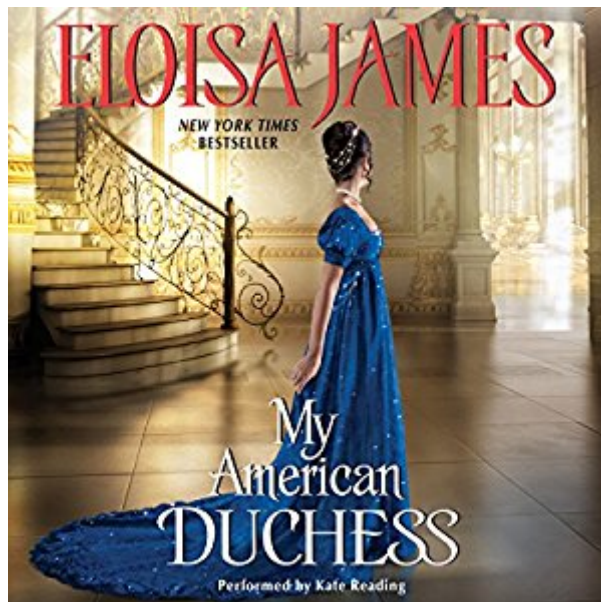


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My American Duchess



Synopsis

The arrogant Duke of Trent intends to marry a well-bred Englishwoman. The last woman he would ever consider marrying is the adventuresome Merry Pelford - an American heiress who has infamously jilted two fiancées. But after one provocative encounter with the captivating Merry, Trent desires her more than any woman he has ever met. He is determined to have her as his wife, no matter what it takes. And Trent is a man who always gets what he wants. The problem is Merry is already betrothed, and the former runaway bride has vowed to make it all the way to the altar. As honor clashes with irresistible passion, Trent realizes the stakes are higher than anyone could have imagined. In his battle to save Merry and win her heart, one thing becomes clear: All is fair in love and war.

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Customer Reviews

The exquisite storytelling skill of Eloisa James shines in her newest historical romance, *MY AMERICAN DUCHESS*. I love a fish out of water story and our heroine, Miss Merry Pelford from Boston certainly is that. Effervescent, outspoken, unwilling to hide either her intelligence or her opinions, Merry is the antithesis of a proper English miss. Yet it's those differences that capture the attention of the responsible, no-nonsense Duke of Trent. Of course there are obstacles (some pretty sizable obstacles), twists and turns, lessons to be learned, and truths to be discovered before our couple can reach a happy ending but our couple eventually arrives there with the skillful guidance of Ms. James. Along the way, there's plenty of charm, wit, humor and emotion to keep this reader

invested in both the characters and their journey to love. If you're an Eloisa James fan, you'll want to add *My American Duchess* to your keeper shelf. If you haven't yet read her books, this standalone is the perfect place to start. It has my highest recommendation. Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I'll pay a visit to Merry and Trent. For the third time. ~PJ Ausdenmore
The Romance Dish

Merry Pelford has a problem. She's been engaged twice before, but she quickly realized that the men were all wrong for her and backed out of the engagements. Now she's come to England and gotten engaged to the perfect man. Unfortunately, minutes later she unknowingly meets the man's brother and is stunned by how attracted she is to this stranger. Is there something wrong with her? Is she just unable to keep a commitment? The Duke of Trent thought he would never marry, but once he sets eyes on Merry, he decides she must be his wife. The only problem is she's just become engaged to his brother. Oh, and there's also the tiny matter of the duke not believing in love and only wanting a wife as a companion and bed partner. Even though he feels very passionately about Merry, he's convinced it's only lust. The culture clash of Merry's adventures in English society provides a lot of humorous moments in the story. Merry's intelligence and outspokenness and her American-ness don't gain her many friends in the ton. Slight spoiler alert! What is unusual about this book is that although we fully expect Merry to become the duchess, it happens near the middle of the book, not at the end. The heart of the story is really how Merry and Jack (the duke) get to know each other, explore their feelings, and settle into their roles as a married couple. We don't usually get much insight into what happens after the fairy-tale wedding, so I really enjoyed the ups and downs of the relationship and how they both had to deal with their impetuous choice to marry.

Another great story delivered by Ms. James. The author has cornered the market on complex yet lovely characters. I was cheering for Merry and Trent immediately. Their first meeting is one of the best "first meets" because these two actually enjoyed each other. As a reader I believed in the story right away. Time in and time out, the author delivers a wonderful tale that I got completely lost in. The words, the story, the emotion...everything was perfect. I can't wait for the next read in the series. In my humble opinion, this is one of her best. I love the fact Merry was an American heiress in London. A unique twist on my favorite genre. Pineapple anyone?

What to say about *My American Duchess*.....let's see yes it's an age old tale, an American Heiress and an English Duke...but that's where the "same old" ended for me. Personally I love those tales, I love seeing how an American with our attitudes even back then you know we had to have had

attitudes, otherwise we'd still be under English rule. So I love when authors create a romance with a strong willed American and a "stuffy" Englishman. It makes me smile every-time. The author, Eloisa James, makes this one extremely fun. I loved the idea that Merry is just "loving and leaving" men. I sit her laughing as I write that, because it sounds worse than it is. But I can just "hear" the rumors of just that going round the drawing rooms and balls. I loved Trent finding himself in a very awkward situation.....falling in love with the woman betrothed to his brother. There are some scenes that will forever change how you look at everyday items, most notably the Pineapple scene, you'll never pass a pineapple again without thinking about it....Fans of Eloisa James will adore these characters and be eager to turn pages while at the same time be a little reluctant to reach the end. If you are new to Eloisa James be prepared you'll be ready to find all her back-list after reading this one. MY AMERICAN DUCHESS is a perfect read if you are looking a fun, light, engaging, well written historical romance. I can't wait for the next one!

Great book! My American Duchess is well written and as always a page turner. You just can't stop reading her books once you start, you have to finish it in one sitting. With two scandals behind her. She goes to England and becomes engaged. Excited and overwhelmed she goes to get air. Then a very intriguing man bumps into her. But she has no idea that he is her new fiances twin brother. And he has no idea she is his brothers intended. Eloisa James's books are addicting you can't stop with just one. You have to read them all.

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