of sexy romance Laurens fans. rogues and but devoted fiction ladies—as well readers of Lisa superstar Stephanie Kleypas, as the

Johanna Lindsey, and Mary Balogh as well. The Reckless **Bride MIRA** The men of the Bastion Club proved their bravery secretly fighting for their country. Now their leader faces that most dangerous mission of all: finding a bride. As the mysterious leader of the **Bastion Club** known as 'Dalziel'. Royce Varisey, 10th Duke of Wolverstone. served his country for decades. facing dangers untold. But as the holder of one of England's most august noble titles. he must now take on that gravest duty of all: marriage. Yet the young ladies the grand dames would have him consider are predictably boring. Far more tempting is his castle's willful and determinedly aloof chatelaine. Minerva Chesterton. Beneath her serene façade lies a woman of smoldering

sensuality, one who will fill his days with comfort and his nights with sheer pleasure. <u>Lady</u> Osbaldestone And The Missina Christmas Carols MIRA Bold and clever, THE **CAVANAUGHS** are unlike any other family in early Victorian England. #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens continues to explore the enthralling world of these dynamic siblings in the

eagerly anticipated second volume in her captivating series. A Gentleman of Means One of the most eligible bachelors in London, Lord Christopher "Kit" Cavanaugh has discovered his true path and it doesn't include the expected society marriage. Kit is all business and has chosen the bustling port of Bristol to launch his passion—Cava naugh Yachts. A Woman of

Character Miss Sylvia Buckleberry's passion is her school for impoverished children. When a new business venture forces the school out of its building, she must act quickly. But confronting Kit Cavanaugh is a daunting task made even more difficult by their first and only previous meeting, when, believing she'd never see him again, she'd treated him dismissively. Still, Sylvia is

be persuasive. An Unstoppable Duo But it quickly becomes clear there are others who want the school—and Cavanaugh Yachts—close d. Working side by side, Kit and Sylvia fight to secure her school and to expose the blackguard trying to sabotage his business. Yet an even more dastardly villain lurks. one who threatens the future both discover they now hold dear. A Buccaneer

determined to

at Heart never far a second **Harper Collins** behind. The marriage is www.Stephani festive not in her occasion stars. Yet eLaurens.com #1 New York brings Daniel is determined. together Times bestselling Assisted by a Daniel author Crosbie, tutor bevy of Stephanie to Lucifer Cynsters—inn Laurens Cynster's ate ushers in a matchmakers sons, and Claire new every generation of one—Daniel Meadows. Cynsters with widow and strives to an enchanting persuade governess to tale of Gabriel Claire that trusting him mistletoe. Cynster's magic and daughter. with her hand love It's frosty Daniel and and her heart December in Claire have is her right Scotland and met before path to and the six Cynster happiness. families come embers of an Claire is increasingly together at unexpected snowbound passion drawn to Daniel despite smolder Casphairn Manor to between her celebrate the misgivings. them. season—and However. Then where Claire, once catastrophe strikes, and by Cynsters bitten, twice gather, love is shy, believes winter's light,

she learns that love—true love-is worth any risk, any price. The Truth **About Love** Harper Collins **New York** Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens has created some of romance's most unforgettable novels. Now she has created her most provocative love story—and amazing hero-to date. This is the

Who is this man's ideal bride? Michael Anstruther-Wetherby is a rising member of Parliament—a man destined for power. Aristocratic. elegant, and effortlessly charming, he is just arrogant enough to capture the interest of the ladies of the ton. And with his connections to the wealthy and influential Cynster family-his sister is married to Devil Cynster, the Duke of St. Ives—his

future appears assured. Except that Michael lacks the single most important element of success: a wife. Political pressure sends him searching for his ideal bride, a gently bred, malleable young lady, preferably one with a political background. Michael discovers such a paragon but finds a formidable obstacle in his path—the young lady's beautiful. strong-minded aunt—Caroline Sutcliffe. One

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the question:

of London's foremost diplomatic hostesses. Caro has style and status but, having lived through an unhappy political marriage, wants nothing of the sort for her niece, who has already lost her heart to another. So Caro and the vounger woman hatch a plot—Caro will demonstrate why an inexperienced young lady is not the bride for Michael. She succeeds in convincing him that what he really

needs is a lady of experience by his side. And the perfect candidate is right under his nose—Caro herself. Then it is Michael's turn to be persuasive, a task that requires every ounce of his seductive charm as he tempts and tantalizes Caro, seeking to convince her that becoming his bride will bring her all her heart desires . . . and more. But then a series of mysterious, and dangerous,

accidents befall Caro—an assailant has stepped in with their own idea for Caro's future—one that could involve murder. Before Caro can become Michael's ideal bride, they must race to uncover the unknown's identity before all hope of what they long for, and wish for, is destroyed. The Taming of Ryder Cavanaugh Zondervan Responsibility knocks, and a reckless.

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he completes man responds and their the mission's and opens the unexpected journeys into next door to love. Captain love—thus is a stage—but daredevil responsibility, Caleb snared. #1 Frobisher. once New York hedonistic exercised, has Times youngest son taken root. bestselling of a seafaring and he author dynasty, remains in the wants to be jungle to Stephanie Laurens brings taken guard the vou the third seriously by captives installment in his family, and whose rescue THE understands is the **ADVENTURER** he has to mission's S QUARTET, prove himself ultimate goal. continuing the sufficiently Katherine drama of reformed. Fortescue has fled the life of Regency-era When high seas opportunity poverty her strikes, he wastrel father adventure. seizes the laced with a had next leg of the bequeathed mystery shrouded in covert mission her and come the heat of his brothers to Freetown as tropical have been a governess, jungles, and pursuing and only to be spiced with sails to kidnapped the passionate and put to Freetown, His romances of actions are work four couples decisive, and overseeing a

child workforce at a mine. She and the other captured adults understand that their lives are limited by the life of the mine. Guarded by well-armed and welltrained mercenaries, the captives have been searching for some means of escape, but in vain. Then Katherine meets a handsome man-a captain—in the jungle, and he and his crew bring the sweet promise of rescue. The

sadistic mercenary captain who runs the mine has other ideas, but Caleb's true strength lies in extracting advantage from adversity, and through the clashes that follow, he matures into the leader of men he was always destined to be. The sort of man Katherine can trust—with her body, with her life. With her love. The first voyage is one of exploration, the second one of

discovery. The third journey brings maturity, while the fourth is a voyage of second chances. Continue the journey and follow the adventure, the mystery, and the romances to the dramatic end. Praise for the works of Stephanie Laurens "Stephanie Laurens' heroines are marvelous tributes to Georgette Heyer: feisty and strong." —Cathy Kelly "Stephanie Laurens never

fails to entertain and charm her readers with vibrant plots, snappy dialogue, and unforgettable characters." —Historical Romance Reviews "Stephanie Laurens plays into readers' fantasies like a master and claims their hearts time and again." —Romantic Times Magazine Like No **Other Lover** Savdek Management **Proprietary**

can't face up to the one unassailable truth: A successful marriage gives life its fullest meaning. To all of English society, Simon Frederick Cynster has a perfect life—one of enormous wealth and impeccable social status. His lean handsomenes s turns the heads of naïve debutantes. while his sensual allure ensures he never lacks for more sophisticated partners for a night, or

more, of pleasure. Yet despite all of this. Simon knows that there is something-or rather someone—mis sing in his life. To achieve true contentment, Simon must find a lady accomplished enough to be his wife. someone who will spend her days as a member of one of England's most influential families ... and her nights pursuing duties of a more private—and

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personal—nat ure. But Simon knows what to expect if he reveals his intention to choose a bride; nothing could be more tiresome than having every blushing miss on the marriage mart thrust upon him. So he discreetly begins his search at a house party at Glossup Hall. . . and is astonished that the lady who immediately captures his interest is Portia Ashford. Simon has never

considered Portia as a potential wife. He's known the ravenhaired beauty since childhood: she's willfully independent and has always claimed to be uninterested in marriage. But an unexpectedly heated kiss abruptly alters the rules of their decadelona interaction. Soon they begin to long for the moments they can spend in each other's arms. But all is not as it seems at

Glossup Hall. As Simon and Portia begin to explore the depths of their mutual passion, a shocking murder is committed ... and it appears that the next victim will be Portia herself. And even more shocking than the fact that a murderer secretly walks among them is the realization that all of Simon's considerable strength and influence may not be enough to protect Portia—his once and

always perfect lover . . . Number 8 in series Harper Collins **Duty compels** her to turn her back on marriage. Fate drives him to protect her come what may. Then love takes a hand in this battle of yearning hearts. stubborn wills. and a match too powerful to deny. #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns to rugged Scotland with a dramatic

tale of passionate desire and unwavering devotion. Restless and impatient. Marcus Cynster waits for Fate to come calling. He knows his destiny lies in the lands surrounding his family home, but what will his future be? Equally importantly, with whom will he share it? Of one fact he feels certain: his fated bride will not be Niniver Carrick. His elusive neighbor attracts him

mightily, yet he feels compelled to protect her-even from himself. Fickle Fate. he's sure. would never be so kind as to decree that Niniver should be his. The hest he can do for them both is to avoid her. Niniver has vowed to return her clan to prosperity. The epitome of fragile femininity, her delicate and ethereal exterior cloaks a stubborn will and an unflinching devotion to the people in

her care. She accepts that in order to achieve her goal, she cannot risk marrying and losing control of the clan's reins to an inevitably controlling husband. Unfortunately, too many local men see her as their opportunity. Soon, she's forced to seek help to get rid of her unwelcome suitors. Powerful and dangerous, Marcus Cynster is perfect for the task. Suppressing her wariness

over tangling with a gentleman who so excites her passions, she appeals to him for assistance with her peculiar problem. Although at first he resists. Marcus discovers that. contrary to his expectations, his fated role is to stand by Niniver's side and. ultimately, to claim her hand. Yet in order to convince her to be his bride, they must plunge headlong into a journey full of challenges,

unforeseen dangers, passion, and yearning, until Niniver grasps the essential truth-that she is indeed a match for Marcus Cvnster. A neo-Gothic tale of passionate romance set in the uplands οf southwestern Scotland A Cynster Second Generation Novel - a classic historical romance of 114,000 words. Praise for the works of Stephanie Laurens "Stephanie

Magazine Limited Laurens' The Lady's Only from #1 heroines are marvelous New York Command tributes to MIRA Times Georgette bestselling The Modern Heyer: feisty Hercules author and strong." **STEPHANIE** explores the Cathy Kelly reception of LAURENS. the "Stephanie the ancient second story Laurens never Greek hero of THE fails to Herakles - the **ADVENTURER** entertain and Roman S QUARTET, charm her Hercules - in where readers with western Regency-era vibrant plots, culture from intrigue, the nineteenth danger, snappy dialogue, and century to the romance and unforgettable present day, passion characters." exploring the abound. A Historical hero's secret transformation mission... Romance s of identity After a decade Reviews. leading and "Stephanie Laurens plays significance in diplomatic into readers' a wide range voyages and fantasies like of media. covert a master and The Capture missions for claims their of the Earl of the Crown. hearts time Glencrae Captain and again." Savdek Robert Romantic Management Frobisher **Times Proprietary** decides that

establishing a home—with hearth and wife-should be his next challenge. But when an urgent summons arrives. Robert puts his wishes aside and agrees to set sail immediately. His goal is clear: get to Freetown. determine the location of a slavers' camp and return to London with the information. A distracting complication... In Freetown. Miss Aileen Hopkins is determined to find her

brother Will, a naval lieutenant who has mysteriously disappeared, and she will not allow anvone to turn her from her path. But all too quickly, that path grows dark and dangerous. And then Robert Frobisher appears and attempts to divert her in more wavs than one. An unexpected alliance... Joining forces with Aileen. Robert vows to complete his mission and secure

the woman he wants as his wife. Compelled to protect the innocent and bring retribution to a heartless enemy, they plunge into the jungle with only each other to rely on, and with the courage of their hearts as their guide. Follow THF ADVENTURER S as they continue their voyages across the high seas to the riveting and triumphant conclusion. Originally published in 2016

All About Love **Harper Collins** #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns with a new series that captures the simmering desires and intrigues of early Victorians as only she can. Ryder Cavanaugh's stepsiblings are determined to make their own marks in London society. Seeking fortune and passion, THE **CAVANAUGHS** will delight readers with

their bold exploits. An independent nobleman Lord Randolph Cavanaugh is loval and devoted-but only to family. To the rest of the world, he's aloof and untouchable. a respected and driven entrepreneur. But Rand yearns for more in life, and when he travels to Buckinghamsh ire to review a recent investment. he discovers a passionate woman who will challenge his rigid selfcontrol... A determined

lady Felicia Throgmorton intends to keep her family afloat. For decades. her father was consumed by his inventions and now. months after his death, with their finances in ruins, her brother insists on continuing their father's tinkering. Felicia is desperate to hold together what's left of the estate. Then she discovers she must help persuade their latest investor that her father's follies are a risk worth taking...

Together—the perfect team Rand arrives at Throgmorton Hall to discover the invention on which he's staked his reputation has exploded, the inventor is not who he expected and a fiercely intelligent woman now holds the key to his future success. But unflinching courage in the face of dismaying hurdles is a trait they share, and Rand and Felicia are forced to act together

against ruthless foes to protect everything they hold dear. Sourcebooks. Inc. #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens concludes the tales of the Cavanaugh siblings with the riveting story of the youngest brother and his search for a family of his own. The scion of a noble house brought low by a storm and the lady who nurses him back to

health strive to unravel a web of deception that threatens her family and forces them to fight for what they hold most dear—family, each other. and love. Lord Godfrey Cavanaugh has no thoughts of marrying as he drives into North Yorkshire on a plum commission for the National Gallery to authenticate a Renaissance painting the gallery wishes to purchase. Then a snow

storm sweeps in. and Godfrev barely manages to haul himself. his groom, and his horses to their destination. Elinor Hinckley, eldest daughter of Hinckley Hall, stalwart defender of the family, right arm to her invalid father, and established spinster knows full well how much her family has riding on the sale of the painting and throws herself into nursing the initially

delirious gentleman who holds her family's future in his hands. **But Godfrey** proves to be a far from easy patient. Through Ellie's and her siblinas' efforts to keep him entertained and abed. Godfrey grows to know the family, appreciating and, ultimately, being drawn into family life of a sort he's never known. Eventually, to everyone's relief. he recovers sufficiently to assess the

painting—only to discover that nothing, but nothing, is as it seems. Someone has plans. someone other than the Hinckleys, but who is pulling the strings is a mystery that Godfrey and Ellie find nearimpossible to solve. Every suspect proves to have perfectly understandabl e. albeit hidden reasons for their behavior. and Godfrey and Ellie remain baffled. Until the villain. panicked by their inquiries,

strikes—direct ly at them—and forces them both to acknowledge what has arown to be the most important thing in their lives. Both are natural defenders of the weak and neither will give up. Together they battle to save not just themselves. not just her family, but their futures. Hers, his, and theirs. A classical historical romance set in North Yorkshire. Fourth and

final novel in The Cavanaughs a full-length historical romance of 90.000 words. A Match For Marcus Cynster Sourcebooks. Inc. #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns with a tale of a gentleman seeking the road to fulfillment and a lady with a richly satisfying life but no certain future. A gentleman searching for a purpose in

life sets out to claim his legacy, only to discover that instead of the country residence he'd expected, he's inherited an eccentric community whose enterprises are overseen by a decidedly determined young lady who is disinclined to hand over the reins. Gregory Cynster arrives at the property willed to him by his greataunt with the intention of converting Bellamy Hall into a quiet, comfortable,

gentleman's country residence. only to discover the Hall overrun by an eclectic collection of residents engaged in a host of business endeavors under the stewardship of a lady far too young to be managing such reins. With the other residents of the estate. Caitlin Fergusson has been planning just how to deal with the new owner. but coming face to face with Gregory Cynster

throws her and everyone else off their stride. They'd anticipated a bored and disinterested gentleman who, once they'd revealed the income generated by the Hall's community, would be content to leave them undisturbed. Instead, while Gregory appears the epitome of the London rake they'd expected him to be, they quickly learn he's

and all its works and claim ownership of the estate. While the other residents adjust their thinking, the burden of dealing daily with Gregory falls primarily on Caitlin's slender shoulders, yet as he doggedly carves out a place for himself. Caitlin's position as chatelainecum-steward seems set to grow redundant. But Caitlin has her own reasons for

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clinging to the refuge her position at Bellamy Hall represents. What follows is a dance of revelations. both of others and also of themselves. for Gregory, Caitlin, and the residents of Bellamy Hall. Yet even as they work out what their collective future might hold, a shadowy villain threatens to steal away everything they've created. A classic historical romance set in an artisanal community on a country estate. A **Cynster Next** Generation novel. A fulllenath historical romance of 118.000 words. Praise for Foes. Friends and Lovers "Fans of full-bodied Regency romances with dynamic female leads will find much to enjoy in Foes. Friends. and Lovers." Virge B., Proofreader. Red Adept Editing "When Gregory Cynster inherits Bellamy Hall and arrives to

inspect the enormous home, he's surprised to find a woman. Caitlin Fergusson, serving as steward of the highly unconventiona l estate. Though Caitlin is secretive about her past, Gregory quickly realizes he can't afford to lose her help, and he bides his time in learning precisely what her past looks like and whether he can be a part of her future. Fans of Regency romance will

relish this tale." Angela M., Copy Editor, Red Adept Editing The Ideal **Bride** Savdek Management **Proprietary** Limited #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns to the Cynsters' next generation with an evocative tale of two people striving to overcome unusual hurdles in order to claim true love. A nobleman wedded to the lady he loves strives to

overwrite five years of masterful pretence and open his wife's eyes to the fact that he loves her as much as she loves him. Lord Devlin Cader. Earl of Alverton. married Therese Cynster five years ago. What he didn't tell her then and has assiduously hidden ever since—for what seemed excellent reasons at the time-is that he loves her every bit as much as she loves him. For her own

misguided reasons. Therese had decided that the adage that Cynsters always marry for love did not necessarily mean said Cynsters were loved in return. She accepted that was usually so, but being universally viewed by gentlemen as too managing, bossy, and opinionated, she believed she would never be loved for herself. Consequently, after falling irrevocably in love with

Devlin, when he made it plain he didn't love her yet wanted her to wife, she accepted the half lovematch he offered, and once they were wed, set about organizing to make their marriage the very best it could be. Now, five years later, they are an established couple within the haut ton. have three young children, and Devlin is making a name for himself in business and political

circles. There's only one problem. Having attended numerous Cynster weddings and family gatherings and spent time with Therese's increasingly married cousins, who with their spouses all embrace the Cynster ideal of marriage based on mutually acknowledged love, Devlin is no longer content with the half lovematch he himself engineered. No fool, he

sees and comprehends what the craven act of denying his love is costing both him and Therese and feels compelled to rectify his fault. He wants for them what all Therese's married cousins enjoy—the rich and myriad benefits of marriages based on acknowledged mutual love. Love, he's discovered, is too powerful a force to deny, leaving him wrestling with the

conundrum of for The Games finding a way Lovers Play "A high-society to convincingly Regency-era couple reveal to explores the Therese that he loves her aenuine without affection they wrecking share for one everything—e another specially the against a mutual sophisticated trust-thev've vintage built over the backdrop. past five Unwaveringly eloquent, vears. A classic Games Lovers historical Play is as romance set much a amid the snapshot of a glittering maturing world of the marriage as it London haut is an ton. A Cynster impassioned, Next provocative Generation romance." novel—a full-Libybet R. G., length Proofreader. Red Adept historical Editing "It isn't romance of 110,000 fashionable words. Praise for members

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