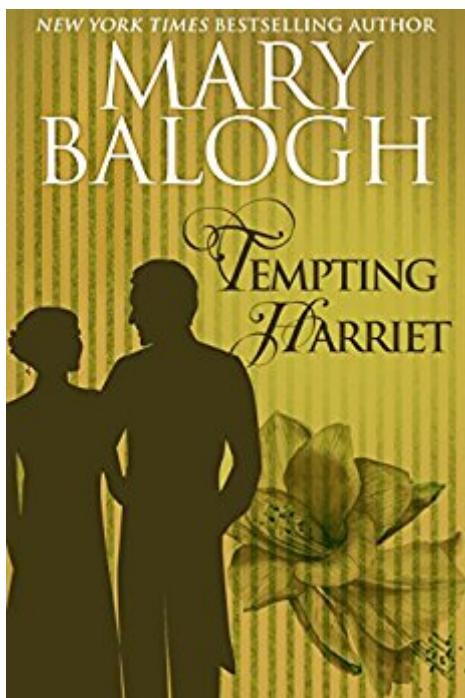


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Tempting Harriet



Synopsis

Harriet, Lady Wingham, widowed after a four-year marriage to an older man, takes her young daughter to London to stay with friends. There she becomes reacquainted with the Duke of Tenby, the man who broke her heart six years earlier when he offered her carte blanche instead of marriage. This time he has honorable intentions toward her, but Harriet misunderstands and impulsively agrees to become his mistress for a short while until she returns home. And so begins an affair disastrous to them both, for their feelings for each other cannot be satisfied by such a casual and clandestine arrangement.

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Customer Reviews

Good follow up to "Dancing with Clara." The hero is not as yucky as Freddie in "Dancing..." but comes across as still rather world weary and cynical. Both of their circumstances have changed, Harriet's more so than Archie's. He does try to do the right thing but Harriet inadvertently gives him an easy out and Archie is just too emotionally lazy to turn the opportunity down. He tries to treat Harriet as he has every other woman and just does not work. Eventually he discovers that what she has offered is not what he really wants. Balogh writes some rather complex characters for a

romance writer which is one of the reasons I enjoy her so much. There are no real villains or heroes, mostly just imperfect people trying to do what is best for them and ultimately the people they love. There are also rarely contrived mysteries and there is not one in this story. The development of the characters and how they evolve are the story. Harriet and Archie have spent years apart but in love with each other and have struggled to put the other in an emotional corner they can manage without it consuming the rest of their lives. That they can eventually open those corners and allow themselves to trust each other and acknowledge their love is the heart of the story.

I loved this story. I liked them as a flirty secondary couple in dancing with Clara and loved Harriet in her own story. I couldn't put this one down!

Great to see the end of the love story between Harriet and Archie. Painful and transformative changes for both of them, and a happy resolution.

i loved this book because it cleaned up unfinished business from the Clara and Freddie book.

This book is all about the relationship between hero & heroine -- Lady Harriet Wingham & the Duke of Tenby. Mary Balogh alternates between Harriet's point of view & the Duke's point of view. Half of the book is about him. The Duke is caught between his need to do his "duty" to his name & title & marry "appropriately" & the love & desire he feels towards Harriet. I loved that there was as much about him as there was about her. And I loved him. He was charming. The heroine was, of course, soft & sweet. Her soft sweetness, however, did not prevent her from getting occasionally angry at the hero whose ambivalence is totally bungling up their relationship between them. Fortunately, the author rescues the hero from himself. And all ends happily. I highly recommend this particular book which kept me entranced throughout.

I am an avid Mary Balogh fan so my review is going to be prejudiced. I love her because she gives me glimpse into Regency England with a touch of saucy sex.

This is the best of her early books. Loved every minute of it!

Excellent.

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