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Coming Up Roses By Catherine Anderson

Read by Cecelia Riddett

Reading time 12 hours, 8 minutes

Oregon, 1890. Kate Blakely, whose abusive husband recently died, nurses new neighbor Zachariah McGovern from a snake bite. When Kate's violent former brother-in-law pressures Kate to marry him, Zach offers Kate a marriage of convenience instead--hoping it can become something more. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

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First Comes Marriage By Mary Balogh

Read Anne Flosnik

Reading time 10 hours, 45 minutes

Elliott Wallace, the viscount Lyngate, arrives in the English countryside to inform seventeen-year-old Stephen Huxtable that he is now an earl. Stephen has three sisters he won't leave behind, and one--widowed Vanessa--proposes to Elliott before he can ask for her sister. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

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A Lady's Secret By Jo Beverley

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

Reading time 12 hours, 3 minutes

1764. British aristocrat Robin Fitzvivy rescues beautiful Italian nun Petra d'Averio from a dangerous situation in France and escorts her to England to find her birth father. As Petra is pursued by assailants determined to capture her, she and Robin fall in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

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The Spymaster's Lady By Joanna Bourne

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 12 hours, 53 minutes

Napoleonic era. British spy Robert Grey journeys to France to capture his French counterpart Annique Villiers, the "Fox Cub." Imprisoned together, the two join forces to escape while fighting their growing sexual attraction. Back in England, Annique faces a clash of loyalties. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

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Desperately Seeking a Duke By Celeste Bradley

Read by Kristen Allison

Reading time 8 hours, 45 minutes

England, 1815. Cousins Phoebe, Deirdre, and Sophie vie for their grandfather's inheritance, which will go to the first one to wed a duke. Phoebe falls in love with Raphael Marbrook, but it is Rafe's brother, Lord Calder, the future duke of Brookhaven, who proposes. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

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The Golden Season By Connie Brockway

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 9 hours, 50 minutes

1816. Lady Lydia Eastlake, an heiress, gets the shocking news that her fortune is gone and she must abandon her lavish lifestyle--or marry into money. A desperate Lydia sets her sights on Captain Ned Lockton, unaware that he is in the same predicament. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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The Bridegroom Wore Plaid By Grace Burrowes

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 11 hours, 8 minutes

Scottish earl Ian MacGregor must marry an heiress to support his clan. Queen Victoria's residence at nearby Balmoral allows Ian to rent his castle to well-to-do English nobility, including wealthy Willard Daniels and his daughters. But Ian is intrigued by Willard's poor, orphaned niece Augusta. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

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A Touch of Scandal By Liz Carlyle

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 10 hours, 42 minutes

London, 1848. After governess Grace Gauthier is accused of murdering her employer, she seeks help at the St. James Society. Lord Ruthveyn, a part-Indian mystic, falls in love with Grace and thwarts the police while searching for the true culprit. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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Miss Wonderful By Loretta Lynda Chase

Read by Annie Wauters Reading time 10 hours, 56 minutes

England, 1818. Dandy Alistair Carsington, an earl's son and wounded war hero, travels to rural Derbyshire to convince the residents that a canal is needed through their land. He faces opposition from Mirabel Oldridge, a disheveled spinster who runs her father's estate. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

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The Hellion Bride by Catherine Coulter

Read by Mary Woods

Reading time 10 hours, 29 minutes

1803. Ryder Sherbrooke is in Jamaica to investigate supernatural happenings at the family's sugar operation and discovers a plot to take over the plantation. He is also confronted by the lovely young Sophia, who quickly develops a passion for him. But does she really want to bed him, or does she have some other plan? Sequel to Sherbrooke Bride (DB 34032). Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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The Windflower by Sharon Curtis

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 17 hours, 55 minutes

During the War of 1812, eighteen-year-old American spy Merry Wilding is kidnapped by pirates but refuses to divulge any information. Devon Crandall, a British agent on board, resists the temptation to ravish Merry even as she falls in love with him. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1984.

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Goddess of the Hunt By Tessa Dare

Read by Kristin Allison, Kristin. Reading time 10 hours, 12 minutes

1817. Lucy Waltham believes she's in love with Toby Aldridge. To practice seduction techniques, Lucy sneaks into the bedchamber of her brother's best friend Jeremy Trescott, the earl of Kendall. Jeremy and Lucy find their attraction to each other more disturbing than Lucy's behavior. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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The Scent of Jasmine By Jude Deveraux

Read by Theresa Conkin

Reading time 10 hours, 49 minutes

1799. Catherine "Cay" Edilean Harcourt from Virginia visits her godfather in Charleston, South Carolina. There she helps a family friend, Scottish immigrant Alex McDowell, escape imprisonment for a false charge of murder. Alex and Cay flee to Florida and gradually fall in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011.

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Outlander By Diana Gabaldon

Read by Barbara Caruso

Reading time 33 hours, 24 minutes

It is 1945. Frank and Claire Randall are on a second honeymoon in the Scottish Highlands, where Claire is studying rare plants and Frank is researching family origins. One day Claire steps into an ancient stone circle and is hurled back in time to 1743. She is nearly raped by one of Frank's ancestors before being rescued and forced into marriage. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Prequel to Dragonfly in Amber (DB 36536).

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Shadow Music By Julie Garwood

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 9 hours, 32 minutes

English princess Gabrielle is sent to marry laird Alan Monroe of Scotland in order to prevent an invasion. But after Gabrielle takes a life to prevent a murder a conflict begins between Highland clans. Warrior Colm MacHugh also falls in love with Gabrielle. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2007.

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The American Heiress By Daisy Goodwin

Read by Terry Donnelly

Reading time 16 hours, 26 minutes

1894. Wealthy American debutant Cora Cash is taken to England by her status-seeking mother to marry an aristocrat. Cora falls in love with the Duke of Wareham, who needs Cora's money to refurbish his estate. The two marry, only to find that the past threatens their happiness. Bestseller. 2010.

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How To Capture a Countess By Karen Hawkins

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 9 hours, 11 minutes

England, 1812. For six years Lord Sinclair has searched for Rose, a young Scottish lady who insulted him. When he encounters Rose at his great-aunt's house party, he vows to seduce her. After a series of mishaps the pair cause a scandal. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Passions of a Wicked Earl By Lorraine Heath

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 8 hours, 54 minutes

London, 1853. Morgan Lyons, the Earl of Westcliffe, abandons his bride Claire in the country when he suspects that she has slept with his brother. Three years later Claire ventures to the city to introduce her sister to society--and to seduce her rogue husband. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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The Raven Prince By Elizabeth Hoyt

Read by Moira Quirk

Reading time 10 hours, 27 minutes

When widowed Anna Wren learns that she is in dire financial straits, she takes a position with the Earl of Swarthingham, who has frightened off two secretaries and needs someone who can withstand his dark moods. Strange circumstances soon heighten their mutual attraction. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2006.

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The Rules of Seduction By Madeline Hunter

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 10 hours, 52 minutes

Penniless Lady Alexia Welbourne becomes a governess for Lord Hayden Rothwell after Hayden catches Alexia's cousin and guardian stealing from the Rothwell family's bank. Hayden falls in love with Alexia, who struggles to maintain her dignity--until Hayden proposes. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

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A Kiss at Midnight By Eloisa James

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 9 hours, 45 minutes

Kate is reduced to the status of a servant after her remarried father dies. Forced by her stepmother to impersonate her injured stepsister at a ball, Kate meets her godmother--and falls in love with prince Gabriel, who is engaged to a princess. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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Destiny's Embrace By Beverly Jenkins

Read by Julie-Ann Elliott Reading time 9 hours, 12 minutes

1885. African American seamstress Mariah Cooper leaves her abusive home in Philadelphia for a housekeeping job at a California cattle ranch. In Sacramento, she meets black rancher Logan Yates and the two attempt to deny their mutual attraction. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

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Libby's London Merchant and Miss Chartley's Guided Tour By Carla Kelly

Read by Corrie James Reading time 19 hours, 25 minutes

In Libby's London Merchant war veteran Benedict Nesbitt, the duke of Knaresborough, travels to Kent anonymously to inspect his friend Eustace's fiancée, Libby Ames. In Miss Chartley's Guided Tour Omega is left at the altar and vows never to fall in love again. 1989.

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Defiant By Kris Kennedy

Read by J. Michael McCullough. Reading time 13 hours, 20 minutes
England, 1215 . Jamie is on a mission for King John to retrieve something from a priest--and the mysterious Eva is determined to thwart him. But Jamie and Eva must form a contentious alliance when a group of mercenaries kidnap the priest. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2011.

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ShadowHeart By Laura Kinsale

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 17 hours, 42 minutes
Europe, during the reign of King Richard II. Allegreto, pirate-assassin from For My Lady's Heart (RC 39854), kidnaps Elayne, princess of Monteverde, and makes her his bride. On the journey to confront Franco Pietro--Allegreto's political rival and Elayne's former fiancé--true affection blossoms. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2004.

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Dreaming of You By Lisa Kleypas

Read by Rosalyn Landor Reading time 11 hours, 40 minutes
Author Sara Fielding ventures into London to seek gambling king Derek Craven and gather material for her next novel. Craven lets Sara tour his club--and falls in love with the lady. Sequel to Then Came You (DB 73100). Some explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 1994.

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The Untamed Bride the Black Cobra Quartet By Stephanie Laurens

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 13 hours, 12 minutes
India, 1822. Four British officers aim to capture a terrorist called the Black Cobra. Colonel Derek Delborough lures the villain back to England, where the Cynster family is willing to join the search. During the mission Delborough falls in love with Deliah Duncannon. Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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A Rogue by Any Other Name By Sarah MacLean

Read by Michael J. McCullough Reading time 13 hours, 24 minutes

London, 1831. Lady Penelope Marbury and Michael, the marquess of Bourne, were childhood friends. Then Michael lost his entire estate on a bet--and departed for the London underworld. Ten years later, marriage to Penelope is key to his plans for regaining his lands. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2012.

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Almost Heaven By Judith McNaught

Read by Jill Ferris Reading time 20 hours, 13 minutes

Lady Elizabeth Cameron is a young woman of unmatched beauty. But her reputation is ruined during her first London season when she is found in the arms of Ian Thornton--persona non grata with the ton. However, circumstances conspire to throw them together on several occasions, and soon their dislike for each other is vying with a passion that may be even stronger. Some strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1990.

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The Bride of Willow Creek By Maggie Osborne

Read by Michele Schaeffer Reading time 10 hours, 13 minutes

Angelina Bertoli, separated for ten years from prospector Sam Holland, hunts him down for a divorce. To her surprise, he has children, one of whom needs surgery. Financial difficulties force them together into the family life that may be all they ever wanted. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2001.

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Loving a Lost Lord By Mary Jo Putney

Read by Laura Giannarelli Reading time 11 hours, 52 minutes

1812. Mariah Clarke invents an imaginary husband to avoid the unwanted advances of George Burke, who seeks to reclaim the estate of Mariah's late father. When an amnesiac shipwreck survivor washes up on the beach, Mariah convinces the lost man that they are married. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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Seduction by Amanda Quick

Read by Anne Flosnik Reading time 11 hours, 56 minutes

Country-bred Sophy Dorrington enters into a marriage of convenience with Julian, the earl of Ravenwood, whose first wife died mysteriously. But Sophy is determined to make her husband fall in love with her. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 1990.

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The Lost Duke of Wyndham by Julia Quinn

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff Reading time 10 hours, 39 minutes

England, 1819. Soldier-turned-highwayman Jack Audley is suspected of being the grandson of the dowager duchess of Wyndham. The duchess's companion, Grace Eversleigh, falls in love with Jack but knows that if he is the legitimate duke, they will never be able to marry. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

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Scandalous Deception By Rosemary Rogers

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

Reading time 13 hours, 1 minute

England and Russia, 1820. To thwart an assassination plot, Edmond masquerades as his twin brother, the duke of Huntley. When Brianna Quinn seeks the duke's protection from her stepfather, Edmond, overcome by lust, puts both Brianna and himself in harm's way. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2008.

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The Wicked Wallflower By Maya Rodale

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 8 hours, 2 minutes

Weary of their limited prospects, Lady Emma Avery and her friends--fellow graduates of Lady Penelope's Finishing School--pen an announcement of Emma's engagement to England's most eligible bachelor, the Duke of Ashbrooke. When their joke accidentally appears in the newspaper, Emma finds herself living a masquerade. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

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The Edge of Impropriety By Pam Rosenthal

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

Reading time 10 hours, 15 minutes

London, 1829. Acclaimed romance writer Marina Wyatt, the widowed countess of Gorham, falls in love with the scholarly Jasper Hedges, an uncle of her young friend Sir Anthony Hedges. While indulging in their clandestine affair, Marina is blackmailed for past indiscretions. Explicit descriptions of sex. Rita Award. 2008.

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Katherine a Novel by Anya Seton

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 25 hours, 7 minutes

Fourteenth-century England. Novel about Katherine Swynford, sister-in-law of Geoffrey Chaucer and wife of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster. As John fights for power, he falls in love with Katherine, a married woman. Their romance lasts through decades of war, adultery, and murder. Includes 2004 foreword by Philippa Gregory. 1954.

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Darling Jasmine by Bertrice Small

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 13 hours, 48 minutes

Skye O'Malley's granddaughter Jasmine refuses King James's order to marry Jemmie Leslie, the Scottish earl of Glenkirk. Instead she takes her children to France. But Jemmie, who once loved Jasmine, refuses to take no for an answer and follows her. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

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Texas Rain Whispering Mountain Trilogy Book 1 By Jodi Thomas

Read by Anne Hancock

Reading time 11 hours, 22 minutes

Texas, 1854. Half-Apache Texas Ranger Travis McMurray returns home to the family ranch. At a dance he meets Irish runaway bride Rainey Adams, who kisses him then steals his horse. Travis is determined to find and marry this mysterious woman. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 2006.

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Not Quite a Husband by Sherry Thomas

Read by Gabriella Cavallero Reading time 7 hours, 29 minutes

Victorian India. Mathematician Leo Marsden and physician Bryony Asquith's marriage lasted only a year before they sought an annulment. But several years later, when Leo arrives to fetch Bryony for her dying father, they fall back in love. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Rita Award. 2009.

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Ashes in the Wind By Kathleen E. Woodiwiss

Read by Michael McCullough Reading time 22 hours, 43 minutes

A Cajun carpetbagger spreads rumors that Alaina MacGaren is a traitor, and drives the resourceful seventeen-year-old orphan from her family's Virginia plantation to war-ravaged New Orleans. To preserve her anonymity, Alaina disguises herself and finds her fate entangled with that of a gentlemanly surgeon, Yankee Captain Cole Lattimer. Bestseller. 1979.

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