

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem: A Manual for the Modern Rebel

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Introduction:

Welcome, dear reader, to A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem. This isn't your grandmother's etiquette manual. While we might dabble in a bit of polite rebellion (think perfectly placed poisoned pastries rather than outright brawling), this guide delves into the art of subtle subversion, strategic chaos, and delightfully disruptive acts. We'll explore the historical context of female defiance, analyze modern examples, and equip you with the tools to navigate the delicate dance between propriety and pandemonium. Because let's face it, sometimes a little mischief is the best medicine for a stifling society.

Chapter 1: A History of Mischief: From Suffragettes to Social Media Savants

The idea of "a lady's guide to mischief and mayhem" might seem paradoxical. Yet, throughout history, women have found creative ways to challenge norms and fight for their rights – often under the guise of decorum. Think of the Suffragettes, whose seemingly polite protests masked a fierce determination. Their acts of civil disobedience, meticulously planned and executed, were a masterclass in strategic mischief. We'll examine case studies of historical figures who mastered the art of subtle rebellion – women who used wit, charm, and a healthy dose of mischief to achieve their goals. This chapter in a lady's guide to mischief and mayhem lays the foundation for understanding the historical context of female defiance, proving that mischief and mayhem are not merely frivolous pursuits, but powerful tools for change.

Chapter 2: The Art of the Subtle Subversion: Mastering the Micro-Rebellion

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem isn't about grand gestures. It's about the smaller, more strategic acts of defiance that can accumulate into significant change. This chapter explores the micro-rebellions – the small, seemingly insignificant acts that, when combined, create a wave of disruption. We'll analyze techniques, from mastering the art of the pointed silence to crafting the perfect passive-aggressive email. I recall a personal anecdote involving a particularly pompous colleague who routinely dismissed my ideas in

meetings. My "mischief"? Subtly altering his meticulously organized PowerPoint presentations with the addition of cartoon animals and ridiculous sound effects. The results were, shall we say, diverting.

Chapter 3: Case Study: The "Lavender Letter" Campaign

This chapter in a lady's guide to mischief and mayhem details a fascinating case study: the "Lavender Letter" campaign. During the Victorian era, a group of women anonymously sent letters filled with witty, subversive poetry to prominent figures, challenging societal expectations and promoting female empowerment. Their campaign, a brilliant example of indirect action and carefully crafted mischief, provides valuable lessons on the power of anonymity and the art of veiled dissent. It showcases the effectiveness of using wit and satire to subtly undermine restrictive social norms.

Chapter 4: Modern Mayhem: Navigating the Digital Landscape

The internet has become a new battleground for mischief and mayhem. This chapter in a lady's guide to mischief and mayhem explores the strategies and tactics employed by women online to challenge power structures and create spaces for female voices. From viral memes to online activism, we'll examine how women are utilizing the digital landscape to subvert expectations and create a space for authentic self-expression. We'll explore the ethical considerations involved in online activism and how to avoid falling into the traps of negativity and toxicity, ensuring our mischief is constructive and empowering.

Chapter 5: The Ethics of Mischief: When to Rebel and When to Retreat

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem is not a call to reckless abandon. This chapter explores the ethical considerations surrounding acts of mischief and mayhem. When is rebellion justified? How do we ensure our actions are constructive rather than destructive? We'll examine the potential consequences of our actions and the importance of carefully considering our targets and the potential impact on others. This balance is crucial; effective mischief is precise, thoughtful, and impactful.

Conclusion:

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem is a call to action. It's a celebration of female ingenuity and a reminder that even the smallest acts of defiance can create ripples of change. Embrace your inner rebel, hone your skills, and remember that a little mischief, strategically deployed, can be a powerful tool for creating a more just and equitable world. May your future be filled with delightful disruptions and wonderfully wicked triumphs.

FAQs:

1. Is this guide only for women? While targeted at women, the principles apply to anyone seeking to challenge authority or societal norms in creative and strategic

ways.

1. What if my mischief backfires? Careful planning and consideration of potential consequences are key. Sometimes, calculated risks are necessary.
1. Isn't mischief just childish? Mischief, when strategically employed, is a form of empowerment and a tool for social change.
1. How do I avoid legal repercussions? This guide advocates for ethical and non-violent forms of mischief. Always remain within the bounds of the law.
1. Can I use this guide in the workplace? Use your judgment; subtle acts of subversion may be effective, while overt rebellion may have negative consequences.
1. What kind of "poisoned pastries" are we talking about here? Figurative language; use your imagination. (and don't actually poison anyone!)
1. Is this guide only about political activism? No; this is about challenging any form of oppressive norm or system.
1. What's the difference between mischief and mayhem? Mischief is subtle; mayhem is more chaotic. This guide covers both strategies.
1. Where can I find more resources on female empowerment? Many fantastic organizations dedicated to women's rights and empowerment are readily available online.

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a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem Manda Collins, 2020-11-10 [Manda] Collins is a delight (Elizabeth Hoyt) in this fun and flirty historical rom-com, where an intrepid female reporter matches wits with a serious, sexy detective -- perfect for fans of Tessa Dare, Julia Quinn, and Netflix's Enola Holmes! England, 1865: Newspaper columnist Lady Katherine Bascomb finds herself the subject of speculation when her latest article leads to an arrest in the murders plaguing London. The English believe women ought not to write about such vulgar things as crime, and a particularly attractive detective inspector is incensed that she's interfered with his investigation. To escape her sudden notoriety, Katherine heads to the country-only to witness a murder upon her arrival. Detective Inspector Andrew Eversham is appalled when Lady Katherine entangles herself in one of his cases-again. Her sensationalist reporting already nearly got him kicked off the police force, and he'll be damned if he permits her to meddle a second time. Yet, her questions are awfully insightful, and he can't deny his attraction to both her beauty and brains. As the clues point to a dangerous criminal, the two soon realize their best option is working together. But with their focus on the killer lurking in the shadows, neither is prepared for the other risk the case poses-to their hearts.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: A Lady's Guide to Gossip and Murder Dianne Freeman, 2020-06-30 Though American by birth, Frances Wynn, the now-widowed Countess of Harleigh, has adapted admirably to the quirks and traditions of the British aristocracy. On August twelfth, otherwise known as the Glorious Twelfth, most members of the upper class retire to their country estates for grouse-shooting season. Frances has little interest in hunting-for birds or a second husband-and is expecting to spend a quiet few months in London with her almost-engaged sister, Lily, until the throng returns. Instead, she's immersed in a shocking mystery when a friend, Mary Archer, is found murdered. Frances had hoped Mary might make a suitable bride for her cousin, Charles, but their courtship recently fizzled out. Unfortunately, this puts Charles in the spotlight-along with dozens of others. It seems Mary had countless notes hidden in her home, detailing the private indiscretions of society's elite. Frances can hardly believe that the genteel and genial Mary was a blackmailer, yet why else would she horde such juicy tidbits? Aided by her gallant friend and neighbor, George Hazelton, Frances begins assisting the police in this highly sensitive case, learning more about her peers than she ever wished to know. Too many suspects may be worse than none at all-but even more worrying is that the number of victims is increasing too. And unless Frances takes care, she'll soon find herself among them . . .

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: An Heiress's Guide to Deception and Desire Manda Collins, 2021-11-16 Former lovers become reluctant allies in this delightfully witty historical rom-com from the bestselling author of A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem - for fans of Evie Dunmore, Enola Holmes and Netflix's Bridgerton! England, 1866: Miss Caroline Hardcastle has finally found purpose in her life, bringing attention to insidious crimes against women. But her parents' unexpected return from the Continent jeopardizes Caro's hard-won freedom. They present her with an ultimatum: marry into a title . . . or else. Caro is confident that no gentleman would wed an on-the-shelf journalist, no matter how large her dowry is. But when a dear friend goes missing, Caro finds her best ally is also the nobleman she once dreamed of marrying. Ever since a devastating heartbreak in his younger years, Lord Valentine Thorn has stayed clear of the parson's trap. Only now, with the lineage in danger, does Val agree to find a bride - with the condition his heart remains unattached. But when his cousin becomes entangled in the disappearance of a young actress, Val finds the only one with any answers is also the only woman he ever dreamed of marrying. Despite their complicated history, Caro and Val reluctantly agree to an alliance, vowing to ignore the passion that still burns between them. Yet with danger growing nearer, can they move forward from the past - before death does them part? Praise for Manda Collins 'Witty, intelligent, and hard to put down, you'll love A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem' Rachel Van Dyken 'Manda

Collins heats up the ballroom and writes romance to melt even the frostiest duke's heart' Tessa Dare, New York Times bestselling author 'Utterly charming' Popsugar 'Manda Collins is a delight! I read *A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem* waaay past my bedtime, absorbed by its spot-on period detail, the well-crafted characters, and, of course, the intriguing mystery. Brava!' Elizabeth Hoyt, New York Times bestselling author 'Mystery, romance, and an indomitable heroine make for a brisk, compelling read' Madeline Hunter, New York Times bestselling author 'Manda Collins writes sexy and smart historical romance, with a big dash of fun' Vanessa Kelly, USA Today bestselling author 'Sexy, thrilling, romantic . . . Manda Collins makes her Regency world a place any reader would want to dwell' Kieran Kramer, USA Today bestselling author

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *What Might Have Been* Holly Miller, 2022-01-18 The Two Lives of Lydia Bird meets *This Time Next Year* in a sliding-doors style romance and coming-to-self story about fate, chance, and the choices we make. What if “meant to be” happened twice? Lucy is at a crossroads. The same night she quits her thankless job she meets Caleb, a local photographer in her seaside town, and has a run-in with Max—the once love of her life. As Lucy decides the right path forward—finally pursue her dream of becoming a writer, or move to London and revive her career—her choice will change her life in unimaginable ways. Stay. After a decade of trying to run from her dream, Lucy is finally facing her fears and putting pen to page. With her budding romance with handsome, artistic Caleb, she has more inspiration now than ever. But can Lucy and Caleb open themselves up after their past heartbreaks? And will their different paths take them to the same place? Go. Lucy can’t believe her luck when a room in her best friend’s London house share opens up and she lands a job at the prestigious Supernova. It gives her the courage to face Max, who’s serendipitous encounter still has her reeling, and ask what really happened almost a decade ago? But does she really want to know, when being together feels like fate? In concurrent storylines that track what would have happened if Lucy chose to Stay or Go, *What Might Have Been* is a sweeping story that poses the questions: is it destiny or chance that decides who we are meant to be, and who we are meant to love? And is there such a thing as a soul mate?

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder* Dianne Freeman, 2019-05-28 Frances Wynn, the American-born Countess of Harleigh, enjoys more freedom as a widow than she did as a wife. With her young daughter in tow, Frances rents a home in Belgravia and prepares to welcome her sister, Lily, arriving from New York for her first London season. But no sooner has Frances begun her new life than the Metropolitan police receive an anonymous letter implicating Frances in her husband's death. Frances assures Inspector Delaney of her innocence, but she's also keen to keep him from learning the scandalous circumstances of Reggie's demise. As fate would have it, her dashing new neighbor, George Hazelton, is one of only two other people aware of the full story. While busy with social engagements on Lily's behalf, and worrying if Reggie really was murdered, Frances rallies her wits, a circle of gossips, and the ever-chivalrous Mr. Hazelton to uncover the truth. A killer is in their midst and Frances must unmask the villain before Lily's season, and their lives, come to a most unseemly end.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy* Megan Bannen, 2022-08-23 A uniquely charming mixture of whimsy and the macabre that completely won me over. If you ever wished for an adult romance that felt like *Howl's Moving Castle*, *THIS IS THAT BOOK*. —Helen Hoang, author of *The Kiss Quotient* Hart is a marshal, tasked with patrolling the strange and magical wilds of Tanria. It's an unforgiving job, and Hart's got nothing but time to ponder his loneliness. Mercy never has a moment to herself. She's been single-handedly keeping Birdsall & Son Undertakers afloat in defiance of sullen jerks like Hart, who seems to have a gift for showing up right when her patience is thinnest. After yet another exasperating run-in with Mercy, Hart finds himself penning a letter addressed simply to “A Friend”. Much to his surprise, an anonymous letter comes back in return, and a tentative friendship is born. If only Hart knew he's been baring his soul to the person who infuriates him most—Mercy. As the dangers from Tanria grow closer, so do the unlikely correspondents. But can their blossoming romance survive the fated discovery that their pen pals are their worst nightmares—each other? Set in a world full of magic

and demigods, donuts and small-town drama, this enchantingly quirky, utterly unique fantasy is perfect for readers of *The House in the Cerulean Sea* and *The Invisible Library*. Truly outstanding romantic fantasy. —India Holton An unabashedly offbeat adventure. —Freya Marske I cried twice and smiled plenty. —Olivia Atwater A little sweet, a little spicy, a little sharp and entirely moreish! —Davinia Evans I showed up for the fantastic, fun fantasy setting but it was Hart and Mercy that kept me reading. —Ruby Dixon

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *Why Earls Fall in Love* Manda Collins, 2014-01-28 Society often makes strange bedfellows—and even more surprising betrothals... IS IT A REASON FOR ROMANCE? In *Why Earls Fall in Love* by Manda Collins, young widowed Georgina Mowbray is settling into her role as Lady Russell's companion quite well—until the lady's nephew Dominic, the Earl of Coniston, arrives in Bath for a visit. Georgie's always found him shallow and too smooth, and trusts him as much as she trusts most men...which is to say, not at all. But Con turns out to be more intriguing than she remembers—and completely irresistible... OR A PROMISE OF PASSION? Pretty, practical Georgie is nothing like the women Con usually woos—especially since she seems blind to his charms. But his elderly aunt is so fond of her that Con is determined at least to be sociable...with the occasional flirtation thrown in just for fun. But things take a serious turn when a dangerous figure from Georgie's unhappy past appears and threatens to bring her harm. Con will do whatever it takes to keep Georgie safe. And if he can show her that all men are not menaces, he might be able to keep her in his arms and never let go... Absolutely delightful...an emotion-packed, passionate historical romance.—Romance Junkies, five stars (on *How to Romance a Rake*)

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *Duke with Benefits* Manda Collins, 2017-06-27 LADY + DUKE = TRUE LOVE? Lady Daphne Forsyth is a brilliant mathematician with a burning passion for puzzles. When she learns that the library belonging to her benefactress houses the legendary Cameron Cipher—an encrypted message that, once solved, holds the key to great riches—Daphne is on the case. Unfortunately, her race to unlock the cipher's code is continually thwarted by a deliciously handsome distraction she hadn't counted on. . .and cannot resist. Dalton Beauchamp, the Duke of Maitland, is curious as to why Daphne is spending so much time snooping around his aunt's bookshelves. He's even more intrigued by her bold yet calculating manner: She is unapologetic about her secret quest. . .and the fiery attraction that develops between them both. But how can they concentrate on solving a perplexing enigma once the prospect of true love enters the equation? "Witty, sensual historical romance that will captivate readers." —Romance Junkies *Duke with Benefits* is the second in Manda Collins' *Studies in Scandal* series set in Regency England.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *Why Lords Lose Their Hearts* Manda Collins, 2014-07-29 THE TRUTH COULD RUIN HER In Manda Collins's *Why Lords Lose Their Hearts*, Perdita, the widowed Duchess of Ormonde, keeps a dangerous secret-the truth of how her brutish husband died. But a mysterious avenger seems to know it, too, and when anonymous threats turn into public attacks, there's only one friend she can turn to for help-her husband's former secretary, Lord Archer Lisle. The man who witnessed her every heartache. The kind of man whose love she can only dream of ... WILL HIS LOVE SAVE HER? The youngest of the Duke of Pemberton's five sons, Lord Archer Lisle is used to waiting his turn. For years, he could only stand by, seething, as Perdita suffered at the hands of her husband, but now she's under threat from another source-one who will stop at nothing to make her pay for the late duke's death. But the good-natured Archer can be dangerous when crossed-and he'll do anything to keep the woman he's adored for so long safe in his arms... Absolutely delightful...an emotion-packed, passionate historical romance-Romance Junkies, 5 stars (on *How to Romance a Rake*)

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: *A Bride's Guide to Marriage and Murder* Dianne Freeman, 2022-06-28 "Pure unadulterated fun" (Publishers Weekly) for fans of Ashley Weaver, Deanna Raybourn, and Tasha Alexander, the Agatha Award-winning *Countess of Harleigh Mysteries* are a witty romp through the high society of Victorian England with a touch of romance, an appealing and independent female lead, and rich historical detail. In this charming fifth installment, Frances Wynn, the American-born Countess of Harleigh, finds her wedding day overshadowed by

murder . . . On the eve of her marriage to George Hazelton, Frances has a great deal more on her mind than flowers and seating arrangements. The Connors and the Bainbridges, two families of American robber barons, have taken up residence in London, and their bitter rivalry is spilling over into the highest social circles. At the request of her brother, Alonzo, who is quite taken with Miss Madeline Connor, Frances has invited the Connor family to her wedding. Meanwhile, Frances's mother has invited Mr. Bainbridge, and Frances fears the wedding may end up being newspaper-worthy for all the wrong reasons. On the day itself, Frances is relieved to note that Madeline's father is not among the guests assembled at the church. The reason for his absence, however, turns out to be most unfortunate: Mr. Connor is found murdered in his home. More shocking still, Alonzo is caught at the scene, holding the murder weapon. Powerful and ruthless, Connor appears to have amassed a wealth of enemies alongside his fortune. Frances and George agree to put their wedding trip on hold to try and clear Alonzo's name. But there are secrets to sift through, not just in the Bainbridge and Connor families, but also in their own. And with a killer determined to evade discovery at any cost—even if it means taking another life—Frances's first days as a newlywed will be perilous indeed . . .

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: Three Little Vikings Bethan Woollvin, 2022-08-30 From the creator of the New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book, *Little Red*, comes another thrilling and spunky fairy tale retelling about three very brave and rebellious Viking girls. Someone—or something—is CRASHING and BASHING near a village of Viking folk! Chickens are disappearing, trees are falling down, and there are awfully big footprints leading into the woods... Three little Viking girls know just what the trouble is, but the silly chieftain won't listen to them! Can this gumptious trio work together to raise their voices and prove who knows best, after all? A master of fractured fairy tales with feminist twists, author-illustrator Bethan Woollvin uses strikingly bold graphics that pop with vibrant colors and are perfect for read alouds. Gather around for a romping, stomping story with gripping tension and lots of silly mischief and mayhem.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: A Fiancée's Guide to First Wives and Murder Dianne Freeman, 2022-05-31 Agatha Award winning author Dianne Freeman returns to Victorian England, as the future Mrs. George Hazelton, American-born Countess of Harleigh, encounters a young French woman with the shocking claim that she is the rightful Mrs. Hazelton... For Frances Wynn, widow to the late Earl of Harleigh, life has a cosmopolitan flavor of late. No sooner has she sent her mother and daughter off on a shopping trip to Paris than she and her fiancé, George Hazelton, are socializing with visiting members of the Russian royal family. Amid this whirlwind, scandal also comes calling when Inspector Delaney turns up outside Frances's house with a young French woman with a shocking claim: she is Mrs. George Hazelton. As the future Mrs. George Hazelton, Frances assumes the woman is either lying or demented. "Mrs. Hazelton," aka Irena, makes other outrageous statements. Among them, she insists that she is the illegitimate daughter of Russian royalty, that she has been abducted many times, and that someone is sending her threatening letters. When George arrives, he clarifies that he is certainly not married to Irena—though he can confirm her royal parentage. But even as he agrees to investigate whether Irena's life is in danger, her claim proves tragically true. Irena is found strangled in Frances' garden. To uncover a killer—and clear their own names—Frances and George must determine which of Irena's outlandish stories were based in fact. And as the search reaches a shocking conclusion, they may find that villainy lurks all too close to home...

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: How to Dance With a Duke Manda Collins, 2012-01-31 Miss Cecily Hurston would much rather explore the antiquities of Egypt than the uncharted territory of marriage. But the rules of her father's exclusive academic society forbid her entrance until she weds one of its members. To clear her ailing father's name of a scandalous rumour, Cecily is willing to marry any old dullard to do it.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: This Dreamer Sara Watterson, 2022-05-03 A mortal life is but a mist. When Evie, an immortal Watcher turned reluctant assassin, finds herself captivated by her intended target, Adan the Dreamer, is it worth the cost to prevent his untimely end?

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: To Marry and to Meddle Martha Waters, 2022-04-05 "Sure to delight Bridgerton fans." —USA TODAY The "sweet, sexy, and utterly fun" (Emily Henry, author of *People We Meet on Vacation*) Regency Vows series continues with a witty, charming, and joyful novel following a seasoned debutante and a rakish theater owner as they navigate a complicated marriage of convenience. Lady Emily Turner has been a debutante for six seasons now and should have long settled into a suitable marriage. However, due to her father's large debts, her only suitor is the persistent and odious owner of her father's favorite gambling house. Meanwhile, Lord Julian Belfry, the second son of a marquess, has scandalized society as an actor and owner of a theater—the kind of establishment where men take their mistresses, but not their wives. When their lives intersect at a house party, Lord Julian hatches a plan to benefit them both. With a marriage of convenience, Emily will use her society connections to promote the theater to a more respectable clientele and Julian will take her out from under the shadows of her father's unsavory associates. But they soon realize they have very different plans for their marriage—Julian wants Emily to remain a society wife, while Emily discovers an interest in the theater. But when a fleeing actress, murderous kitten, and meddlesome friends enter the fray, Emily and Julian will have to confront the fact that their marriage of convenience comes with rather inconvenient feelings. With "an arch sense of humor and a marvelously witty voice that rivals the best of the Regency authors" (Entertainment Weekly), Martha Waters crafts another fresh romantic comedy that for fans of Julia Quinn and Evie Dunmore.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: How to Romance a Rake Manda Collins, 2012-07-31 Manda Collins *How to Romance a Rake* You can lead a wallflower to the ball, but you can't make her bloom—unless one daring young bachelor turns up the heat... What's a nice girl like Miss Juliet Shelby doing at a place like Lord Deveril's ballroom? With her shy demeanor, she's a total stranger to the dance floor and a source of mockery for the ton. So imagine her surprise when Deveril gallantly comes to her defense—and offers to teach her to dance! Juliet can hardly believe the most handsome bachelor in London would notice her, until he takes her in his arms and sets her heart ablaze... Lord Alec Deveril has never felt such a spark of attraction for an unmarried lady before. Unlike the fashionable ladies he's accustomed to, Juliet possesses a generous spirit, a fiery intelligence—and an explosive secret. Deep in the London underworld, a dear friend has vanished, and Juliet fears the worst. Deveril insists on helping, escorting her through the darkest alleys in town. But he too is hiding a shocking secret—and the only way he can defeat the devil in his past is to seduce the angel in his arms...

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels India Holton, 2021-06-15 A New York Times Notable Book of 2021 "The kind of book for which the word "rollicking" was invented."—New York Times Book Review A prim and proper lady thief must save her aunt from a crazed pirate and his dangerously charming henchman in this fantastical historical romance. Cecilia Bassingwaite is the ideal Victorian lady. She's also a thief. Like the other members of the Wisteria Society crime sorority, she flies around England drinking tea, blackmailing friends, and acquiring treasure by interesting means. Sure, she has a dark and traumatic past and an overbearing aunt, but all things considered, it's a pleasant existence. Until the men show up. Ned Lightbourne is a sometimes assassin who is smitten with Cecilia from the moment they meet. Unfortunately, that happens to be while he's under direct orders to kill her. His employer, Captain Morvath, who possesses a gothic abbey bristling with cannons and an unbridled hate for the world, intends to rid England of all its presumptuous women, starting with the Wisteria Society. Ned has plans of his own. But both men have made one grave mistake. Never underestimate a woman. When Morvath imperils the Wisteria Society, Cecilia is forced to team up with her handsome would-be assassin to save the women who raised her—hopefully proving, once and for all, that she's as much of a scoundrel as the rest of them.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: To Have and to Hoax Martha Waters, 2020-04-07 Named a Best Romance of April by Goodreads, Popsugar, Bustle, and more! "A laugh out loud Regency romp—if you loved the Bridgertons, you'll adore *To Have and to Hoax*!" —Lauren Willig,

New York Times bestselling author In this fresh and hilarious historical rom-com, an estranged husband and wife in Regency England feign accidents and illness in an attempt to gain attention—and maybe just win each other back in the process. Five years ago, Lady Violet Grey and Lord James Audley met, fell in love, and got married. Four years ago, they had a fight to end all fights, and have barely spoken since. Their once-passionate love match has been reduced to one of cold, detached politeness. But when Violet receives a letter that James has been thrown from his horse and rendered unconscious at their country estate, she races to be by his side—only to discover him alive and well at a tavern, and completely unaware of her concern. She's outraged. He's confused. And the distance between them has never been more apparent. Wanting to teach her estranged husband a lesson, Violet decides to feign an illness of her own. James quickly sees through it, but he decides to play along in an ever-escalating game of manipulation, featuring actors masquerading as doctors, threats of Swiss sanitariums, faux mistresses—and a lot of flirtation between a husband and wife who might not hate each other as much as they thought. Will the two be able to overcome four years of hurt or will they continue to deny the spark between them? With charm, wit, and heart in spades, *To Have and to Hoax* is a fresh and eminently entertaining romantic comedy—perfect for fans of Jasmine Guillory and Julia Quinn.

a ladys guide to mischief and mayhem: A Rogue of One's Own Evie Dunmore, 2020-09-01 Rich with subplot, historical detail and beautifully descriptive writing that keeps the pages turning until the delightfully unconventional happy ending.—NPR An Indie Next/LibraryReads pick! An Apple Must Listen Audiobook for September! A lady must have money and an army of her own if she is to win a revolution—but first, she must pit her wits against the wiles of an irresistible rogue bent on wrecking her plans...and her heart. Lady Lucie is fuming. She and her band of Oxford suffragists have finally scraped together enough capital to control one of London's major publishing houses, with one purpose: to use it in a coup against Parliament. But who could have predicted that the one person standing between her and success is her old nemesis and London's undisputed lord of sin, Lord Ballentine? Or that he would be willing to hand over the reins for an outrageous price—a night in her bed. Lucie tempts Tristan like no other woman, burning him up with her fierceness and determination every time they clash. But as their battle of wills and words fans the flames of long-smoldering devotion, the silver-tongued seducer runs the risk of becoming caught in his own snare. As Lucie tries to out-manuever Tristan in the boardroom and the bedchamber, she soon discovers there's truth in what the poets say: all is fair in love and war...

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The Instant USA Today Bestseller! A BuzzFeed Best Romance of 2021! One of Marie Claire's most anticipated romances of 2021! One of Cosmopolitan's most anticipated fall books of 2021! Going toe-to-toe with a brooding Scotsman is rather bold for a respectable suffragist, but when he happens to be one's unexpected husband, what else is an unwilling bride to do? London banking heiress Hattie Greenfield wanted just three things in life: 1. Acclaim as an artist. 2. A noble cause. 3. Marriage to a young lord who puts the gentle in gentleman. Why then does this Oxford scholar find herself at the altar with the darkly attractive financier Lucian Blackstone, whose murky past and ruthless business practices strike fear in the hearts of Britain's peerage? Trust Hattie to take an invigorating little adventure too far. Now she's stuck with a churlish Scot who just might be the end of her ambitions.... When the daughter of his business rival all but falls into his lap, Lucian sees opportunity. As a self-made man, he has vast wealth but holds little power, and Hattie might be the

key to finally setting long-harbored political plans in motion. Driven by an old desire for revenge, he has no room for his new wife's apprehensions or romantic notions, bewitching as he finds her. But a sudden journey to Scotland paints everything in a different light. Hattie slowly sees the real Lucian and realizes she could win everything--as long as she is prepared to lose her heart.

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will too.”—New York Times bestselling author Roxane Gay The New York Times bestselling author of *The Wedding Date* serves up a novel about what happens when a public proposal doesn't turn into a happy ending, thanks to a woman who knows exactly how to make one on her own... When someone asks you to spend your life with him, it shouldn't come as a surprise—or happen in front of 45,000 people. When freelance writer Nikole Paterson goes to a Dodgers game with her actor boyfriend, his man bun, and his bros, the last thing she expects is a scoreboard proposal. Saying no isn't the hard part—they've only been dating for five months, and he can't even spell her name correctly. The hard part is having to face a stadium full of disappointed fans... At the game with his sister, Carlos Ibarra comes to Nik's rescue and rushes her away from a camera crew. He's even there for her when the video goes viral and Nik's social media blows up—in a bad way. Nik knows that in the wilds of LA, a handsome doctor like Carlos can't be looking for anything serious, so she embarks on an epic rebound with him, filled with food, fun, and fantastic sex. But when their glorified hookups start breaking the rules, one of them has to be smart enough to put on the brakes...

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