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### The Courtesan's Daughter and the Gentleman

Must she pay for the sins of her mother?Miss Charlotte Danvers has just received a life-altering shock. After spending most of her life in France in an elite school for girls, first as a student, and then as a teacher, she decides to return to London and take up residence with her mother.When she arrives at her mother's townhouse in London, she is stunned to discover that the woman who raised her is the well-known courtesan, Mrs. Danforth. After an angry and tearful confrontation with her mother, Charlotte leaves London and makes her home in Bath. All goes well until she meets Mr. Carter Westbrooke, close friend and business partner of Charlotte's best friend's husband, Lord Berkshire. After only a few weeks, Mr. Westbrooke declares his intentions to Charlotte to make her his wife.She can be no one's wife but cannot bring herself to tell him why. Must she run again?

### The Bookseller and the Earl

Callie Hutton LLC Miss Addie Mallory is finished with the husband hunt. After six London Seasons as a wallflower, she convinces her parents that she should be allowed to use her dowry to buy a bookstore in Bath where she can live her life the way she wants. Lord Grayson, Earl of Berkshire, has never gotten over his deceased wife's betrayal with his own brother. He plans to make his life all about his son, Michael, who is deaf. When Grayson's sister-in-law serves him with court papers declaring Michael incompetent with the intention of having her own son named as Grayson's rightful heir, he turns to Addie, a dyslexic bookstore owner, for help. Addie takes a personal interest in helping the boy. However, as time passes, Grayson and Addie's joint venture to keep Michael from being declared incompetent leads to feelings and desires neither one of them expected. Or necessarily wanted. \*\*\*\*\* The Merry Misfits of Bath is a brand-new Regency romance series from USA Today bestselling author Callie Hutton. Each standalone story features a heroine who doesn't quite fit in but who finally finds her happy ever after with a hero who sees her through the eyes of love.

### His Brazen Tart

Victoria Vale Widowhood has offered Joan Durbin the chance to experience life as she never has before. When rumors of an agency of male courtesans in London bring her face to face with Sir Piers Lovelace, she is introduced to a world of enticing pleasures—those of domination and submission, pleasure and discipline, and utter abandon. Unlike most Gentleman Courtesans, Piers is a paramour to wealthy women not out of financial need—but because it allows for illicit affairs with no strings attached. After a previous heartbreak, Piers has no interest in being trapped into marriage by the devious ladies of high society. But Joan Durbin is unlike any woman Piers has ever known. Her brazen nature and uninhibited charm make it difficult to remember that their arrangement is one of pleasurable business only. Neither of them is looking for love ... but both will be hard-pressed to deny it's call.

### British Drama (1533-1642)

## A Catalogue. 1603-1608

Oxford University Press, USA This is the fifth volume of a detailed play-by-play catalogue of drama written by English, Welsh, Irish, and Scottish authors during the 110 years between the English Reformation to the English Revolution, covering every known play, extant and lost, including some which have never before been identified. It is based on a complete, systematic survey of the whole of this body of work, presented in chronological order. Each entry contains comprehensive information about a single play: its various titles, authorship, and date; a summary of its plot, list of its roles, and details of the human and geographical world in which the fictional action takes place; a list of its sources, narrative and verbal, and a summary of its formal characteristics; details of its staging requirements; and an account of its early stage and textual history. The years covered in this volume saw the consolidation of the Burbage and Shakespeare company as the King's Men, and the emergence of the Jacobean court masque.

## The Courtesan Duchess

Zebra Books In this wickedly sexy Regency romance series debut, a Duchess plays seductress in a cunning scheme that leads to love. Julia, Duchess of Colton, has a cunning plan to banish her debts. All she has to do is seduce her estranged husband—an undertaking that proves to be as wickedly pleasurable as it is improper. After learning the secrets of Juliet Leighton, London's leading courtesan, she travels to Venice in disguise as Juliet. Now all she has to do is locate her husband, conceive an heir, and voila, her future is secure! It's a foolproof plan. After all, Julia's husband has not bothered to lay eyes on her in eight years, since their hasty wedding day when she was only sixteen. But what begins as a tempestuous flirtation escalates into full-blown passion—and the feeling is mutual! Could the man she married actually turn out to be the love of her life?

## The Cambridge History of Chinese Literature: From 1375

Cambridge University Press Stephen Owen is James Bryant Conant Professor of Chinese at Harvard University. --Book Jacket.

## The Courtesan's Arts

### Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Oxford University Press Courtesans, hetaeras, tawaif-s, ji-s--these women have exchanged artistic graces, elevated conversation, and sexual favors with male patrons throughout history and around the world. Of a different world than common prostitutes, courtesans deal in artistic and intellectual pleasures in ways that are wholly interdependent with their commerce in sex. In pre-colonial India, courtesans cultivated a wide variety of artistic skills, including magic, music, and chemistry. In Ming dynasty China, courtesans communicated with their patrons through poetry and music. Yet because these cultural practices have existed primarily outside our present-day canons of art and have often occurred through oral transmission, courtesans' arts have vanished almost without trace. The Courtesan's Arts delves into this hidden legacy, unveiling the artistic practices and cultural production of courtesan cultures with a sideways glance at the partly-related geisha. Balancing theoretical and empirical research, this interdisciplinary collection is the first of its kind to explore courtesan cultures through diverse case studies--the Edo period and modern Japan, 20th-century Korea, Ming dynasty China, ancient Greece, early modern Italy, and India, past and present. Each essay puts forward new perspectives on how the arts have figured in the courtesan's survival or demise. Though performative and often flamboyant, courtesans have been enigmatic and elusive to their beholders--including scholars. They have shaped cultures through art, yet their arts, often intangible, have all but faded from view. Often courtesans have hovered in the crevices of space, time, and practice--between gifts and money, courts and cities, feminine allure and masculine power, as substitutes for wives but keepers of culture. Reproductively irrelevant, they have tended to be ambiguous figures, thriving on social distinction while operating outside official familial relations. They have symbolized desirability and sophistication yet often been reviled as decadent. The Courtesan's Arts shows that while courtesans cultures have appeared regularly in various times and places, they are universal neither as a phenomenon nor as a type. To the contrary, when they do crop up, wide variations exist. What binds together courtesans and their arts in the present-day post-industrialized world of global services and commodities is their fragility. Once vital to cultures of leisure and pleasure, courtesans are now largely forgotten, transformed into national icons or historical curiosities, or reduced to prostitution.

... Splendors and Miseries of Courtesans...: The way the girls love. How much love costs old men

## Courtesans, Concubines, and the Cult of Female Fidelity

BRILL This book traces changing gender relations in China from the tenth to fourteenth centuries by examining three critical categories of women: courtesans, concubines, and faithful wives. It shows how the intersection and mutual influence of these groups—and of male discourses about them—transformed ideas about family relations and the proper roles of men and women. Courtesan culture had a profound effect on Song social and family life, as entertainment skills became a defining feature of a new model of concubinage, and as entertainer-concubines increasingly became mothers of literati sons. Neo-Confucianism, the new moral learning of the Song, was significantly shaped by this entertainment culture and by the new markets—in women—that it created. Responding to a broad social consensus, Neo-Confucians called for enhanced recognition of concubine mothers in ritual and expressed increasing concern about wifely jealousy. The book also details the surprising origins of the Late Imperial cult of fidelity, showing that from inception, the drive to celebrate female loyalty was rooted in a complex amalgam of political, social, and moral agendas. By taking women—and men's relationships with women—seriously, this book makes a case for the centrality of gender relations in the social, political, and intellectual life of the Song and Yuan dynasties.

## Queen of the Courtesans

### Fanny Murray

The History Press Fanny Murray (1729-1778) was a famous Georgian beauty and courtesan, desired throughout England and often to be found pressed to a gentleman's heart in the form of a printed disc secretly tucked into their pocket-watch. She rose from life in the 'London stews' to fame and fortune, through her career as a high-class courtesan. She was seduced and then abandoned, aged just 12, by Jack Spencer, grandson of Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough (and related to the Althorp-based Spencers). Her luck turned when she caught the eye of the infamous Beau Nash, 'King of Bath'. But it was her time in London that promoted her to national fame and notoriety. After ten years at the top, she was heavily in debt, but managed to secure an arranged marriage to a respectable man. The scandals of her past caught up with her as she was named in the national scandal surrounding Wilke's pornography case at the High Court.

## The London Magazine; Or, Gentleman's Monthly Intelligencer

### The Usurer's Daughter

## Male Friendship and Fictions of Women in 16th Century England

Routledge In a brilliant and persuasive series of moves, Lorna Hutson provides startling new readings of Shakespeare, illuminates how social relations were textualized, and focuses on the central importance of the history of the representation of women.

## The Blade of the Courtesans

Vertical Inc This Naoki Prize-nominated historical thriller marked the auspicious debut of late-blooming author Keichiro Ryu, who in five years made a name for himself as a master of period novels. In *The Blade of the Courtesans*, a young samurai by the name of Seichiro Matsunaga, trained in swordfighting by non other than the legendary samurai Musashi Miyamoto, finds himself in Yoshiwara (the pleasure

quarters of old Tokyo), per Miyamoto's dying wishes. In Yoshiwara, Seichiro finds himself defending its denizens against what may be spies from the Yagyu Clan, including one young woman named Oshabu, whose story runs deeper than still water suggests. The Blade of the Courtesans is at once a quiet ode to human liberties in the face of political warfare and edge-fo-your-seat swordfighting, a Japanese counterpart to the romantic adventures of the medieval knights whose chivalry is rivaled only by their prowess at battle.

## The Gentleman's Magazine

### Falling from His Grace

Lyrical Press At a private masquerade club, an innocent lady poses as a courtesan to play a dangerous game of hearts in this sexy Regency romance series debut. Lucas Mayfield, the Eighth Earl of Heightford, has devised an ingenious gentlemen's club where anonymity protects the reputations of all. But when a young courtesan appears far too innocent, his suspicions are raised . . . along with his interest. When her gleaming hair tumbles down, he recognizes the Duke of Chatterwood's beautiful daughter. Lucas has no idea how the lady managed to get in—or how she tempted him into an unforgettable kiss . . . Lillah Durary is in a bind. Her father cruelly insists that she marry a man she does not love—who is, in fact, desperately in love with her best friend. She has no choice but to maintain a platonic marriage until some other arrangement can be made. Still, she's determined to experience pleasure before she is wed. An intriguing new club seems the perfect place—and Lucas Mayfield seems the perfect man for the arrangement she seeks . . . “This Regency romp is a well-balanced mix of heat and sweetness.” —Publishers Weekly

### The Incurable Courtesan

When the Wallflowers Were Wick Gambling with your reputation has never been so much fun!The Disaster at Almack's was the beginning of the end for Miss Honor Barnes, even though her part in it was small. With her reputation in tatters, she must look for ways to secure her comfort and safety...which is where wealthy tradesman, Sebastian Boothe, comes in. And if it means a daring gamble at the card table to win her way into his bed, it's a chance she's willing to take.Sebastian is just enough of a rake to bow to Honor's wicked wishes, but he has more than fun on his mind. His entire fortune is in danger, thanks to the underhanded machinations of Lord James Grey. With time running out to prove he is the rightful owner of the profits of his recent trade mission to India, he is faced with the impossible unfairness of a commoner challenging the nobility.But Sebastian has an ace in his corner in the form of Honor and her skills. Together, they can set a trap to take down the most notorious cheat in the ton...if Sebastian can learn to trust Honor first.A light-hearted, fun, SUPER steamy, Regency romp-a quick read, not to be taken too seriously.PLEASE BE ADVISED - Steam Level: Five-Alarm Fire with a generous helping of F-bombs. Don't say you weren't warned. When the Wallflowers were Wicked: THE ACCIDENTAL MISTRESSTHE INCORRIGIBLE COURTESANTHE DELECTABLE TAR

### A Duke But No Gentleman

### A Masters of Seduction Novel

Macmillan "St. Martin's Paperbacks historical romance"--Spine.

### The Book of the Courtesans

### A Catalogue of Their Virtues

Crown From Pulitzer-Prize-nominated author Susan Griffin comes an unprecedented, provocative look at the dazzling world of the West's first independent women, whose lively liaisons brought them unspoken influence, wealth, and freedom. While they charmed some of Europe's most illustrious men honing their social skills as well as their sexual ones, the great courtesans gained riches, power, education, and sexual freedom in a time when other women were denied all of these. From Imperia of sixteenth-century Rome, who personified the Renaissance ideal of beauty; Mme. de Pompadour, the arbiter of all things fashionable in eighteenth-century Paris and Versailles; Liane de Pougy, known in France during the Belle Epoque as “Our National Courtesan”; to Sarah Bernhardt, who, following in her

mother's footsteps, supported herself in her early career with a second profession, *The Book of the Courtesans* tells the life stories and intricacies of the lavish lifestyles of these women. Unlike their geisha counterparts, courtesans neither lived in brothels nor bent their wills to suit their suitors. They were strong-willed, autonomous, and plucky. An open secret, their presence can be felt throughout our culture. The muses who enflamed the hearts and imaginations of our most celebrated artists, they were also artists in their own right. They wrote poetry and novels, invented the cancan at the Moulin Rouge, and presented celebrated acts at the Folies Bergères. They helped to influence and shape the sensibility of modern literature, painting, and fashion. When Greek sculptor Praxiteles wanted to depict Venus he used a famous courtesan as a model, as in later centuries Titian, Veronese, Raphael, Giorgione, and Boucher did when they painted goddesses. When Marcel Proust was a young man it was the courtesan Laure Hayman who took him under her wing, introducing him to the right people, and providing inspiration for one of literature's greatest masterpieces. And they often had considerable political influence too. When King Louis XV needed advice on foreign affairs or appointments of state he turned to Jeanne du Barry as well as Pompadour. In her witty and insightful prose, as Griffin celebrates these alluring and fascinating women, she restores a lost legacy of women's history. She gives us the stories of these amazing women who, starting from impoverished or unimpressive beginnings, garnered chateaux, fine coaches, fabulous collections of jewelry, and even aristocratic titles along the way. And through a brilliant exploration of their extraordinary abilities, skills, and talents which Griffin playfully categorizes as their virtues "Timing, Beauty, Cheek, Brilliance, Gaiety, Grace, and Charm" her book explains how, while helping themselves, through their often outrageous, always entertaining examples, the great courtesans not only enriched our cultural heritage but helped to liberate women from the social, sexual, and economic strictures that confined them. Intensively researched and beautifully crafted, *The Book of the Courtesans* delves into scintillating but often hidden worlds, telling stories gleaned from many sources, including courtesans' memoirs, presented along with stunning rare photographs to create memorable portraits of some of the most pivotal figures in women's history.

## The Inner Quarters

### Marriage and the Lives of Chinese Women in the Sung Period

Univ of California Press *The Sung Dynasty (960-1279)* was a paradoxical era for Chinese women. This was a time when footbinding spread, and Confucian scholars began to insist that it was better for a widow to starve than to remarry. Yet there were also improvements in women's status in marriage and property rights. In this thoroughly original work, one of the most respected scholars of premodern China brings to life what it was like to be a woman in Sung times, from having a marriage arranged, serving parents-in-law, rearing children, and coping with concubines, to deciding what to do if widowed. Focusing on marriage, Patricia Buckley Ebrey views family life from the perspective of women. She argues that the ideas, attitudes, and practices that constituted marriage shaped women's lives, providing the context in which they could interpret the opportunities open to them, negotiate their relationships with others, and accommodate or resist those around them. Ebrey questions whether women's situations actually deteriorated in the Sung, linking their experiences to widespread social, political, economic, and cultural changes of this period. She draws from advice books, biographies, government documents, and medical treatises to show that although the family continued to be patrilineal and patriarchal, women found ways to exert their power and authority. No other book explores the history of women in pre-twentieth-century China with such energy and depth.

### Women and the Literary World in Early Modern China, 1580-1700

Routledge Exploring the works of key women writers within their cultural, artistic and socio-political contexts, this book considers changes in the perception of women in early modern China. The sixteenth century brought rapid developments in technology, commerce and the publishing industry that saw women emerging in new roles as both consumers and producers of culture. This book examines the place of women in the cultural elite and in society more generally, reconstructing examples of particular women's personal experiences, and retracing the changing roles of women from the late Ming to the early Qing era (1580-1700). Providing rich detail of exceptionally fine, interesting and engaging literary works, this book opens fascinating new windows onto the lives, dreams, nightmares, anxieties and desires of the authors and the world out of which they emerged.

## Courtesans of the Italian Renaissance

Harvill Secker

## Lives of the Courtesans

## Portraits of the Renaissance

Rizzoli International Publications Describes the lifestyles of 16th century courtesans and analyzes the treatment of courtesans in art and literature

## Shakespeare's Foreign Worlds

## National and Transnational Identities in the Elizabethan Age

Cornell University Press In Shakespeare's Foreign Worlds, Carole Levin and John Watkins focus on the relationship between the London-based professional theater preeminently associated with William Shakespeare and an unprecedented European experience of geographic, social, and intellectual mobility. Shakespeare's plays bear the marks of exile and exploration, rural depopulation, urban expansion, and shifting mercantile and diplomatic configurations. He fills his plays with characters testing the limits of personal identity: foreigners, usurpers, outcasts, outlaws, scolds, shrews, witches, mercenaries, and cross-dressers. Through parallel discussions of Henry VI, The Taming of the Shrew, and The Merchant of Venice, Levin and Watkins argue that Shakespeare's centrality to English national consciousness is inseparable from his creation of the foreign as a category asserting dangerous affinities between England's internal minorities and its competitors within an increasingly fraught European mercantile system. As a women's historian, Levin is particularly interested in Shakespeare's responses to marginalized sectors of English society. As a scholar of English, Italian Studies, and Medieval Studies, Watkins situates Shakespeare in the context of broadly European historical movements. Together Levin and Watkins narrate the emergence of the foreign as portable category that might be applied both to "strangers" from other countries and to native-born English men and women, such as religious dissidents, who resisted conformity to an increasingly narrow sense of English identity. Shakespeare's Foreign Worlds will appeal to historians, literary scholars, theater specialists, and anyone interested in Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Age.

## A Game of Desire

Choc Lit This Regency is a sure bet. "A splendid historical romance . . . the story has depth and emotion, on top of being a fun and entertaining read." —The Book Review The Queen of Diamonds never loses . . . Felicity Fox is a rarity for a woman living in the early 1800s. Not only does she frequent the "gambling hells" where most ladies would not dare to tread, she can also beat any man at his own game. It's no wonder she's gained notoriety as the "Queen of Diamonds." Edward, Earl of Addington, despises gambling and is not exactly enamored of Felicity Fox either, especially since she one tried to swindle his family. Except now the Earl requires assistance from the Queen of Diamonds—and he has everything to lose. But involving herself with Edward might be the most dangerous game that Felicity has ever played . . . "Stunning . . . a sexy, exciting and entertaining romance." —Chicks, Rogues and Scandals

## China's Golden Age

## Everyday Life in the Tang Dynasty

Oxford University Press, USA In this fascinating and detailed profile, Benn paints a vivid picture of life in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), traditionally regarded as the golden age of China. 40 line illustrations.

## More than a Mistress/No Man's Mistress

## Two Novels in One Volume

Dell From New York Times bestselling author Mary Balogh come two classic tales of Regency-era romance, where scandalous liaisons kindle passions too powerful to conceal. MORE THAN A MISTRESS Hired to serve as nursemaid to the wounded Duke of Tresham, Jane Ingleby tries to pretend it's strictly a business arrangement. Surely there could be nothing more perilous than being the lover of such a man. Yet when she gets past his devilish façade and sees the noble heart within, she knows the greatest jeopardy of all—a passion that drives her to risk everything on one perfect month with an improper gentleman who thinks that love is for fools. NO MAN'S MISTRESS Lord Ferdinand Dudley is accustomed to getting what he wants—until he tries to claim his rightful estate from the bewitching Lady Viola Thornhill. Refusing to cede him the home she calls her own—and unwilling to consider marriage—Viola knows that this is a battle she cannot afford to lose. Each day under the same roof brings its share of frustration—and temptation—as both sides in this contest of wills find their resolve melting in the heat of passion's bright flame.

## Daily Life in Traditional China

### The Tang Dynasty

Greenwood Publishing Group Enter the golden age of Chinese culture and explore the everyday lives of its people.

### The Courtesan

Harlequin After years of dangerous fighting on the Peninsula, Captain Jack Carrington has returned home to take up family duties and find himself a wife. But his life is thrown into turmoil when he views a fencing lesson unlike any other. The talented student is no student at all, but a beautiful young woman, and the most infamous courtesan in all of London—Lady Belle. Who is the mysterious Belle? A jaded cyprion seeking her next protector? A kind friend helping those in need? Or a mistress of sensual delights that tempt a man to madness? Eager to uncover the true woman behind the facade, Jack wagers he can win a kiss from Belle if he bests her at fencing. And though Belle is a woman he can neither afford to keep nor dare to marry, he's willing to risk it all to win her to his bed.

## Yangzhou, A Place in Literature

### The Local in Chinese Cultural History

University of Hawaii Press One of the famous canal cities of the world and a former center of culture, trade, transportation, and fashion, the old town of Yangzhou evokes romantic bridges, beautiful courtesans, fine gardens, and eccentric painters. It is also remembered as a war-torn ruin after the Qing conquest and the Taiping Rebellion, and as a city in decline as trade shifted to seaports and railways. Yangzhou, A Place in Literature, the first anthology to center on a Chinese city and its local region, offers a wealth of literary, semi-literary, and oral texts representing social life over three hundred years of dramatic change between the seventeenth and twentieth centuries. The selections in this volume represent a wide range of literary forms and styles, both elite and popular, with subjects ranging from literature, history, theater, and art to the history of architecture and gardening, and of material culture at large. Readers will come across rarely found details of everyday life, the sights, smells, and sounds of the lanes and teahouses, a world of taverns, pilgrimages, communal baths, fish markets, salt merchants, acting troupes, and food in one of the wealthiest cities of imperial China. Each text has an introductory essay and rich textual notes by an expert in the relevant field. The general introduction provides an in-depth discussion of the roles of the local in historical, cultural, literary, and linguistic terms, as mirrored by the wide range of translated sources collected in this volume. The selected texts are historically and intellectually important in their own right, but the volume greatly enhances their collective value by combining them, arranging them in historical sequence, and providing a dense network of cross-references that invite comparisons and reveal contrasts in style, form, focus, and topic. With its compelling accounts of material culture, urban spaces, entertainment, and gender, Yangzhou, A Place in Literature will fascinate scholars and students alike by opening a window to the rich cultural history of Yangzhou. The volume can serve as a textbook for courses on traditional and modern Chinese literature, popular culture, the city, or social history. It will be of great interest to scholars of East Asian studies, as well as to those in a variety of comparative fields, such as urban studies, theater studies, and gender studies.

## The Mouse Merchant

### Money in Ancient India

Penguin UK Even in ancient India, money is always a good thing and everyone wants it. The stories in The Mouse Merchant—selected from the Sanskrit universe, from the period of the late Rig Veda to the twelfth century—tell us how money was dealt with in everyday life in ancient and medieval Indian society. At the heart of these tales is the merchant. Sometimes gullible, sometimes greedy; ingenious at some moments, dim-witted at others; and hopelessly in love with courtesans but also loyal to their wives, our merchant heroes show how innovation in business is sometimes more important than capital. The Mouse Merchant puts these stories into the context of Indian business history, giving not only rare insights into the romance of the ancient seafaring life but also great wisdom about money.

## Edition Definitive of La Comédie Humaine: The splendors and miseries of courtesans: The way that girls love. How much love costs old men. The end of bad roads. The last incarnation of Vautrin

### When You Give a Duke a Diamond

Sourcebooks, Inc. He had had a perfectly orderly life...until she came along William, the sixth Duke of Pelham, enjoys his punctual, securely structured life. Orderly and predictable—that's the way he likes it. But he's in the public eye, and the scandal sheets will make up anything to sell papers. When the gossips link him to Juliette, one of the most beautiful and celebrated courtesans in London, chaos doesn't begin to describe what happens next. Juliette is nicknamed the Duchess of Dalliance, and has the cream of the nobility at her beck and call. It's seriously disruptive to have the duke who's the biggest catch on the Marriage Mart scaring her other suitors away. Then she discovers William's darkest secret and decides what he needs in his life is the kind of excitement only she can provide. The first in a sparkling Regency romance trilogy from acclaimed author Shana Galen following a glittering trio of celebrated courtesans whose fortunes depend on the ton believing the rumors about their mysterious lives. Celebrate the 80th birthday of Regency Romance with great books from Sourcebooks Casablanca! Jewels of a Ton Trilogy: When You Give a Duke a Diamond (Book 1) If You Give a Rake a Ruby (Book 2) Sapphires Are an Earl's Best Friend (Book 3) Praise for Shana Galen: "BRILLIANT AND SEXY! Once you start a Shana Galen book, you won't put it down until you reach the end." -Sophie Jordan, New York Times bestselling author of Wicked in Your Arms "Her engaging characters and strong plotline enhance the spirited dialogue and sense of adventure." -RT Book Reviews

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## TLA Film, Video, and DVD Guide 2002-2003

### The Discerning Film Lover's Guide

Macmillan A film, video, and DVD guide for the true lover of the cinema, this volume focuses on independent and international films as well as the best of the mainstream. 450 photos throughout.

The Plays and Poems of George Chapman: The comedies: The blind beggar of Alexandria. An humourous day's mirth. All fools. May-day. The gentleman usher. Monsieur D'Olive. The widow's tears. The masque of the Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn. Eastward ho. The ball. Sir Giles Goosecap. Introduction and notes

### The Fortnightly Review

### The Fortnightly

### The Christmas Courtesan

### A Gentleman Courtesans Novella

Victoria Vale The Widows Four is a standalone tie-in series connected to The Gentleman Courtesans series by Victoria Vale. Widowed Lady Miranda Hughes wants to indulge in something wicked—something she might never have dared to do as a young, unwed debutante. The rumors of male courtesans operating secretly in London have piqued her interest, so she hires one for an illicit rendezvous during a Christmas house party. Roger Thornton's desperation to provide a dowry for his sister pushes him to moonlight as a secret courtesan. What begins as a convenient affair blossoms into more as Roger and Miranda find in one another the things they have been missing. But, will a scandalous discovery ruin their chances for a happy future? Previously published as part of the Christmas anthology, Have Yourself a Merry Little Scandal. This standalone version features a bonus epilogue.

### A Gentleman's Guide to Scandal

Penguin Passions and tensions run high in the latest scandalous Birch Hall romance from the author of A Lady's Guide to Ruin. Even men of great certainty can be completely clueless when it comes to matters of the heart. Colin Spenser, Marquess of Farleigh, is shocked when his feelings towards his best friend's sister take a turn into the realm of helpless adoration. Unfortunately, Elinor is more inclined to ignore him than express her undying devotion, so Colin resolves to forget his troublesome feelings by entering a loveless marriage... Elinor Hargrove has absolutely no interest in the infuriating and arrogant Marquess of Farleigh. That is, until he kisses her—twice—inspiring unexpected and inconvenient passions. Then Elinor finds out he's engaged, and her desires are quickly surpassed by her outrage... But when a ghost from their shared pasts resurfaces, Colin and Elinor must work together to puzzle out a complicated intrigue by attending an extremely exclusive party where secrets and lies flourish—and scandal is only a kiss away. From the Paperback edition.

## Sapphires Are an Earl's Best Friend

Sourcebooks, Inc. She Wants Him...She Wants Him Not... Lily Dawson, dubbed the Countess of Charm by the Prince Regent himself, plays the role of the courtesan flawlessly while her real purpose is spying in the service of the Crown. Her mission now is to seduce a duke to test his true loyalties. She'll do it, even though the man she really wants is Andrew Booth-Payne, Earl of Darlington-the duke's son. Andrew is furious when he finds himself rivaling his father for Lily's attention. When he uncovers Lily's mission, Andrew is faced with impossible choices. It seems he is destined to betray either his family, his country, or the longings of his own heart... The third book in a sparkling Regency romance trilogy from acclaimed author Shana Galen following a glittering trio of celebrated courtesans whose fortunes depend on the ton believing the rumors about their mysterious lives. Jewels of a Ton Trilogy: When You Give a Duke a Diamond (Book 1) If You Give a Rake a Ruby (Book 2) Sapphires Are an Earl's Best Friend (Book 3) Praise for Shana Galen: "Full of daring and danger, this Regency romance sizzles with sexual tension...and brims with subtle humor."-Long and Short Reviews "Sensual and sexy."- Publishers Weekly "A thrilling ride, filled with mystery, intrigue, and romance...leaves this reader breathless with anticipation."-Fresh Fiction