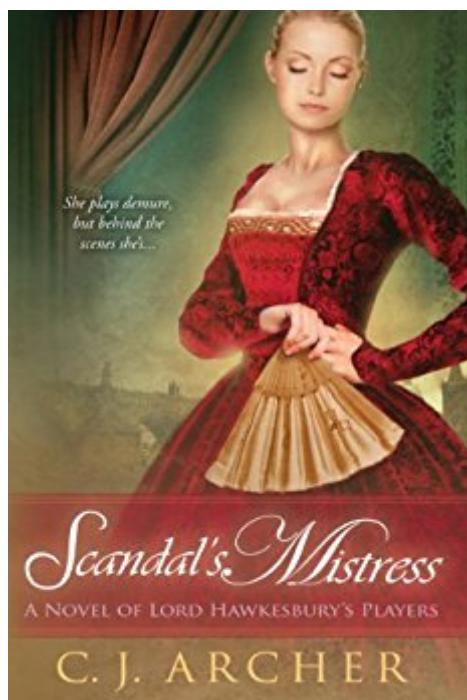


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# Scandal's Mistress (A Novel Of Lord Hawkesbury's Players Book 2)



## Synopsis

Previously available as *A Secret Desire*. In Shakespearean London, falling in love just became the greatest scandal of all... Just when Leo, Baron Warhurst, thinks his family's financial situation can't get any worse, he discovers that his unwed sister is pregnant. The Warhurst estate is already crumbling thanks to Leo's father, and unless Leo can make a match with a wealthy heiress, his family will be ruined. Such are the dire straits that bring the ambitious nobleman to the White Swan Inn, where he must suffer the indignity of asking a common seamstress for help spying on his sister's lover. Yet Alice Croft is anything but common. She is low-born, yes, but also strong-willed, clever, confident, and bears a luminous beauty Leo cannot ignore. Leo knows that even the mere rumor of a liaison between them could ruin his marriage prospects, but the harder he fights against her, the stronger their attraction grows... until Leo is forced to choose between the woman who stole his heart and the family that demands his honor. In this unforgettable follow-up to *Her Secret Desire*, Lord Warhurst's turbulent love story unfolds with all the wit, passion, and drama that C. J. Archer's growing legion of fans have come to expect.

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## Customer Reviews

Great read, enjoyable and amusing, made me laugh and kept my attention. I am always on the look out for bargain books and normally am willing to accept less quality than I am used to, but, this book lives up to those I have spent much more money for, I brought the first book in the series and was looking forward to this one, and I was NOT disappointed. No simpering miss, a woman who knows what she wants and man worthy of her. Loved the drama!!!!!!Will be looking for great things from this author, she has brought my joy in buying books for my Kindle.

I read these books backwards, going back after this one to read Minerva's story in Her Secret Desire. I enjoyed these books very much. Leo is a very honorable Baron. He always does what's right no matter what. When he meets Alice and they form an attraction to each other he has trouble being the one that always does the right thing. He must marry well to save the family estate after his father ruined the family and their connections by getting money from investors in the ton and then spending it on his mistress. Alice falls for Leo as well, but after learning about his troubles and what being with her could cost him she does what she can to keep away from him. Its a great read and I definitely recommend it!

I love this series. The story is placed on the stage in Shakespearean London. Baron Warhurst and Alice Croft met in the play. It was story with a little bit of history.

I truly loved this second book as much as the first, the only thing is I thought you would say more about Blake and Min. Can't wait to read the third book.

This was a good story. It gave more details of the secondary characters than the first, which I appreciated. I really enjoyed the story, I think this author has potential. I gave four stars because I felt this story really needed an epilogue. It ended abruptly for everything the H&h went through. Some key things needed to be addressed for me.

I loved this book. It had all the marks of forbidden romance where the lovers can't quite sync up their realities with their hearts...until it's nearly too late. What an awesome and captivating ending. Just bought the last book in the series.

It was very nice to read a strong male confused about his feelings. most often it's the silly woman

going back and forth. no silly women in this novel.

Picking up where "A Secret Life" left off, we now see how Leo the Baron of Warhurst must deal with his family's dilemmas. CJ Archer makes a real leap of writing with this piece by raising the level of her hero. Leo is conflicted. He carries a lot of emotional baggage and it will take the seamstress Alice Croft to make him a better man. Archer skillfully weaves the plot, while building the emotional tension between Alice and Leo. The passion of the love scenes are driven by emotions, rather than lust. Archer instills the essence of true romance, making for a delightfully satisfying read.

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