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Kiss Guide



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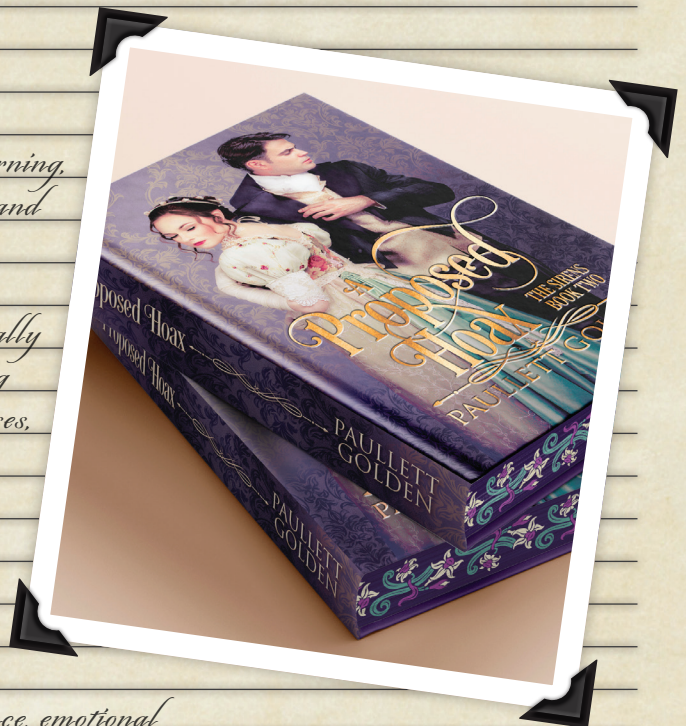
Heat Expectations

This is a *sweet* historical romance with emotional yearning, secret identities, slow-burn attraction, romantic tension, and deeply vulnerable affection.

The novel leans more emotionally intense than physically explicit, with much of the "heat" stemming from lingering looks, late-night conversations, hand touches, almost-kisses, emotional confessions, and mounting romantic desire.

Readers can expect several emotional scenes, private meetings, affectionate gestures, and a few desires to kiss, although all intimacy remains chaste.

Perfect for readers who enjoy aching slow-burn romance, emotional intimacy over physical, and deeply romantic tension that remains chaste.



Reader Note

This novel is sweet with an emphasis on a growing emotional bond that leads to light physical awareness and lingering looks, saving a chaste and undescribed kiss for later in the novel.

Chapter By Chapter

Chapter 5	Extended flirtatious study scenes between Phoebe and Graeme ("Mr. Ellison"), including lingering eye contact, physical awareness, compliments, emotional candor, and growing fascination. Graeme becomes increasingly distracted by Phoebe's beauty, scent, and presence. Romantic tension builds heavily despite minimal physical contact	🔥
Chapter 14	Late-night study rendezvous: Phoebe sneaks to see Graeme under the pretense of work; includes heightened emotional longing, nervous anticipation, private companionship, and subtle hand touches. Deeply vulnerable and charged with unspoken desire	🔥

Chapter 15-17	Romantic tension escalates through repeated private study/garden meetings: increasingly personal conversations, emotional confessions, lingering proximity, hand-holding, and mutual awareness of attraction. Culminates in their first deep kiss in the gallery—slow, intentional, breathless, with her hand curling into his sleeve and both left dazed and yearning. Passionate yet tender and fully closed-door	
Chapter 17	Follow-up emotional intimacy after the kiss: tender cheek kiss (feather-light, at the corner of his mouth), whispered reassurances, and aching romantic hope amid vulnerability	
Chapter 18	Phoebe sneaks back at dusk hoping to see Graeme again: strong internal romantic longing, anticipation, and emotional yearning emphasized	
Resolution	Deepening love brings more confident affection: additional hand kisses (reverent, on knuckles), emotional declarations, and tender closeness that solidify their bond. Warm, heartfelt, and emotionally heated while remaining non-explicit	