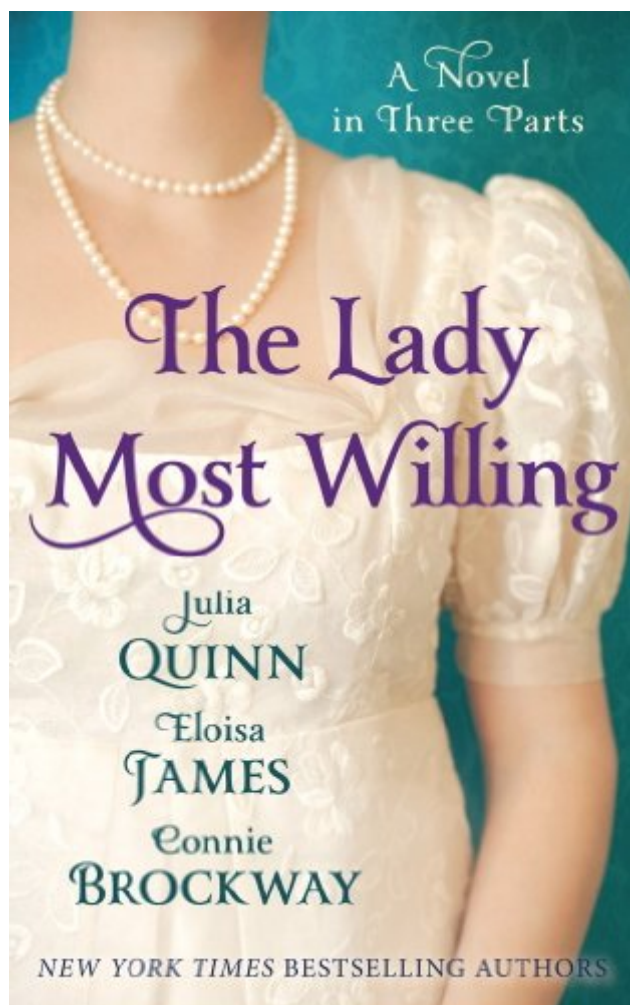


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# The Lady Most Willing: A Novel In Three Parts



## Synopsis

Step into the glittering world of Regency and prepare to have your hearts warmed by Julia Quinn, Eloisa James and Connie Brockway . . . During their annual Christmas pilgrimage to Scotland to visit their aged uncle in his decrepit castle, the Comte de Rocheforte and his cousin, Earl of Oakley, are presented with unique gifts: their uncle has raided an English lord's Christmas party and kidnapped four lovely would-be brides for his heirs to choose from . . . as well as one very angry duke, Lord Bretton. As snow isolates the castle, and as hours grow into days, the most honourable intentions give away to temptations as surprising as they are irresistible.

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The plot of "The Lady Most Willing," is what makes historical romance such an entertaining genre.

The notion that an aging Scotsman would kidnap Scottish ladies in a hope that his half-Scottish nephews will marry a Scot so that their children can be mostly Scottish is outlandish and hilarious.

Add in the names Connie Brockway, Eloisa James and Julia Quinn, have them work together on a

collaboration and you have gold in the form of a beautifully written and well constructed story. Better than an Anthology "The Lady Most Willing" is a story told in three parts about a group of titled gentleman and well to do ladies who are thrown together in a frozen castle. Because its the highlands during a snow storm no one is able to leave the castle and no one is able to come to their rescue. They are stuck together and must make due. Julia Quinn brings charm, hilarious dialogue and her beautiful writing to the story of Catriona Burns and the Duke of Bretton. Kidnapped by accident, Catriona because she was wearing a similar shade of blue to one of the other ladies and Bretton due to the fact he was asleep in his carriage when it was stolen by Taran's men, Catrina and the duke are forgotten and left to their own devices. They bond over a warm fire and the bond of friendship soon turns into something more heated. It becomes a question of whether two people can fall in love, not at first sight, but at first serious conversation. The ever controlled lord Byron and the spectacle wearing Fiona with the tarnished reputation are brought to life by the romantic descriptions of Eloisa James. Having escaped to Scotland after his engagement was ended amidst scandal, Lord Byron is shocked when his uncle kidnaps a gaggle of women for he and his cousin to choose their wives.

Rating: A- ... Heat: Sweet/Warm What kind of trouble can ten young ladies and gentlemen snowed in at a Scottish castle get into? Well, when the party includes a duke, an earl, a French comte, and a highland laird, the answer is: quite a lot. Four young ladies, one by accident, and a duke, by coincidence, are kidnapped from a winter ball by Taran Ferguson, laird of Finovair castle, in hopes of matching three of said young ladies with his two nephews. Trapped at the castle for at least three days, many many hijinks ensue. We first meet Catriona Burns, a gently bred young lady who, unfortunately, comes from a poor family. Which is why kidnapper extraordinaire, Taran, is surprised to see her get out of the getaway carriage. He wanted heiresses for his two nephews, which immediately disqualifies Catriona. Also there by coincidence is the Duke of Bretton, John Shevington, who was asleep in his carriage when it was `borrowed' for the kidnapping. Finding themselves not part of the planned match making, Catriona and John find amusement with each other. Part one was full of wit and humor--really, it's Julia Quinn doing what she does best. Cute and sweet with a dash of fun. I loved every single second of Catriona and John's flirty and fun banter. It put a constant smile on my face, which is why I wasn't ready for it to end! Oh, sure, it's wrapped up nicely, but... I wanted more of Catriona and John! Much more. Next we meet Fiona Chrisholm--a bespectacled heiress with a less than stellar reputation. And, when compared to her half sister, Marilla, Fiona doesn't expect to be noticed. But Byron Wotton, an Earl and the nephew of Taran

Ferguson, can't help but see the bookish and fiery redhead. Byron is... a bit tetchy. Grouchy and stuffy for someone his age.

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