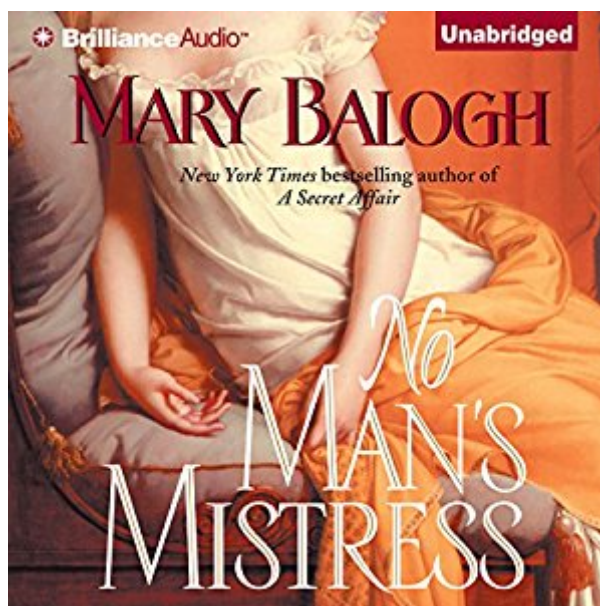


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# No Man's Mistress: Mistress Series, Book 2



## Synopsis

Lord Ferdinand Dudley is accustomed to getting what he wants... that is, until he appears at the door of Pinewood Manor, attempting to claim his rightful estate, and is met by the bewitching fury of Lady Viola Thornhill. She refuses to cede him the home she calls her own. He refuses to leave. So the contest begins. Each day under the same roof brings its share of frustration... and temptation. But Viola knows it is a battle she cannot afford to lose. Marriage is out of the question, and she will be no man's mistress, even as Dudley's unnerving presence threatens to melt her resolve. Against his better judgment, Lord Ferdinand Dudley is beguiled. This maddening beauty has stirred him as no woman had before. And now he is bound and determined to make her his own.

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## Customer Reviews

I really liked Book 2 of The Mistress Trilogy. I adored book 1 and expected to be disappointed with book 2 but was pleasantly surprised! Sweet and wonderful hero in Lord Ferdinand Dudley; and Viola Thornhill is a very courageous heroine. The book has a plot and a villain which raises the quality of the book in my opinion. Great HEA.

NO MAN'S MISTRESS is the second book in the Mistress Trilogy. It is the story of Lord Ferdinand Dudley who wins an estate in a card game only to find out that it is already inhabited by Viola Thornhill, who insists that the estate is hers. The two match series over the estate. Viola, however, harbors dark secrets and a painful past that leaves her alone. I really wanted to like this book, but I

never really liked Viola. She was too much of an enigma throughout the book. Her past was too painful and sordid and I never felt that the resolution of her personal journey was set out in a way that made her sympathetic. Unlike most Balogh novels there were times that I didn't know if I would be able to finish the book. I'm not a great fan of the ex-prostitute story so perhaps I judge them more harshly than other tropes. This book just didn't feel deep or dark enough to compensate for the serious story of Viola's life. This book was my least favorite in the trilogy even though I enjoyed revisiting the other members of the Dudley family. I'd rate this book 3.5.

Excellent story that demonstrates how status, time, and change make unacceptable situations, people, things, or events acceptable or accommodating, when previously known to be scandalous and a ruined image.

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Another great story by Ms. Balogh. Her writing skills & amazing imagination are absolutely phenomenal! The Dudley family are such wonderful persons!

Great story.love these books

I stumbled across Balogh while desperately looking for a book prior to boarding a plane last year. I didn't expect to find the book interesting at all, having not been into Regency romances before. However, I not only enjoyed that book, but have been working my way through the others since. Unfortunately, I've been a bit ramshackle in the approach so read this book before the first in this particular series, but one click on and I've put that right and can't wait to receive it (unfortunately it isn't on Kindle, as this one is, for some reason which means I have to wait for it in the mail). No matter, I think it doesn't create a problem at all that I read this one first - the books don't have to be read in any particular order. Anyway, to this book. I loved it. I was so into it that I could barely wait for an opportunity to get time to myself and switch the Kindle on and rejoin the tale. I found the story to be so easy to get into - I liked all the characters and found them believable and likeable. I was tempted to get a bit weary with the twists here and there once or twice but they quickly were resolved and got the story back on to the track toward a happy ending (no, I'm not spoiling anything....readers of MB's books know there is ALWAYS a happy ending!). I have to say that these books really make you wish life is still like this in the romance stakes - the description of Ferdinand

in his leather riding breeches made me look at my husband sideways, wishing, perhaps, that we weren't part of the "jeans with everything" generation. If you're looking for a mixture of romance and a certain amount of sauciness, Mary Balogh fits the bill every time.

A well put together story.

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