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In the Company of the Courtesan 2006-04-11

my lady fiammetta bianchini was plucking her eyebrows and biting color into her lips when the unthinkable happened and the holy roman emperor s army blew a hole in the wall of god s eternal city letting in a flood of half starved half crazed troops bent on pillage and punishment thus begins in the company of the courtesan sarah dunant s epic novel of life in renaissance italy escaping the sack of rome in 1527 with their stomachs churning on the jewels they have swallowed the courtesan fiammetta and her dwarf companion bucino head for venice the shimmering city born out of water to become a miracle of east west trade rich and rancid pious and profitable beautiful and squalid with a mix of courage and cunning they infiltrate venetian society together they make the perfect partnership the sharp tongued sharp witted dwarf and his vibrant mistress trained from birth to charm entertain and satisfy men who have the money to support her yet as their fortunes rise this perfect partnership comes under threat from the searing passion of a lover who wants more than his allotted nights to the attentions of an admiring turk in search of human novelties for his sultan s court but fiammetta and bucino s greatest challenge comes from a young crippled woman a blind healer who insinuates herself into their lives and hearts with devastating consequences for them all a story of desire and deception sin and religion loyalty and friendship in the company of the courtesan paints a portrait of one of the world s greatest cities at its most potent moment in history it is a picture that remains vivid long after the final page

In The Company of the Courtesan 2012

with their stomachs churning on the jewels they have swallowed the courtesan fiammetta and her companion dwarf bucino escape the sack of rome it s 1527 they head for the shimmering decadent city of venice sarah dunant s epic novel of sixteenth century renaissance italy is a story about the sins of pleasure and the pleasures of sin an intoxicating mix of fact and fiction and a dazzling portait of one of the worlds greatest cities at its most potent moment in history

In the Company of the Courtesan 2006

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In The Company Of The Courtesan 2009-07-02

the dutch courtesan is a riotous tragicomedy that explores the delights and perils afforded by jacobean london while freevill an educated young englishman and the play s nominal hero frolics in the city s streets taverns and brothels franceschina his cast off mistress and the dutch courtesan of the play s title laments his betrayal and plots revenge juxtaposing franceschina s vulnerable financial position against the unappealing marital prospects available to gentry women the play undermines the language of romance revealing it to be rooted in the commerce and commodification marston s commentary on financial insecurity and the hypocritical repudiation of foreignness makes the dutch courtesan truly a document for

pleasure quarters there she is forced to become a courtesan yozo brave loyal and a brilliant swordsman is pledged to the embattled shogun he sails to the frozen north to join his rebel comrades for a desperate last stand defeated he makes his way south to the only place where a man is beyond the reach of the law the yoshiwara there in the nightless city where three thousand courtesans mingle with geishas and jesters the battered fugitive meets the beautiful courtesan but each has a secret so terrible that once revealed it will threaten their very lives

A Most Improper Duchess: A Duke and Courtesan Historical Romance

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The Courtesan and the Samurai 2010-04-13

a vicious rivalry threatens to cause chaos for lord westfield s men when the onstage duels between owen elias and sebastian carrick become ever more realistic however it is an axe that splits open sebastian s head one night in a clerkenwell alley company book holder nicholas bracewell accustomed to damage control begins to investigate the victim s death and learns that in life he was prone to make enemies from his weakness for women and his unwillingness to settle his debts a web of deception has in fact been spun that stretches from lowly to high ranking courtesans all the way to the virgin queen

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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 cyprian 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

The Comfortable Courtesan 2017-12-01

the second in the master of gray trilogy takes this seventeenth century story of war and intrigue in scotland to the next generation the master s illegitimate daughter unacknowledged daughter of the master of gray the young mary inherited her father s amazing good looks and talent for intrigue her forbidden love

for the young duke of lennox showed that her father had also passed on his own passionate nature coming to maturity in a scotland torn by violent conflict she was wise beyond her years she needed to be during the harsh years of the first half of the seventeenth century this gripping novel by one of the world's foremost historical novelists shows how mary determined to counteract her father's plotting and save protestant scotland from the threat of the catholic inquisition through his imaginative dialogue he provides a voice for scotland's heroes scotland on sunday

The Mad Courtesan 2013-01-28

a gentleman who masks his emotions a lady who pretends to be something she's not secret desires secret pleasures and a love to reveal both their hearts left destitute and ruined marianne ellsworth has one option left she has to become a courtesan to keep her family safe their future depends on her younger sister marrying a rich man and the money marianne makes allows them to circulate in london society as the great granddaughter of an earl she knows full well that society will turn on them should her secret be revealed marcus lacey the earl of lacey must wed soon to satisfy his father's will though considered cold and reserved he is captivated by the woman purchased for his pleasure unable to think of her with another man he pays for her exclusivity through the season marianne struggles to maintain her masquerade avoiding marcus in company even as she is losing her heart to him marcus is falling for his mistress charmed by her grace and warmth as well as her sensuality he craves her heart and soul but must bow to his obligations by the season's end will marcus cast her aside if he discovers her deception or will he keep her secret along with her heart

Scenes from a Courtesan's Life 1901

an unrequited love who is in possession of her family's pearls leaves lady louisa kirkland no choice she must call on lady sophia an ex courtesan cleverer than all the other ton matrons combined

The Courtesan 2012-10-15

digicat publishing presents to you this special edition of the magnificent montez from courtesan to convert by horace wyndham digicat publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind every digicat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format the books are available in print as well as ebooks digicat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature

The Courtesan 2012-12-20

the last courtesan details the unbridled reality of claudie de rochambeau she leads a life of notoriety based on a multitude of fabricated pasts she spreads a plague of illusions through turn of the century paris with the reappearance of her sometimes fictional sometimes factual biography she regains her title

as princess of love and an eager young seamstress becomes the focus of claudie s quest for an heir

The Courtesan Countess 2020-09-12

a sweeping historical epic of a young chinese woman in imperial europe perfect for fans of memoirs of a geisha the year is 1881 the era of china s humiliation at the hands of imperialist europe seven year old sai jinhua is left alone and unprotected her life transformed after her mandarin father s summary execution for the crime of speaking the truth now an orphan jinhua is sold to a brothel and put to work as a money tree enduring the very worst of human nature thanks to the friendship and wisdom of the crippled brothel maid but when an elegant but troubled scholar takes jinhua as his concubine her world begins to expand with him she will travel to vienna seeing things she has never imagined and opening her heart to dreams she has never dared to dream based on the true story of sai jinhua alexandra curry s debut novel the courtesan travels from the depths of the chinese empire to the palaces of vienna and tells the true story of one young woman s journey from the depths of poverty to the centre of chinese history

The Courtesan's Secret 2008-05-06

in this school for brides romance a respectable lady must play the part of a seasoned lover in a turnabout game of seduction and irresistible intrigue the school for brides stands on its principles turn comely courtesans into proper wives but when lady noelle seymour attempts to save a bride in training from arrest by sneaking into a stranger s bedroom to return a stolen necklace she locks eyes with gavin blackwell and gets herself into a whole heap of trouble since the truth of her nocturnal visit could land both women in jail noelle offers a desperate excuse she s there as his new courtesan gavin has a lot to learn about london society but a female housebreaker offering her seductive services is beyond the unexpected when she vanishes gavin tracks her down and demands she make good on her proposition however there s more at stake than noelle s virtue that unfortunate night in gavin s room has made her an unwitting pawn in the treacherous game of a woman scorned and now only gavin can protect her in every way he desires

The Magnificent Montez: From Courtesan to Convert 2022-09-16

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

The Last Courtesan *2002-12*

amid the disapproving gossip of the court a royal romance defies all obstacles the court of françois i is full of lust intrigue and bawdy bon temps a different world from the quiet country life diane de poitiers led with her elderly husband now a widow the elegant diane is called back to court where the king s obvious interest marks her as an enemy to the king s favourite anne d heilly the court is soon electrified by rumors of their confrontations as anne calls on her most venomous tricks to drive diane away diane finds an ally in the one member of court with no allegiance to the king s mistress his teenage second son henri neglected by his father and disliked by his brothers prince henri expects little from his life but as his friendship with diane deepens into infatuation and then a romance that scandalizes the court the prince begins to discover hope for a future with diane but fate and his father have other plans for henri including a political marriage with catherine de medici despite daunting obstacles henri s devotion to diane never wanes their passion becomes one of the most legendary romances in the history of france also available as an ebook

Scenes from a Courtesan's Life *1905*

feelings of the heart do not abide by the rules of society do they rose is a proud and egotistical courtesan she has a reputation of exacting her revenge on those who dare to cross her or put her in a bad mood still her flawless beauty and skills at her trade make her the most sought after courtesan in madam dustin s brothel as skilled as she is she is unprepared for the moment lord william clifford makes his presence known and shakes the very foundation of her life lord william agrees to attend a masquerade ball at the

brothel with his lifelong friend lord robert tyne with no intention of partaking of any services offered his thoughts and emotions are strained when the most beautiful woman he s ever encountered walks into the room with one look from her his life is thrown into chaos by a thunderbolt of emotions something much stronger than lust publisher s note this steamy historical romance contains elements of power exchange

The Courtesan 2015-09-08

the gilded age new york 1883 with creditors pounding at the door starvation imminent and nothing left to lose eighteen year old sarah winslow signs a note to excuse the indebtedness she has assumed for her deceased father in actuality she s just sold herself into an exclusive brothel her ruination orchestrated by sebastian turner a wealthy gentleman who has bought and paid for her virginal innocence for reasons all his own for eighteen long years seb has methodically plotted to destroy the winslow name and he succeeds he now owns all of michael winslow s possessions including his lovely daughter sarah seb has everything he ever wanted save it s not enough he wants more from the prim and proper lady he has made his courtesan

***The Accidental Courtesan* 2011-10-04**

set amid the elegant châteaux of belle époque france and the closely guarded world of nineteenth century persian women courtesan unfolds with the breathtaking cinematic sweep and stunning visual grandeur of an epic film at its heart are three unforgettable women madame gabrielle the courtesan whose fateful liaison with the shah of persia reverberates in the lives of her daughter françoise and her rebellious and brave granddaughter simone whose journey plunges her into the cutthroat diamond trade where the secrets of an ancient culture may hold the truth she desperately seeks

The Courtesan's Arts 2006-03-23

the woman judith king has seen it all in her 10 years working in the carnal industries now employed in one of the cushiest jobs at the exclusive le chateau judith faces her worst nightmare her patron the man responsible for over half her income is packing up and leaving the country the men doctor turned artist seth christens is suffering a serious funk his canvases remain blank and his life devoid of the spark that makes it worth living that changes when he meets judith the woman who instantly steals his heart and his pocketbook seth doesn t just want judith to be his muse and model he wants to become her patron the one man in her life who gets to be more than her lover his main competition is none other than miguel bolivar the monegasque billionaire who has just moved to america and is looking for a new companion miguel s broken heart is used to a life of escorts and other paid girlfriends who know that this is nothing more than business until he meets judith which man will judith choose or does she even have to choose all s fair in the war for judith s heart even a ménage relationship with two men who haven t met until now this book is set in the same universe as cynthia s other billionaire stories it features a mfm relationship that includes a woman who works in the adult industry it s just a tad hot

Courtesan 2006-07-25

from mary blayney the acclaimed author of stranger s kiss comes this irresistible new novel of historical romance featuring the pennistan family in courtesan s kiss an independent woman is determined to make her way in the world even if it s a scandalous one but first she must escape a nobleman with plans of his own in the wake of a broken engagement and shunned by the ton mia castellano does not retire to the country as a proper young lady might but sees her chance to escape society s restraints by becoming a courtesan in her mind no unmarried young woman is as free as a courtesan she alone controls her destiny managing her own money having her own house choosing her lovers there s only one obstacle in mia s path lord david pennistan as a favor to his brother lord david agrees to escort mia to his family s home in derbyshire where her guardian awaits mia attracts nothing but trouble from the outset of their journey yet with every adventure they share lord david s desire for his charge grows when they re caught in a compromising situation lord david insists that she marry him but there s only one thing mia wants from david and it isn t his charity or his title can he convince her before it s too late that the love she wants is already hers to take or to lose forever can he win more from this untamed beauty than just a courtesan s kiss

A Haughty Courtesan 2019-07-02

pamela christie s sparkling historical mystery goes beyond the modest drawing rooms of regency london in the company of the city s most esteemed and scandalous courtesan since the age of sixteen arabella beaumont has been happily employed as a highly paid woman of pleasure true respectable ladies of the ton would never deign to call at lustings her delightful home then again arabella has no desire to make dreary small talk and sip tea when she could be enjoying the company of amusing intelligent and extremely generous gentlemen but while arabella s admirers are legion she also has enemies a paper knife stolen during one of her salons was discovered near the body of a former rival arabella was entertaining her wealthy benefactor on the night of the murder but the engaged duke can t provide the alibi she desperately needs it falls to arabella and her resourceful sister belinda to clear her good or at least innocent name utilizing all the talents in her arsenal the irrepressible miss beaumont will endeavor to catch the real culprit before the hangman catches up to her praise for pamela christie and death of a courtesan what a delicious and delightful tale the regency world is turned upside down and much refreshed by a decidedly unorthodox heroine pamela christie writes with wit and verve gifting readers with a vision of the period at once marvelously scandalous and oh so tempting i adore clever spunky arabella and look forward to her future adventures sara poole author of the borgia mistress a clever funny engaging read reminiscent of fidelis morgan s unnatural fire pamela christie deftly combines the conventions of the regency era novel with the fast pace and careful attention to characterization found in the best modern historical mysteries kate emerson author of the king s damsel with cleverness and humor pamela christie brings to life a colorful world that would ve been at the same time familiar and scandalous to jane austen and her readers anna loan wilsey author of a lack of temperance a smart witty and

thoroughly entertaining read it reminds me of some of my favorite series on masterpiece theater diane haeger author of i jane a delectable treat for the historical mystery lover to savor you will be left eager for arabella s next adventure teresa grant author of the paris affair

Courtesan 2011-10-02

harriette wilson was the most desired and the most dangerous woman in regency london this highly acclaimed biography reveals for the first time the true story behind her sensational life and scandalous memoirs when her former lovers including much of the british aristocracy turned against her she knew exactly how to take revenge a wonderful book much more than a biography of one attractive witty woman it offers a deft analysis of how britain dealt with celebrity sex power and popular journalism in an age that bears remarkable similarities to our own frances wilson is not only a first rate scholar but also a wonderful storyteller who manages to get inside her namesake s famously creamy skin and tell her story with wit and understanding kathryn hughes mail on sunday lively and stylish reveals how dangerous the courtesan who operated at the heart of the political world was thought to be anne sebba spectator harriette s story is deftly and stylishly told it beats most novels with its rich ingredients frances spalding daily mail

The Mulberry Courtesan 2018

from unloved bride caroline besford will no longer be any man s pawn her father forced her into marriage with a man who refused to share her bed in making her escape caro became cleo an untouched courtesan amazingly the husband who ignored his plain bride is now pursuing her to adored mistress but as cleo is drawn into a web of lies and deception she cannot deny her growing desire for her husband and what will the colonel do when he discovers that his darling cleo is his dowdy wife caroline

Courtesan 2009-11-24

if lady amelia caversham is to marry before another season passes she d better find help namely that of the infamous courtesan turned matchmaker sophia dalby but even amelia is shocked when lady dalby informs her that they will hold interview for the position and most shocking of all only dukes need apply

Their Courtesan 2016-06-12

first in a sexy new series featuring a match making courtesan lady sophia dalby everyone s favorite courtesanturned countess faces her toughest match making case yet her own obstinate daughter

Courtesan's Kiss 2010-06-22

determined to seek out the villain who destroyed her family rosalie rowland masquerades as a courtesan at london s infamous temple of beauty but when she revels in her alter ego a little too willingly captain alec stewart s potent masculinity proves impossible to resist alec is as much a stranger to the high class

brothel as he is to the feelings that rosalie incites within him the passion between them may be unquestionably real but having met under the guise of secrets and seductions how can they be sure where the lies end and the truth begins

Death and the Courtesan 2013-06-01

inherited one mistress gavin stone discovers on his brother s death that to inherit his estate he must also take on his mistress gavin never thought that claiming his inheritance could be so pleasurable sarah is horrified she never thought she would be passed on as if she were a chattel but what choice does she have and gavin will expect a practised seducer when in reality she is as unschooled as a debutante but just maybe an innocent courtesan is what it will take to thaw this rake s heart

The Courtesan's Revenge 2014-04-17

an englishwoman is hired to masquerade as a parisian wine merchant s bride but her secret past could cause trouble in this regency romance in this matches made in scandal story jean luc bauduin parisian society s most eligible bachelor is determined to take only a wife of his choosing but until that day comes he ll ward off his admirers by hiring lady sophia acton to wear his ring the passion jean luc shares with his convenient bride is enormously satisfying until he discovers sophia s utterly scandalous past matches made in scandal series from governess to countess from courtesan to convenient wife his rags to riches contessa a scandalous winter wedding praise for the novels of marguerite kaye readers will be seduced by the passionate natures of the protagonists and the fast paced thrilling adventure rt book reviews on the harlot and the sheikh

An Innocent Courtesan 2007-10-01

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The Courtesan's Wager 2009-02-03

miss g says tis nothing like sharping but the scientifick demonstration of certain principles in mathematicks requiring only she adds modestly an accurate memory and a capacity for calculation she goes on to say that she is in correspondence with a fellow of the royal society that considers her recent achievements constitute sound proof of certain theories of his own we have now correspond d for some months she says with wistfully romantick expression dearest abby i say finally you are engaging in epistolary mathematickal flirtation with a clergyman miss g contrives to shock me the comfortable courtesan volume 1 being memoirs by clorinda cathcart that has been a lady of the town these several years and then quite by chance abigail gowing meets her clerical correspondent could anyone have foreseen what would happen then

The Courtesan's Daughter 2007-10-02

The Captain's Courtesan 2012-09-01

The Virtuous Courtesan 2014-10-15

From Courtesan to Convenient Wife 2018-04-01

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