

## The Toll Gate Georgette Heyer

Home from Waterloo, life in peacetime is rather dull for the adventure-loving Captain John Staple. But when he finds himself lost and benighted on the moors, he hardly expects to find a frightened young boy who's been left alone to tend a toll gatehouse. Undercover as the new keeper of the house, John investigates, and begins to unravel a complex mystery. Then he meets the orphaned Nell Stornaway, an outspoken beauty who is an unwitting pawn in a treacherous scheme. Between hiding his true identity from Nell, and the arrival in the neighbourhood of some distinctly shady characters, John finds himself embarking upon the adventure - and romance - of a lifetime...

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Abigail Wendover, on the shelf at 28, is kept busy when her niece falls head over heels in love with a handsome fortune hunter and Abbie is forced into a confrontation with his scandalous uncle. Miles Calvery is the black sheep of his family- enormously rich from a long sojourn in India, disconcertingly blunt and brash. But he turns out to be Abbie's most important ally in keeping her niece out of trouble. But how can he possibly be considered eligible when she has worked so hard to rebuff his own nephew's suit for her niece? And how can she possibly detach from an ailing sister who needs her? This is a heroine who has to be, literally, swept off her feet...

"Sparkles with wit." —NORA ROBERTS, #1 New York Times bestselling author  
Delightful, glittering, timeless romance for your holiday season. The Queen of Regency Romance, Georgette Heyer, shines in this sparkling collection of fourteen short stories brimming with romance, intrigue, villainy, gallant heroes, compelling heroines, and, of course, the dazzling world of the Regency period. Additional content in this re-issue of the Pistols for Two collection includes three of Heyer's earliest short stories, rarely seen since their original publication in the 1930s, as well as a Foreword by Heyer's official biographer, Jennifer Kloester. Revel in a Regency world so intricately researched and charmingly realized, you'll want to escape there again and again in Heyer stories new and old. What People Are Saying About Georgette Heyer: "Georgette Heyer is second to none in her ability to make short stories entertaining." —Sunday Times "Georgette Heyer is the Queen of the Regency Romance. Long may she reign!" —New York Times bestselling author LAUREN WILLIG "Nobody does it better." —New York Times bestselling author MEREDITH DURAN She is the grand dame of Historical Romance and no one does it better!" —New York Times bestselling author CATHY MAXWELL

New York Times Bestseller! Sophy sets everything right for her desperate family in one of Georgette Heyer's most popular Regency romances. When Lady Ombersley agrees to take in her young niece, no one expects Sophy, who sweeps in and immediately takes the ton by storm. Sophy discovers that her aunt's family is in desperate need of her talent for setting everything right: Cecilia

is in love with a poet, Charles has tyrannical tendencies that are being aggravated by his grim fiancée, her uncle is of no use at all, and the younger children are in desperate need of some fun and freedom. By the time she's done, Sophy has commandeered Charles's horses, his household, and finally, his heart.

"Georgette Heyer is unbeatable."-Sunday Telegraph A young and lovely runaway alone on the road to London Miss Charity Steane is running away from the drudgery of her aunt's household to find her grandfather. Not expecting her visit, the old gentleman is not in London but is away in the country. A scandal broth in the making When Viscount Desford encounters a lovely waif searching for her grandfather, he feels honor bound to assist her; but dashing about the countryside together, the Viscount must prevent his exasperating charge from bringing him ruin upon herself...and him. In the end, his best idea is to bring Charity to his lifelong best friend Henrietta and that's when the fun and surprises begin... "It all begins when a chivalrous and rich young gallant takes pity on a pathetic poor relation in a neighboring family. Before long he is so entangled in his efforts to help her that every step he takes leads to some hilarious new confusion. The romantic conclusions are not what you may expect, but that adds to the fun."-Publishers Weekly "My favourite historical novelist-stylish, romantic, sharp, and witty. Her sense of period is superb, her heroines are enterprising, and her heroes dashing. I owe her many happy hours."-Margaret Drabble "Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen."—Publishers Weekly Rank, wealth, and elegance are no match for a young lady who writes novels... Sylvester, Duke of Salford, has exacting requirements for a bride. Then he meets Phoebe Marlow, a young lady with literary aspirations, and suddenly life becomes very complicated. She meets none of his criteria, and even worse, she has written a novel that is sweeping through the ton and causing all kinds of gossip... and he's the main character! What Readers Say: "A truly brilliant Heyer with an adorable and very real heroine and a hero who is very human!" "One of Heyer's most unsung achievements, a classic *Pride and Prejudice* story. Hilarity and adventure throughout." "The hero may be my all-time favorite. He is so drily funny it takes your breath away. What a wonderful love story." "Hilariously funny, romantic, even touching in a subtle way." Georgette Heyer wrote over fifty novels, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. She was known as the Queen of Regency romance, and was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, and her extraordinary plots and characterizations.

While Inspector Wexford tries to convince Mike Burden that a man Wexford has long known, Eric Targo, is the killer behind a series of apparently motiveless murders, the Rahmans, a respectable Pakistani immigrant family, not only must contend with their daughter's controversial marriage, but also with their being linked to something far more disturbing. By an Edgar-winning author

"Witty...a cheerful extravaganza."—The New Yorker His exploits were legendary... Captain John

Staple, back from the battlefield, is already bored with his quiet civilian life in the country. When he stumbles upon a mystery involving a disappearing toll-gate keeper, nothing could keep the adventure-loving captain from investigating. But winning her will be his greatest yet... The plot thickens when John encounters the enigmatic Lady Nell Stornaway and soon learns that rescuing her from her unsavory relatives makes even the most ferocious cavalry charge look like a particularly tame hand of loo. Between hiding his true identity from Nell and the arrival in the neighborhood of some distinctly shady characters, Captain Staple finds himself embarked on the adventure-and romance-of a lifetime. "Spritely and good fun."-New York Herald Tribune "Once again Georgette Heyer has directed her comic genius along the fictional highway of early nineteenth-century England, but this time...cleaves with refreshing persistence to the commoner levels of life."-Chicago Sunday Tribune "Told in elegant prose with exceptionally humorous dialogue by the Queen of Regency romance."-Good Book Guide "Heyer was one of the great protagonists of the historical novel in the post-war golden age..." Philippa Gregory Frederica only wants what's best for her family, even if it means sacrificing her own happiness. When she brings her younger siblings to London, she may find the chance to give them everything-and find love along the way. Determined to secure a brilliant marriage for her beautiful sister, Frederica seeks out their distant cousin the Marquis of Alverstoke. Lovely, competent, and refreshingly straightforward, Frederica makes such a strong impression that to his own amazement, the Marquis agrees to help launch them all into society. Normally wary of his family, which includes two overbearing sisters and innumerable favor-seekers, Lord Alverstoke does his best to keep his distance. But with his enterprising and altogether entertaining country cousins getting into one scrape after another right on his doorstep, before he knows it the Marquis finds himself dangerously embroiled. Charming characters and flawless proeses make Frederica a fan favorite from the Queen of Regency Romance. Fans of Jane Austen, Tessa Dare, and Theresa Romain will delight in the entertaining story of a woman seeking security for her family but finding love where and when she least expected it. What reviewers are saying about Frederica "Humorous, light-hearted...a nice, comfortable way to get your Austen-fix."-Love Romance Passion "This is a great book that explores both the relationships of the characters, and the Regency era itself. Fun, entertaining, enthralling!"-Wendi's Book Corner "[A] fun, charming book... Frederica is a keeper, going on my bookshelf."-Les'a's Book Critiques "There was a playful, light-hearted feel to this book that, along with the engaging characters, totally charmed me."-Genre Reviews "The novel ends on a most satisfying note, and I can think of no better way of spending a chilly winter evening wrapped in a down comforter with my pooch sleeping by my side- than reading this gem of a book."-Jane Austen's World "Overflowing with fun and family, this warm, joyful 1965 Regency is one of Heyer's later novels and another popular title."-Library Journal Perfect period detail and rapturously romantic, from one of the best known and beloved historical novelists of all time. John, Duke of Bedford, grew to manhood fighting for his father, King Henry IV of England, on the wild and lawless Northern Marches. A prince of the royal blood, loyal, strong, the greatest ally that his brother - the future Henry V - was to have. Filled with the clash of bitter rivalries and deadly power struggles, this is Georgette Heyer's last and most ambitious novel.

A dashing man of honor... En route to propose to his sensible acquaintance Lady Hester, Sir Gareth Ludlow finds young, pretty Amanda wandering unattended and knows it is his duty to bring her back to her family. This turns out to be a challenge as Amanda seems to possess an imagination as intriguing as it is dangerous. A shocking refusal... Lady Hester stuns both him and her family when she refuses him. At her age, no one would expect her to turn down such an eligible suitor. But Lady Hester has met the indomitable Amanda. How can the quiet, intelligent Hester hope to compete with such a lively young lady? WHAT READERS ARE SAYING: "Wonderful Heyer! You must read this one, really it's one of her best ... charming and

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funny." "Crisp, funny, and wonderful to read." "The best Regency-era romance novel ever written ... I had exactly the same reaction to Sprig Muslin that I had with Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*-an overwhelming sense of relief and satisfaction that it had ended in exactly the way I had wanted it to ... So excellently done and such fun!" "Hilarious. I recommend Georgette Heyer to anyone in need of a bit of cheering up."

*The Black Moth* (1921) is a historical romance novel by Georgette Heyer. Initially devised as a series of stories for her younger brother Boris, who suffered from hemophilia, *The Black Moth* became Heyer's debut novel following its discovery by her father, who recognized its merits and sought publication. Published in Britain and the United States, *The Black Moth* was a commercial success that launched the career of one of twentieth-century England's most popular writers of fiction. Set during the Georgian era of the 1750s, the story follows Lord Jack Carstares, a disgraced nobleman who turns to a life of crime after taking the blame for his brother's persistent dishonesty at cards. Branded a cheater and a thief, Jack briefly flees England before returning under the name of Sir Anthony Ferndale. Forced into the shadows, he becomes a highwayman notorious for robbing the carriages of the rich. Following his father's death and his brother's ascent to the head of the family estate, Jack is caught while robbing the carriage of a man who turns out to be Miles O'Hara, an old friend and Justice of the Peace. Arrested, Jack is forced to reveal his identity, and is promptly forgiven. Retaining his disguise and unready to rejoin the social life of England's elite, Jack becomes embroiled in a scandal involving the abduction of Miss Diana Beauleigh, whom he rescues from the wicked Duke of Andover. Unable to remain anonymous for much longer, Jack is pulled by his innate goodness toward the friends and family he has long since left behind, allowing him one last chance at redemption. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Georgette Heyer's *The Black Moth* is a classic work of English historical romance reimagined for modern readers.

"You're in for a treat."—NORA ROBERTS, #1 New York Times bestselling author *The Marquis of Vidal* always gets his own way. Until he meets Mary Challoner... Praise for *Devil's Cub*: "If you've never read Heyer's books before, prepare to be charmed. Or come rediscover her magic."—LINDA HOWARD, author of *Up Close and Dangerous* "[C]olorful and eccentric characters." —Library Journal

Beautiful Deborah Grantham, mistress of her aunt's elegant gaming house, must find a way to restore herself and her aunt to respectability, preferably without accepting either of two repugnant offers. One is from an older, very rich and rather corpulent lord whose reputation for licentious behavior disgusts her; the other from the young, puppyish scion of a noble family whose relatives are convinced she is a fortune hunter. Max Ravenscar, uncle to her young suitor, comes to buy her off, an insult so scathing that it leads to a volley of passionate reprisals, escalating between them to a level of flair and fury that can only have one conclusion... "My favourite historical novelist—stylish, romantic, sharp, and witty. Her sense of period is superb, her heroines are enterprising, and her heroes dashing. I owe her many happy hours." -Margaret Drabble "Georgette Heyer is unbeatable." - Sunday Telegraph "Sparkling." -Independent on Sunday "A writer of great wit and style...I've read her books to ragged shreds." -Kate Fenton, Daily Telegraph

"Witty, humorous, a well-constructed plot."-Candace Camp, New York Times bestselling author of *Suddenly A Delightful Tangle of Affairs*... The Earl of Spenborough had always been noted for his eccentricity. Leaving a widow younger than his own daughter Serena was one thing, but leaving his fortune to the trusteeship of the Marquis of Rotherham ? the one man the same daughter had jilted ? was quite another. When Serena and her lovely young stepmother Fanny decide to move to Bath, Serena makes an odd new friend and discovers an old love. Before long, they're all entangled in a clutter of marriage and manners the likes of which even Regency Bath has rarely seen. What Readers Say: "Bath Tangle has all the fun and frolic that



has delighted Ms. Heyer's fans for years" "Brilliant character portrayals, wity dialogue, vivid imagery, and smooth pacing...a novel not to be missed!" "Romance, history, nostalgia-who could ask for more? The story is...full of humorous suspense.

"Wonderful entertainment from first page to last." ? Chicago Sunday Tribune A past dispute . . . When the irascible Lord Darracott's eldest son dies unexpectedly, the noble family must accept their estranged Yorkshire cousin as heir apparent. They are convinced he will prove to be a sadly vulgar person, but nothing could have prepared the beleaguered family for the arrival of Major Hugo Darracott . . . A present deception . . . His clever and beautiful cousin Anthea is sure there's more to the gentle giant than Hugo's innocent blue eyes and broad Yorkshire brogue would lead one to believe. But even she doesn't guess what he's capable of, until a family crisis arises and only Hugo can preserve the family's honor, leading everybody on a merry chase in the process . . . What Readers Say: "What Heyer does best: comedy, engaging characters, and excellent writing." "A very enjoyable romp with a positively masterly denouement." "Georgette Heyer reaches the pinnacle of her skill with this book." "Among the best of Heyer's Regency novels ? very, very funny." "The pitch-perfect comedy, as the Ajax takes the reins of the family, is fantastic." Georgette Heyer wrote over fifty novels, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. She was known as the Queen of Regency romance, and was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, and her extraordinary plots and characterizations.

Georgette Heyer is known as the "Queen of Regency Romance," and you won't want to wait to find out why! You'll fall in love with Arabella Tallant, one of the most memorable and delightfully exuberant heroines you've ever met. Daughter of a modest country clergyman, Arabella Tallant still dreams of a proper romance, and is on her way to London when her carriage breaks down outside the hunting lodge of the wealthy Mr. Robert Beaumaris. Her pride stung when she overhears a remark of her host's, Arabella comes to her own defense and pretends to be an heiress, a pretense that deeply amuses the jaded Beau. To counter her white lie, Beaumaris launches her into high society and thereby subjects her to all kinds of fortune hunters. When compassionate Arabella rescues such unfortunate creatures as a mistreated chimney sweep and an abandoned dog—proving her love is refined by kindness and grace—Beaumaris finds he rather enjoys the role of rescuer and is soon given the opportunity to prove his mettle... The Georgette Heyer Signature Collection is a celebration of an author who has charmed millions of readers with her delightful sense of humor and unique take on Regency romance. This edition of Arabella includes fun and fascinating bonus content? a glossary of Regency slang, a Reading Group Guide, and an Afterword by official biographer Jennifer Kloester sharing insights into what Georgette herself thought of Arabella and what was going on in her life as she was writing.

The true story of the bastard son who made himself a king and the woman who

melted his heart. The stirring history of William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, who invaded England and became the King. His victory, concluded at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, is known as the Norman Conquest. Known for her exhaustive research and ability to bring past eras to life, bestselling author Georgette Heyer tells the story of William the Conqueror, who became King of England in 1066, and his queen Matilda, the high-born noblewoman who at first scornfully spurned him. William was an illegitimate child of a nobleman, who won his dukedom through force of will, and went on to bring European feudalism to England, along with a program of building and fortification that included the building of the Tower of London. The historical novel includes Heyer's brilliant period language and her perfect grasp of the details of the day – clothing, armor, weapons, and food – making for a fascinating and blood-stirring read. Bonus reading group guide available inside. "From the moment when the infant grasped his father's sword with a strength unusual in one so young, William showed himself a leader among men. The Conqueror grew out of an incredible amount of historical research into the way of life, the way of speech, the way of thought, and feeling, and praying in the Eleventh Century. Without sacrificing the flow of her plot, Miss Heyer conveys an understanding of this period, more authentic as well as more colorful than many historical tomes. It is obvious in reading this novel that Georgette Heyer is indeed a mistress of her craft." — Best Sellers "Perfect craftsmanship." — The New York Times Book Review "Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to." — Katie Fforde "My favourite historical novelist." — Margaret Drabble

Lord Roxhythe is a patriot. He loves his king and his county . . . in that order with an undying passion. When faced with a mission for his king, King Charles, that many would quaver at accepting Roxhythe accepts without hesitation. While those around him question if what is good for Charles is indeed good for England Roxhythe does not. He is a royalist of a different age. Masterfully written with cutting dialog and dazzling prose. Full intrigue, adventure, and rich details of the time and place. A must read for all Georgette Heyer fans.

"... A long-lost family heirloom, a young heir falsely accused of murder, a band of smugglers, two utterly delightful Heyer heroines, a taciturn, but highly resourceful older gentleman - all play their parts in a tale funny enough to have you laughing aloud."—Publishers Weekly One of Heyer's funniest Regency romances, and one of readers' favorites. An impetuous young lady and a fugitive nobleman? When spirited Eustacie stumbles into a band of smugglers, she is delighted to be having an adventure at last. Their leader, young heir Ludovic Lavenham, is in hiding, falsely accused of murder. Pursued by the law, Eustacie and Ludovic find refuge at an unassuming country inn. And the delightfully sensible couple who try to keep them out of trouble... The resourceful Miss Sarah Thane and the clear-thinking Sir Tristram Shield gamely endeavor to prevent Ludovic's arrest and Eustacie's ruin as the four conspire to recover the missing talisman ring that will clear Ludovic's name. WHAT READERS SAY: "A story in the manner of Jane

Austen, of domestic comedy and love affairs." Times Literary Supplement "A sparkingly witty book that had me laughing out loud." "A perfect blend of romance, adventure, and, especially, humor. One couple is young and brash and fun, and the other is older and more mature. Seeing the older couple's relationship grow is one of the story's highlights. "This is a wonderfully rich novel, full of excellent secondary characters with lots of charm and wit." "Nonstop laughter from cover to cover? probably because there are two heroes and two heroines, and their chemistry with each other is just sparkling!" "Hilarious! A hallmark of most of Georgette Heyer's works is her sense of humor? her wit and comedic timing are at their best."

"Sparkling ... The stories run the gamut from cloak-and-dagger to whimsical-comedy." -Best Sellers "A delightful assortment." -Library Journal

Intrigue, elegance, and glittering romance... In eleven charming short stories, the Queen of Regency romance presents an exquisite romp through affairs of honor and affairs of the heart. Featuring rakes and rascals, orphans and heirs, beauties and their beaux, the legendary Georgette Heyer's signature wit and inimitable style bring the Regency world dazzlingly alive. WHAT READERS ARE SAYING: "These stories have the real feel-good factor like curling up with a mug of hot chocolate or a glass of wine on a cold winter's day. Bliss!" "Such fun... Each story works brilliantly on its own." "A wonderful book to dip into or read right through." GEORGETTE HEYER wrote over fifty novels, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. She was known as the Queen of Regency romance, and was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, and her extraordinary plots and characterizations.

"Heyer was one of the great protagonists of the historical novel in the post-war golden age..." —Philippa Gregory Considered the book that launched Georgette Heyer's career, *These Old Shades* features two of Heyer's most memorable characters: Justin Alastair, the Duke of Avon, and Leonie, whom he rescues from a life of ignominy and comes to love and marry. The Duke is known for his coldness of manner, his remarkable omniscience, and his debauched lifestyle. Late one evening, he is accosted by a young person dressed in ragged boy's clothing running away from a brutal rustic guardian. The Duke buys "Leon" and makes the child his page. "Leon" is in fact Leonie, and she serves the Duke with deep devotion. When he uncovers the true story of her birth, he wreaks an unforgettable revenge on her sinister father in a chilling scene of public humiliation. PRAISE FOR GEORGETTE HEYER: "Our Georgette Heyer display of the Sourcebooks reprints has been a huge success, not only to those early fans like myself, but to many new readers who appreciate her style and wit." Nancy Olson, Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh, NC "Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen." Publishers Weekly "Wonderful characters, elegant, witty writing, perfect period detail, and rapturously romantic. Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to." Katie Fforde "Absolute monarch of the Regency romance." Kirkus Reviews

"Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen."-Publishers Weekly A missing twin Something is very wrong, and the Honourable Christopher "Kit" Fancot can sense it. Kit returns to London on leave from the diplomatic service to find that his twin brother Evelyn has disappeared and his extravagant mother's debts have mounted alarmingly. A quick-minded heiress The Fancot family's fortunes are riding on Evelyn's marriage to the self-possessed Cressy Stavely, and her formidable grandmother's approval of the match. If Evelyn fails to meet the Dowager Lady Stavely in a few days as planned, the betrothal could be off. A fortune in the balance When the incorrigible Lady Fancot persuades her son to impersonate his twin (just for one night, she promises) the masquerade sets off a tangled sequence of events that engage Kit's heart far more deeply than he'd ever anticipated with his brother's fiancée-who might know much more about what's going on than she cares to reveal... "A writer of great wit and style... I've read her books to ragged shreds." -Kate Fenton, Daily Telegraph Georgette Heyer (1902-1974) wrote over fifty novels, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. She was known as the Queen of Regency romance, and was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, and her extraordinary plots and characterizations.

Despite the scandalous blemish on his bride's family name, Lord Giles Cardross is convinced that Nell cares for him. But as the bills and debts mount, Giles begins to suspect that his wife isn't as innocent as she looks.

A fascinating look into a tumultuous interlude in British history and the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie. This brilliantly entertaining novel is a fictionalization of the true story of Charles II (May 29, 1630 ? February 6, 1685), charting his daring flight to France after the Battle of Worcester, where Cromwell and his Protestant forces defeated the Catholic king. For six weeks, Charles' life was in danger as he hid in the English countryside, disguised as a servant, unable to find a way across heavily guarded borders. His loyal courtiers were appalled by the ease and glee with which he adopted his new humble identity, insisting on chatting and even drinking with ostlers and houseboys. Two young women were instrumental in his eventual escape and one of them became a lifelong friend of the exiled king.

"The Georgette Heyer bible...This is a must-have book for any Georgette Heyer lover." -Historically Obsessed An internationally bestselling phenomenon and queen of the Regency romance, Georgette Heyer is one of the most beloved historical novelists of our time. She wrote more than fifty novels, yet her private life was inaccessible to any but her nearest friends and relatives. Lavishly illustrated and with access to private papers, correspondence and family archives, this classic biography opens a window into Georgette Heyer's world and that of her most memorable characters, revealing a formidable, energetic woman with an impeccable sense of style and, beyond everything, a love for all things Regency. "One of the most beautiful books I know. Time and time again, on reading this book, I found myself breaking off to lift another dog-eared Heyer



from the shelf and lose myself in the increased pleasure of a re-reading."

-Washington Post Book World

An altogether unsatisfactory arrangement After their father's death, Miss Judith Taverner and her brother Peregrine travel to London to meet their guardian, Lord Worth, expecting an elderly gentleman. To their surprise and utter disgust, their guardian is not much older than they are, doesn't want the office of guardian any more than they want him, and is determined to thwart all their interests and return them to the country. With altogether too many complications But when Miss Taverner and Peregrine begin to move in the highest social circles, Lord Worth cannot help but entangle himself with his adventuresome wards... Praise for Regency Buck: "Clever!"— Library Journal "Georgette Heyer is unbeatable."— Sunday Telegraph "Light and frothy, in the vein of the author's other Regency novels, this follows the fortunes of Miss Judith Taverner and her brother, Sir Peregrine. A good introduction to Heyer's period stories..." — The Booklist "Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen."— Publishers Weekly "A writer of great wit and style... I've read her books to ragged shreds"— Katie Fenton, Daily Telegraph "Wonderful characters, elegant, witty writing, perfect period detail, and rapturously romantic. Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to."—Katie Fforde

"Fascinating reading...authentic atmosphere in a delightful English tale"—Chicago Sunday Tribune Less than a hero's welcome... Returning to his family seat from Waterloo, Gervase Frant, seventh Earl of St Erth, could have expected more enthusiasm for his homecoming. His quiet cousin, stepmother, and young half-brother seem openly disappointed that he survived the wars. And when he begins to fall for his half-brother's sweetheart, his chilly reception goes from unfriendly to positively murderous. One of Heyer's most suspenseful Regency romances, *The Quiet Gentleman* combines an ingenious mystery plot with her signature witty style and effervescently engaging characters. What Readers Say: "A must read. You will love the quirky characters, the great suspense plot, and the incredible wit." "A breath of fresh air... Heyer's witty dialog, engaging and sparkling characters, and humorous repartee make this an engaging and wonderful read." "One of my favourites; it is a mystery as well as a lighthearted comedy of manners." Georgette Heyer wrote over fifty novels, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. She was known as the Queen of Regency romance, and was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, and her extraordinary plots and characterizations.

Almost an heiress Country-bred, spirited Kitty Charings is on the brink of inheriting a fortune from her eccentric guardian — provided that she marries one of his grand-nephews. Kitty has spent her secluded life pining for the handsome, rakish Jack, who is well aware of her attachment. A plan of her own But when Jack fails to respond to his great-uncle's ultimatum, Kitty hatches a strategy of her own — a counterfeit betrothal to mild-mannered Freddy Standen (who neither needs nor wants the money). A most unlikely hero And when Kitty's generous

heart leads to all sorts of unintended troubles, there is only one man who can rescue her from more than one dreadful fix, pick up the pieces of her plotting and in the process her heart... "Thus begins Cotillion, arguably the funniest, most charming of Georgette Heyer's many delightful Regency romances." — Amazon.co.uk "Sparkling"—Independent on Sunday "A literary bubble bath...Take a delightful and frothy dip among the gayer aspects of the author's favorite and well worked Regency period."—Sunday Tribune

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