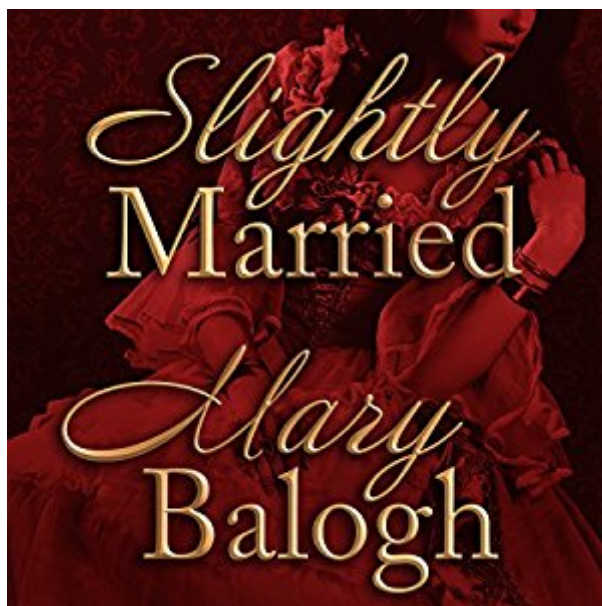


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Synopsis

Like all the Bedwyn men, Aidan has a reputation for cool arrogance. But this proud nobleman also possesses a loyal, passionate heart - and it is this fierce loyalty that has brought Colonel Lord Aidan to Ringwood Manor to honor a dying soldier's request. Having promised to comfort and protect the man's sister, Aidan never expected to find a headstrong, fiercely independent woman who wants no part of his protection, nor did he expect the feelings this beguiling creature would ignite in his guarded heart. And when a relative threatens to turn Eve out of her home, Aidan gallantly makes her an offer she can't refuse: marry him, if only to save her home. And now, as all of London breathlessly awaits the transformation of the new Lady Aidan Bedwyn, the strangest thing happens: With one touch, one searing embrace, Aidan and Eve's "business arrangement" is about to be transformed into something slightly surprising.

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Customer Reviews

this is the first of a six book series about a Duke and his siblings during the aftermath of the Napoleonic war. As an introduction, it is a good story and introduces enough of the character and background of the Duke and the next hero/heroine into the story to enable the reader to start the next volume without the sensation of having missed something or that the next volume is a repeat of the prior volume with 20% new material. In the first book the primary characters are the second brother- the military officer, and the sister of one of his subordinate officers. To me most of the plot was predictable-A Colonel with a battlefield death promise to care for a sister, meeting the sister,

the ideals of honor, keeping promises etc and the eventual marriage. What was nice about this book was that there was some interesting twists that allowed the reader to get glimpses of the rest of the family, particularly the Duke as head of the family and an introduction into the character of the next hero/heroine. As always, the work is well written, the thoughts and dialogues flow and read naturally and time passes without either dragging or rushing the story. Ms Balogh is one of those writers that seems to have a good handle on developing a believable male character that is not fairytale perfect but truthful and trustworthy. I do like her men.

I love the Bedwyn's. This is the first book in the series featuring the "Bedwyn" family ruled by their eldest brother "Wolfric" - the DUKE all dukes should be modeled after. This is Aidan's story....the boy who hated violence and only wanted land to own and to live his life raising animals and food....forced to join the military as a 2nd son, he spent years serving his country well. Then, the dying wish of a soldier to his commanding officer - Aidan - to take the message of his passing to his sister and to PROTECT HER at all costs....begins another chapter in Aidan's life....one he never imagined. This is a heartfelt and heartwarming story full of loyalty, family values and love. You won't be sorry you began this journey into the Bedwyn family....but don't stop there all the other siblings stories are just as compelling.....I love them all but this is my first favorite Bedwyn story and Wolfric's story - Slightly Dangerous is my second favorite.

I've read a handful of Mary Balogh books before, mostly the ones on sale. Enjoyed them but from those early works I did not see why so many people loved her books. This is the book that changed it. I loved most of the characters, the heroine is human and fell in love before. The Hero is dour, but good hearted and as he spends time with the heroine, he comes to smile. His brother is a major impetus in this book and is an imperfect high handed man who means well. There are so many good men in this book even the Reverend Puddles made me swoon a bit. I'm off to read the next book in the series no matter how much it costs.

I got this book in a batch of books I was buying as a gift to a girlfriend. Out of curiosity I read it and was surprisingly rewarded with an entertaining and well written story. A story of an emotional wounded warrior finding love and happiness while honoring his word to a dying comrade that saved his life. Not only saving the sister of his dead comrade from losing all she owned, but helping her save adopted children and lost souls she was sheltering. He did this by marrying her, on agreement that it be kept a secret and be in name only. But then his name was that of a LORD of the realm, not

just a mere army colonel. And when by accident, after the wedding, AIDAN, our hero meets his General, he is forced to introduce his new "wife" EVE. Then begins a fun ride for the reader that includes: stopping an evil relative from stealing Eve's home (and later her adopted children); dealing with Aidan's aristocratic family (esp. THE DUKE, his brother); EVE (the new LADY AIDAN) being introduced to the TON and eventually the QUEEN herself; consummation of the "name only" marriage (lots of good consummation..lol); old lovers trying to derail the marriage; and finally the emotional battle between our reluctant lovers that in the end, find peace & love for a war weary soldier and the family our Heroine has longed for. To the author I say BRAVO, it was a great read. HMMMM...I think I'll read some more of the gift books, then the girlfriend and I can have more to talk about , after consummation of course..lol.

Just love all her books. This one was more complex than most, and I really loved the characters. Also love the series.

SLIGHTLY MARRIED is the first book in the Bedwyn series (although there are two prequel books ONE NIGHT FOR LOVE and A SUMMER TO REMEMBER). SLIGHTLY MARRIED is the story of Colonel Aiden Bedwyn, the second son in the Bedwyn family. When one of his soldier's dies, Aiden makes a promise to care for the soldier's sister. Eve Morris is in serious trouble with the death of her brother. She is about to be evicted from her home if she is not married in a week. Aiden offers Eve a marriage of convenience in order to satisfy his promise. Fate intervenes, however, and the two are constantly drawn back together. I absolutely loved this book. Balogh has a wonderful way of allowing her characters to fall in love slowly. The emphasis in these stories is on the characters' romantic journey. I love that part of her novels. I feel that at the end of the book, I understand these characters who are complex and multifaceted.

I love Mary Balogh's books and this one was typically excellent. Enjoyed the story.

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