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# Claimed By The Marquis (Regency Unlaced 2)



## Synopsis

Claimed by the Marquis is the second story in USA Today bestselling author, Carole Mortimer's, highly acclaimed Regency Unlaced series. Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Unlaced series are steaming hot and the language sometimes explicit. Lady Sally Derwent is an unusual Regency Miss, in that at the age of five and twenty, she is still unwed and determined to remain so. She has no desire to relinquish her freedom in order to become the property of some unworthy gentleman. Nor is she willing to part with the independence she acquired at the age of one and twenty, when she came into the fortune bequeathed to her by her paternal grandmother. There is also the matter of the other part of the inheritance her grandmother left to her. A scandalous collection of erotica. Books, paintings, statues, sketches, most of which make Sally blush to look at, but which fascinate her nonetheless. Attending the wedding of a close friend, Sally takes one look at Nicholas Sefton, Marquis of Oxbridge, with his unfashionably long dark hair, piercing green eyes, and magnificently muscular body, and knows he is the missing piece from her vast collection of erotica. Not the man himself but the sketches she wishes to make of him. Nude. Nicholas Sefton has long been bored with both the restrictions of society and the people in it. The war with Napoleon is over, and although he is the owner of several large estates, they are all being run very capably without his assistance. Likewise his townhouse in London. He is currently in need of a diversion in his life, something, or someone, to occupy or entertain him. Lady Sally Derwent's outrageous request, to sketch him naked, is beyond any amusement Nicholas might have imagined for his immediate future. The lady herself is beautiful, the attraction between the two of them mutual, but she nevertheless declares herself unavailable. A situation Nicholas intends to change at the earliest opportunity. Unrealized by either of them, someone close to them wishes Lady Sally Derwent dead. Sooner rather than later. Will the Marquis and Sally become so caught up in their heated attraction to one another they remain unaware of the danger until it is too late? Carole Mortimer has written over 200 books, in contemporary and Regency romance, and is the Recipient of the prestigious 2015 Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. She is an Entertainment Weekly Top 10 Romance Author "ever. 2014 Romantic Times Pioneer of Romance author. Was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature". Other books by Carole Mortimer Regency Unlaced Series: The Duke's Mistress (Regency Unlaced 1) Claimed by the Marquis (Regency Unlaced 2) Book 3 Release date April 2016 Contemporary Alpha Series: Christmas Alpha (Alpha 1) Dark Alpha (Alpha 2) Shadow Alpha (Alpha 3) Author's 200th Book Midnight Alpha (Alpha 4) Renegade Alpha (Alpha 5) Warrior Alpha (Alpha 6) Rogue Alpha (Alpha 7) Savage Alpha (Alpha 8) Release date March 2016 Contemporary Knight Security

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## Customer Reviews

"Do please feel free to correct me if I am wrong, but did you just ask if you might sketch me? Sans my clothing?"FINAL DECISION: Great promise, very sexy, good setup and characters.

Unfortunately, there was just too much going on for such a small novella and the relationship is too

rushed at the end.THE STORY: Lady Sally Derwent is unique. At 25, she is unwed, financially

independent and doesn't have any intention on marrying. Along with her fortune, she also inherited

a collection of erotica from her grandmother. She decides to ask Nicholas Sefton, Marquis of

Oxbridge to pose nude for her so that she can add the sketches to the erotica collection. Nicholas

believes that Sally wants to have an affair with him since they are attracted to one another. Two

people who have no intention to marry find that they are drawn to one another in ways neither

expected. There is also drama because it appears that someone is trying to get rid of Sally

permanently.OPINION: The setup for this book is good. The beginning where Sally and Nicholas.

They have a clever witty relationship. Sally decides to take a chance and have an affair with

Nicholas. For me, that is what begins to breakdown a bit. I find it difficult to accept that Sally could

so quickly go to spend the summer with Nicholas. It just seemed too brazen for a woman who hadn't had a lover before. I could accept that but I felt that the mystery of the story begins to take over at that point and I didn't feel enough progression in the relationship between Sally and Nicholas. For two people determined not to marry, they too quickly change their minds. I did enjoy the book, but it wouldn't be one that I would put on my keeper shelf.

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