

The Kiss Guide

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To my wonderful clean readers:

This Kiss Guide is for readers who want to know exactly where the romance gets a little warmer.

My books are fully closed-door or sweet and clean, but some books offer more description than others for those warm moments when the heroine and hero share a kiss, embrace, or romantic thought. This guide is for transparency of when warmth happens and how warm the fire burns. The books in which the couple marries early in the novel, and thus we have fade-to-black marital intimacy scenes, are labeled as closed-door, while those novels that focus only on the courtship with no fade-to-black moments are sweet and clean.

The heat levels are noted below, ranging from one flame  to three flames , but do pay attention to what the heat levels mean, for these are not standard genre heat levels, rather heat levels personalized for my books to indicate the depth of description in an otherwise sweet instance.

For example, a kiss might be chaste, or it might be deeper with descriptions of lips and longing, and yet both kiss types will remain non-explicit. There is no steam, but for the discerning reader, it's important to know when a kiss (or thoughts or embrace or whatnot) is more sensually described than might be expected.

Rest assured that even in the closed-door romances, often featuring the beginning of the wedding night, everything remains fade-to-black and non-explicit. Some moments are warmer than others, be it from emotional intensity or a described kiss, but all remains safe to read. In the closed-door romances, the heroes and heroines are aware of each other's physical attraction, while in the sweet and clean romances, the attraction is more emotional than physical.

Disclaimer: the audiobooks for The Enchantress series (and only this series) are steamy, while all other versions (eBook, paperback, hardcover) are firmly closed-door with fade-to-black intimacy.

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The heat levels

Level 1

Sweet and Innocent



Chaste kiss, tender hug, longing glance, or emotional touch. Heart-fluttery.

Level 2

Warm and Romantic



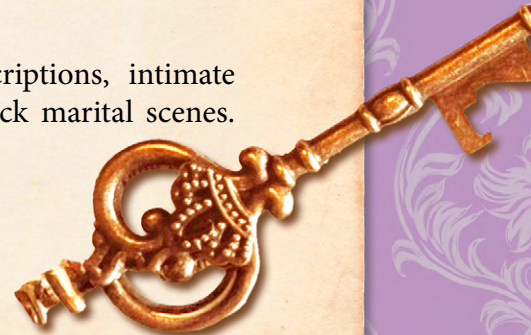
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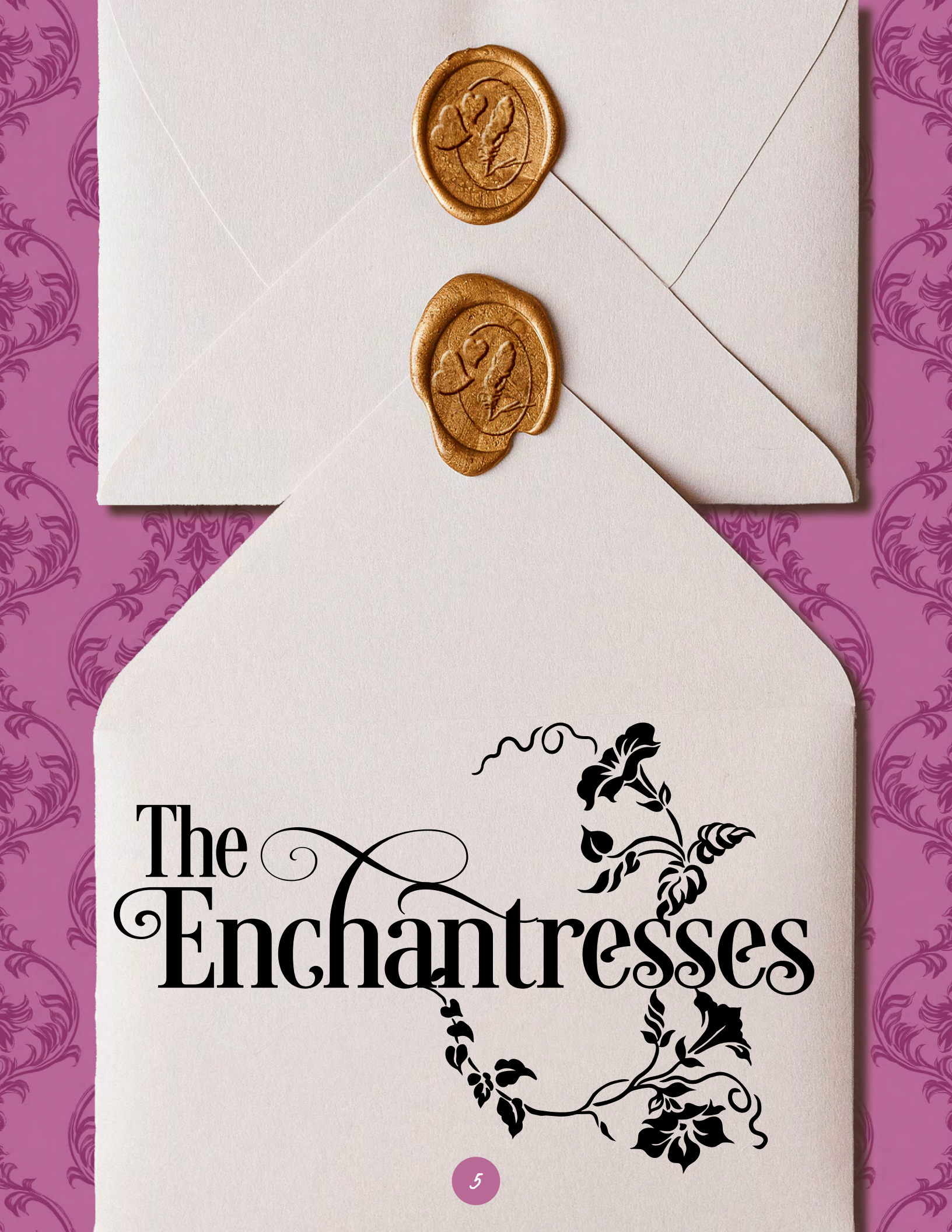
Level 3

Heated and Detailed



Long, passionate kiss with vivid descriptions, intimate thoughts that burn warmer, fade-to-black marital scenes. Closed-door but sensual lead-up.



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The Enchantresses



The Earl AND THE ENCHANTRESS

THE ENCHANTRESSES BOOK ONE





Heat Expectations

This is a closed-door historical romance with references to kissing, tender embraces, and behind-closed-door marital intimacy.

Expect 8-10 notable intimate moments that build from chaste to charged with warm and passionate, albeit neither explicit.

The heat escalates naturally with the relationship, mostly heart-fluttery with a few deeper, emotionally vivid kisses and fade-to-black scenes after marriage.

While never explicit, this romance features strong emotional chemistry, lingering attraction, and romantic tension throughout. The longing is stronger than the physicality, but it can be intense at times.

Perfect for readers who enjoy intelligent, slow-burn romances with heartfelt emotion, swoony closed-door passion, some sensuality, and a whole lot of angst.

Reader Note

Several scenes in this novel include strong romantic longing, flirtation, and physical admiration from the hero's perspective, including lingering attention to beauty, scent, touch, and emotional fascination.

Chapter by Chapter

☞☞ **Chapter 2** – A brief, chaste hand kiss during witty library banter; sparks fly with charged words and a hint of flirtation.

☞☞ **Chapter 7** – A warm terrace embrace with lips grazing forehead and cheek, plus lingering internal thoughts of longing and “what if.” Tension and emotional closeness without a full kiss.

☞☞☞ **Chapter 12** – The first real kiss after a stumble—tender at first, then deeper with mutual response, soft moans, and vivid sensory details. Passionate yet still clean.

☞☞☞ **Chapter 20** – A romantic garden kiss that starts teasing and quickly deepens with an embrace; interrupted before it goes further, but full of yearning.

☞☞☞ **Chapter 22** – A passionate kiss—eager, full of emotion, and leading to acceptance with lingering touches.

☞☞ **Chapter 23** – A sweet, chaste cliffside kiss right after the wedding ceremony; tender affection and a sense of forever.

☞☞☞ **Chapter 23** – Multiple deepening kisses on the stairs leading to the wedding night—intense, pressed-close, and emotionally charged; leads into closed-door marital intimacy (fade-to-black).

☞ to ☞☞ **Chapter 24–25 & beyond (married life)** – Several tender married-life moments: forehead/nose/cheek kisses, a supportive neck kiss, playful hand kisses, and gentle scar-kissing that shows deep emotional intimacy and care. Mostly light and loving with occasional sneaky romance.

☞☞ **Chapter 30 & 37** – A couple of fierce or reassuring kisses during emotional reunions or support—full of relief, love, and physical closeness (one public but still chaste).





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The Duke AND THE ENCHANTRESS

THE ENCHANTRESSES BOOK TWO





Heat Expectations

This is a closed-door historical romance with sweet-to-warm courtship memories, building attraction, and growing marital affection.

Expect 10-12 notable intimate moments, mostly tender and playful kisses early on with escalating warmth and emotionally charged kisses as the couple reconciles and deepens their bond.

No explicit details, but there are warm lead-ups to fade-to-black marital intimacy after marriage.

Perfect for readers who enjoy heart-fluttery romance with some warmer sensuality that always stays tasteful and is tied to love.

Reader Note

Several scenes in this novel include strong romantic attraction, flirtation, and physical admiration and emotional longing, particularly surrounding the couple's adjustment to marriage and growing trust.

Chapter by Chapter

🔥🔥🔥 **Chapter 2** – Passionate kiss at the first inn stop (deepens with a moan and neck kisses); emotionally charged but interrupted.

🔥 **Chapter 3** – Tender, chaste kiss on the bed during a vulnerable moment; soft and reassuring.

🔥🔥 **Chapter 4** – Fevered kiss that starts eager and welcoming but is quickly stopped by her.

🔥🔥 **Chapter 8** – Playful kissing game leads to her initiating earlobe kisses and a light nibble; flirty and bold.

🔥 **Chapter 17/18** – She takes the lead with a gentle, one-sided kiss (he stays still per her request); empowering and sweet.

🔥🔥 **Chapter 20/21** – A sweet, chaste cliffside kiss right after the wedding ceremony; tender affection and a sense of forever.

🔥 **Chapter 21** – Light, laughing chaste kiss after a joyful moment.

🔥🔥🔥 **Chapter 22** – Ardent, full-of-passion kiss full of relief and longing.

🔥 **Chapter 22** – Playful series of cheek, jaw, forehead, and nose kisses; affectionate and teasing.

🔥🔥🔥 **Chapter 22/23** – Deep, soul-baring kiss where he pours his true self into it.



Chapter by Chapter

🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 24** – Needy “Kiss me” moment against the study door; eager and consuming.

🌿🌿 **Chapter 24** – Languorous, slower kiss with a different kind of passion.

🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 29** – Hungry, strength-renewing kiss in a tight embrace during a dramatic reunion.

🌿 to 🌿🌿 **Bonus married-life notes (scattered in later chapters):** Several tender temple/cheek/knuckle kisses and supportive embraces that show deep care and growing comfort—no new heat levels, just loving affection.





The Baron AND THE ENCHANTRESS

THE ENCHANTRESSES BOOK THREE



Heat Expectations

This is a closed-door historical romance with slow-burn attraction, emotional vulnerability, and deepening love.

Expect 11-13 notable intimate moments, starting with tender, hesitant touches and chaste kisses, building to warmer, passionate kisses and embraces as trust grows.

No explicit details, but there are warm lead-ups to one fade-to-black intimate scene.

Perfect for readers who enjoy heart-fluttery, earned romance with emotional depth and lots of angst.

Reader Note

Several scenes in this novel include strong romantic longing and physical admiration, particularly from the hero's perspective, including detailed descriptions of attraction, beauty, voice, scent, and emotional fascination.

Chapter by Chapter

🕸 **Chapter 7** – Gentle hand-to-wrist kisses during a quiet, charged moment; reverent and lingering.

🕸 **Chapter 8** – She initiates a slow, cheek kiss; sweet and bold.

🕸🕸 **Chapter 10** – First full kiss by the sea—warm, yielding, and deepening with mutual passion.

🕸🕸🕸 **Chapter 16** – Passionate garden kiss after emotional confession; full of longing and relief.

🕸🕸🕸 **Chapter 18** – Heated kiss against a tree—fierce, desperate, and soul-deep.

🕸 **Chapter 20** – Playful series of cheek, nose, and forehead kisses; affectionate and teasing.

🕸🕸 **Chapter 22** – Multiple stolen, quick kisses during outings; flirty and building tension.

🕸🕸🕸 **Chapter 23** – Passionate lead-up kisses, eager and emotionally intense, fading to closed-door intimacy.

🕸🕸 **Chapter 24** – Post-proposal kiss—tender and full of promise.

🕸🕸🕸 **Chapter 30** – Reconciliation kiss—desperate, open-mouthed, and full of forgiveness and love.

🕸 to 🕸🕸 **Bonus notes:** A few charged embraces and internal longing thoughts add warmth without crossing into detail. The intimacy always serves the emotional journey—nothing gratuitous.





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The Colonel AND THE ENCHANTRESS

THE ENCHANTRESSES BOOK FOUR





Heat Expectations

This is a closed-door historical romance with slow-burn reunion after years of war separation, emotional healing from injury and trauma, and deepening marital trust and love.

Expect 12-14 notable intimate moments, starting with tender and tentative kisses full of longing, building to warmer, more passionate embraces as trust and physical recovery progress.

No explicit details, but there are warm lead-ups to one fade-to-black marital intimate scene.

Perfect for readers who enjoy heartfelt, earned romance with butterflies, emotional depth, and supportive affection with some angst.

Reader Note

Several loving, everyday kisses, such as cheek, palm, forehead, and quick stolen kisses, that show deep care, comfort, and playfulness. No heat spikes, just warm affection.

Chapter by Chapter

🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 3** – Reunion kiss after five years: tentative at first, then deepening with hand behind neck, palm kisses, and temple kiss; full of pent-up passion and memory.]

🌿🌿 **Chapter 12** – A dream of deep, passionate kissing mentioned but not described.

🌿🌿 to 🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 14** – References to marital fantasies, memories of kissing, emotionally intimate poetry, and a fevered romantic kiss while emotions run high. Includes mention of catching servants embracing intimately. Romantic tension and desire intensify, though details remain restrained.

🌿🌿 **Chapter 15** – Proposal kiss: hungry and tight embrace, then softening with admiration.

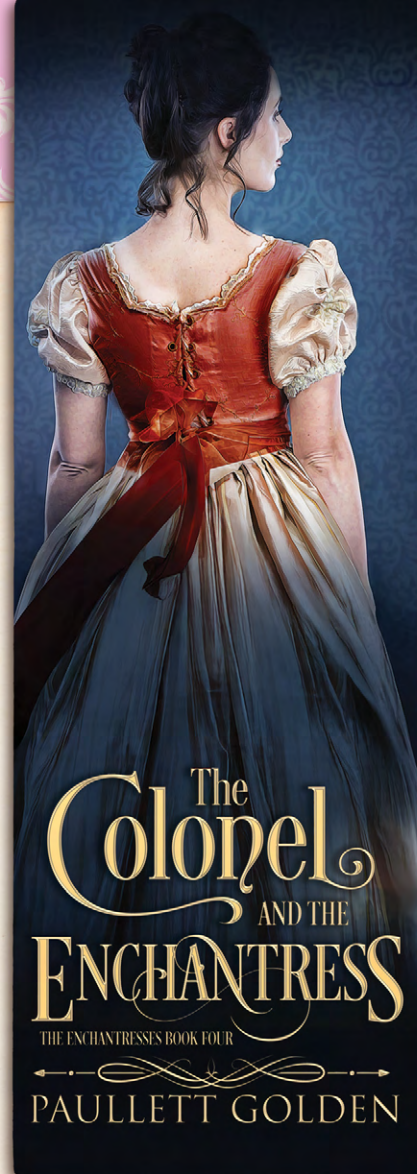
🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 17** – Deep kiss interrupted by voices.

🌿🌿 **Chapter 18** – Light kissing and embracing before fade-to-black marital scene.

🌿🌿🌿 **Chapter 19** – “Kiss me” command after marriage, leading to a tight embrace and passionate kisses.

🌿🌿 **Chapter 20+** (early married life) – Playful and supportive kisses (nose, neck, forehead, lingering); tender and teasing.

🌿 **Chapter 28** – Quick but meaningful cheek and temple kisses amid daily life and support.





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The Heir AND THE ENCHANTRESS

THE ENCHANTRESSES BOOK FIVE





Heat Expectations

This is a richly emotional closed-door historical romance featuring arranged marriage tension, slow-growing affection, artistic admiration, marital intimacy, and deeply romantic emotional connection between husband and wife.

While clean, this novel retains a warm, sensual atmosphere with emotionally charged kissing, fade-to-black bedchamber scenes after marriage, affectionate touching, and flirty teasing.

The romance emphasizes tenderness, vulnerability, longing, and emotional intimacy rather than explicit detail, but readers sensitive to sensual atmosphere or implied consummation should expect this to read warmer than a traditional sweet romance.

Reader Note

Several sensual scenes involving the hero painting the heroine's portrait, as well as a growing physical affection as they connect more emotionally after marriage. There is also an aggressive, forced kiss by a secondary character.

Chapter by Chapter

🕯 **Chapter 1** – Hazel attends an unsupervised gathering hoping for flirtation and her first kiss. Includes references to attraction, romantic desire, “kissable lips,” rakish reputations, bosom-adjusting, flirtation, and young ladies seeking love matches outside proper supervision.

🕯 **Chapter 2** – Hazel sneaks to the terrace at night hoping for romance with Viscount Brooks. Includes emotional longing, seductive attempts at conversation, and discussion of desire and love.

🕯 **Chapter 7** – Forced kiss by the unscrupulous Viscount Driffield during the party: sudden, aggressive, and horrifying for Hazel (her “first kiss” in a moment of disgust and scandal). Triggers the arranged marriage to save her reputation.

🕯🕯🕯 **Chapter 10-11** – Harold and Hazel share a private bedchamber scene on their wedding night, involving nervous anticipation, cheek kisses, hand-holding, emotional tenderness, and fade-to-black marital intimacy. Strongly intimate and emotionally sensual but fully closed-door.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 16-17** – Boathouse kiss and deepening courtship: tender, emotionally charged kisses with lingering touches, breathlessness, artistic admiration, and mounting romantic attraction. Passionate yet vulnerable and clean.



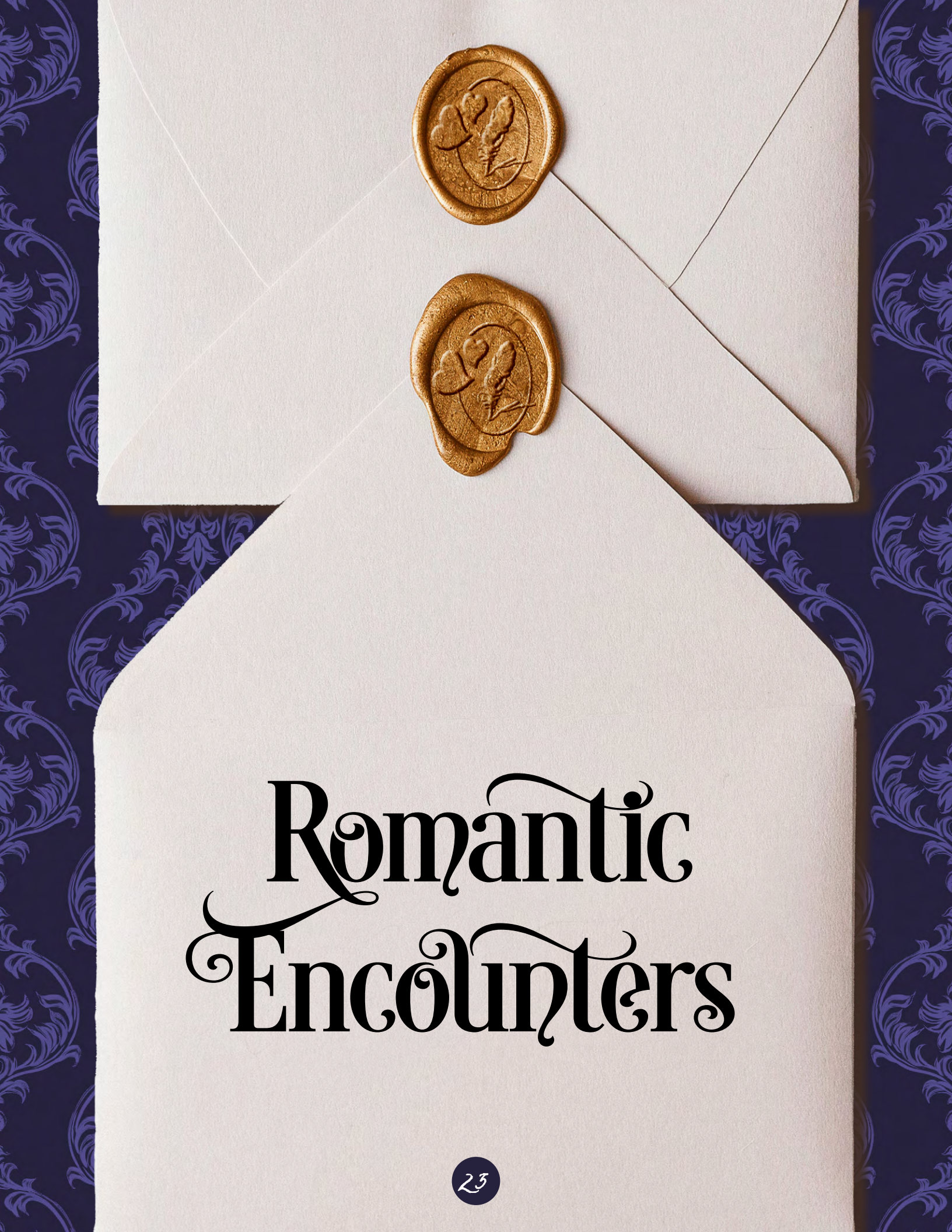
Chapter by Chapter

☿☿ **Chapter 18-23** – Post-marriage intimacy across multiple scenes: affectionate married-life moments including bedchamber conversations, cuddling, teasing kisses, playful physical closeness, lap-sitting, and emotional vulnerability. Warm, sensual atmosphere with repeated fade-to-black implications of marital relations.

☿☿☿ **Chapter 23+** – Nighttime bedchamber invitation and deepened love: Hazel sneaks into Harold's room seeking closeness; includes nightwear proximity, intimate conversation, artistic admiration, neck/ear kisses, lingering passionate kisses, and mutual declarations of love. Deeply emotional and the most heated romantic peak—still fully closed-door.



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A Dash OF ROMANCE

ANTHOLOGY





Heat Expectations

This is a witty sweet historical romance filled with romantic tension, a few detailed kisses, emotional yearning, mistaken identities, and playful literary banter.

While this novel remains non-explicit, it does contain strong romantic chemistry and sensually described kissing that reach beyond the traditional sweet romances.

Readers can expect references to rakish behavior, mistresses, flirtation, longing, emotionally charged embraces, and several detailed kisses throughout the courtship. Ideal for readers who enjoy swoony courtship romances with heightened chemistry and detailed romantic tension.

Reader Note

The romance remains sweet but the emotional and physical attraction between the couple is strongly emphasized, and the few kisses shared are described in detail.

Chapter by Chapter

🕯 **Chapter 1** – Abigail privately fantasizes about her fictional knightly hero, including references to “kissable lips,” romantic longing, and dreamy emotional attraction. Very light but romantically suggestive.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 3** – Percy’s failed courtship and references to his former mistress Clarice are discussed openly. Includes mention of visiting a mistress, implied past intimacy, seductive behavior, and rakish reputation, though nothing explicit is shown on-page. Sensitive readers may especially wish to note this chapter.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 10** – First major kiss in the churchyard after mounting romantic tension: hero cups heroine’s face, delivers a slow, sensual kiss with nibbling, suckling, and tongue teasing the seam of her lips; she responds passionately before pulling back in confusion. Vividly described, emotionally charged, and breathless—still fully closed-door.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 17** – Emotional proposal and reconciliation on the parlor floor: heroine launches into hero’s arms with eager kisses; they share a feverish, unchaste embrace with slanting lips, probing tongues, and hands exploring before the family interrupts. Deeply passionate, intensely romantic, and the most heated moment in the novel—still non-explicit.





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A Touch OF ROMANCE

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Heat Expectations

This is a sweet historical romance, deeply romantic and centered around poetry, emotional vulnerability, intellectual attraction over physical, and mounting romantic tension between two writers.

Though fully non-explicit, this novel contains emotional intimacy, lingering physical awareness, and a richly sensual atmosphere. The "heat" is not from physical intimacy, rather from private conversations, longing looks, flirtation, emotional recognition, poetic vulnerability, and the growing fascination between hero and heroine.

Ideal for readers who enjoy emotionally immersive romances with poetic yearning and soulful chemistry rather than physical attraction.

Reader Note

The romance is emotional rather than physical, as the hero and heroine connect through poetry and shared recognition of talents and vulnerabilities.

Chapter by Chapter

🕒 **Chapter 1** – Immediate romantic awareness during the writers' retreat pairing and first treasure hunt: detailed observations of physical appearance (eyes, lips, hair, scent), flirtatious banter, proximity while solving charades, and charged eye contact. Strong intellectual and physical chemistry sparks right away.

🕒 **Chapter 2** – Continued private moments during the treasure hunt in the garden: lingering observations of the other's features, voice, and presence; subtle flirtation and proximity heighten awareness despite initial reservations.

🕒 **Chapter 3** – Late-evening private reflections (both separately): unable to sleep, each recalls the other's smile, voice, scent, touch, and poetic words; romantic fantasizing and emotional yearning build.

🕒🕒 **Chapter 11** – First deep kiss during a private writing/Persian lesson: hero warns he'll kiss her if he stays, then gently cups her cheek and delivers a slow, sensual kiss with parted lips, tongue caress, and thorough exploration; both are left breathless and emotionally shifted. Passionate and vividly romantic but fully closed-door.

🕒🕒 **Chapter 12** – Second passionate kiss shortly after the first: heroine drapes herself across his lap, wraps her arms around his neck, and demands he kiss her "like you're deprived of affection"; he pulls her close for a deep, thorough kiss that leaves them both flushed and laughing in tender intimacy. Emotionally charged and heated.



Chapter by Chapter

🌿 **Chapter 25** – Quick but eager stolen kiss during a private garden walk: she cuts off his words by grasping his coat and pulling him in with eager lips; brief but full of longing and mutual desire before they rejoin the group.

🌿 **Chapter 32** – Tender, affirming embrace and kiss in a moment of emotional resolution: deep emotional connection, physical closeness, and loving affection solidify their bond.





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A Spark OF ROMANCE

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Heat Expectations

This is a sweet historical romance, deeply romantic, featuring a gothic novelist heroine, a Persian-English hero, emotional devotion, playful flirtation, and mounting romantic longing.

Though fully non-explicit, this novel contains richly romantic dialogue, affectionate physical closeness, whispered endearments (in Persian), and emotionally charged attraction. The "heat" stems from emotional tenderness, lingering eye contact, romantic caretaking, and the hero's openly affectionate admiration of the heroine.

Ideal for readers who enjoy soft yet emotional romances filled with devotion, poetic affection, and yearning, rather than explicit intimacy or a focus on the physical.

Reader Note

The romance is emotionally endearing and playful, chaste throughout, featuring a devoted hero and whimsical heroine.

Chapter by Chapter

🕯 **Chapter 2** – Private farewell moment after Mrs. Bradley leaves the pair alone at the front door. Includes waist touching, hands placed against the hero's chest, lingering eye contact, temple kissing, whispered Persian endearments ("my sweet," "beautiful"), and strong romantic awareness between the couple. Deeply romantic though still gentle.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 8** – First kiss at the door as hero prepares to leave: heroine initiates a chaste but ardent kiss; hero responds by wrapping his arms around her waist, tilting his head, and deepening it until both are toe-curling and breathless before he reluctantly parts. Passionate yet still gentle and fully non-explicit.

🕯 **Chapter 12** – Tender goodnight moment in the hallway after an emotional conversation: soft temple kiss "as soft as a spring breeze," whispered endearments, and lingering closeness. Sweet and reassuring.

🕯 **Chapter 16** – Quick private moment after church: forehead-to-temple closeness followed by a light temple kiss and invitation to rejoin the group. Brief but affectionate.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 31** – Proposal scene filled with romantic gestures (flowers, petals, gifts): heroine swoons into hero's arms; he pulls her into a deep, passionate, toe-curling kiss with parted lips, a moan from him, and a sigh from her; they share a heated embrace on the floor while he declares his love with Persian endearments before the family interrupts. Emotionally vivid, intensely romantic, and the most heated moment in the novel—still fully non-explicit and closed-door.



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The Sirens



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A Counterfeit Wife

THE SIRENS BOOK ONE





Heat Expectations

This is a closed-door historical romance with an arranged marriage, mistaken identity, emotional yearning, marital tension, and growing physical intimacy between husband and wife.

While never explicit, this novel contains stronger romantic and sensual undertones than a traditional sweet romance due to the couple marrying early in the story and navigating closeness, attraction, and wedding-night expectations.

Readers can expect emotionally charged scenes, references to shared beds and behind-closed-doors marital intimacy, as well as lingering attraction and several fade-to-black implications, although all intimate moments remain off-page.

Perfect for readers comfortable with closed-door romances that lean emotionally sensual rather than purely chaste.

Reader Note

This novel is firmly closed-door rather than sweet since the physical intimacy of their marriage is implied throughout as part of their emotional bond and budding trust, moving them from two strangers married out of duty to two partners deeply in love with each other.

Chapter by Chapter

🕯 **Chapter 3** – The marquess mistakes the maid (J’nnon) for his betrothed upon her arrival; he studies her appearance closely (figure, eyes, neck, clothing, petite stature), feels immediate relief mixed with physical awareness and marital anticipation, and proceeds with plans for an immediate wedding. Strong undercurrent of attraction despite the misunderstanding—still fully clean.

🕯 **Chapter 4** – J’nnon internally wrestles with the deception while acutely aware of the marquess’s commanding presence, height, eyes, and demeanor; she experiences a surge of forbidden longing (“Maid to marchioness”) alongside guilt. Heightened emotional and physical awareness on her side.

🕯🕯🕯 **Chapter 5** – The wedding night is fade-to-black without explicit details, but anticipation and anxiety are strongly emphasized. The heroine reflects on intimacy with a stranger, notices the hero’s physical presence, and prepares herself emotionally for marital relations. The hero enters her bedchamber at night, closes the curtains, orders her into bed, and the scene fades to black with strong implication of consummation. Emotionally intense but no explicit details are shown on-page.

🕯🕯 **Chapter 6-12 (early married life)** – Ongoing references to sharing a bed, private husband-wife interactions, growing physical awareness, affectionate gestures, and emotional intimacy as the couple settles into daily life at the estate. Includes lingering looks, protective caretaking, and subtle marital closeness with fade-to-black implications. At least one of the kisses is described with detail.



Chapter by Chapter

Chapter 13-25 – Deepening emotional and physical attachment as love fully develops: more confident affection, tender embraces, lingering kisses (described with romantic intensity but firmly closed-door), shared vulnerability, and references to marital desire and attachment. The romance becomes warmer and more sensual while remaining non-explicit.

Chapter 26-33 – Culminating emotional declarations, reaffirmed marital bond, and tender physical closeness that solidify their love. Passionate but fully closed-door and emotionally focused.





A Proposed Hoax

THE SIRENS
BOOK TWO



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.

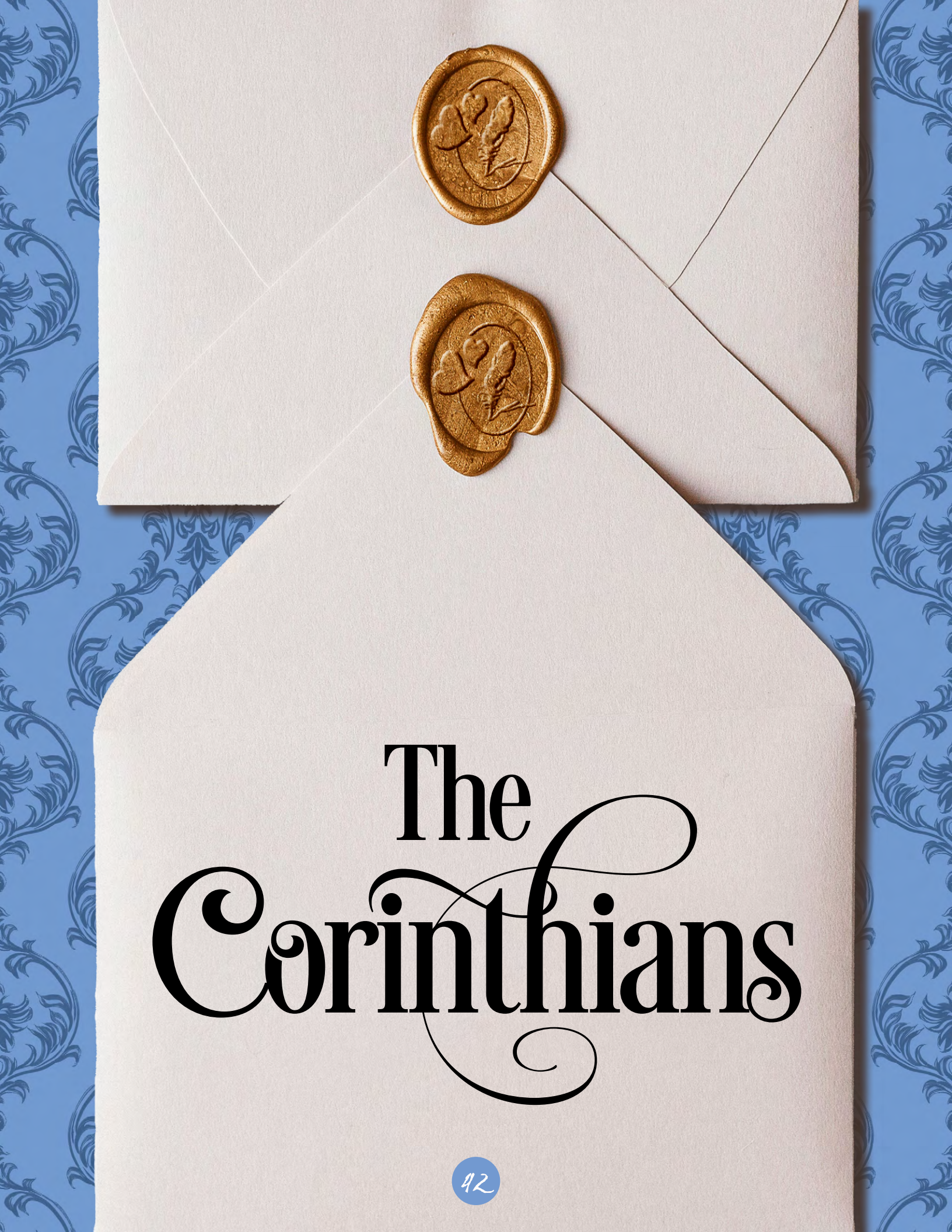
🕯 **Chapter 15-17** – Romantic tension escalates through repeated private study/garden meetings: increasingly personal conversations, emotional confessions, lingering proximity, hand-holding, and mutual awareness of attraction. Culminates in their first deep kiss in the gallery—slow, intentional, breathless, 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.



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A SPORTING AFFAIR

THE CORINTHIANS BOOK ONE



Heat Expectations

This is a sweet-to-warm historical romance with playful banter, accidental compromise, yearning, and increasing romantic tension. The romance remains fully clean with no explicit intimacy.

There are several emotionally charged embraces, teasing kisses, affectionate neck kisses, and repeated references to a "compromising" situation after the hero is discovered in the heroine's bedchamber by mistake.

Most intimate moments are romantic, humorous, or emotionally vulnerable rather than overtly steamy. Expect gradual emotional escalation with a handful of stronger kissing scenes near the end.

Perfect for readers who enjoy witty chemistry, longing, and clean romance without explicit content.

Reader Note

The deepening love between the hero and heroine brings more confident affection, including tender kisses, embraces, and emotional closeness that solidify their bond, all towards the end of the book. This is a warm, heartfelt, and romantically satisfying read while remaining non-explicit.

Chapter by Chapter

🕸 **Chapter 5** – Rafe takes fuller notice of Genevieve’s appearance and figure for the first time: lingering admiration of her silhouette, curls, and presence sparks sharper romantic awareness and attraction.

🕸 **Chapter 13-25** – Playful sparring, emotional vulnerability, and increasing physical closeness as the couple grows more comfortable: multiple friendly embraces, meaningful eye contact, hand touches, and growing romantic longing amid the village competitions.

🕸🕸 **Chapter 32** – Picnic scene after teasing banter: Rafe catches Genevieve, pulls her into a dramatic dip embrace against the horse, slides his arms around her, and delivers a playful nose kiss that leaves her flustered and breathless. Strong romantic chemistry—lighthearted yet charged.

🕸🕸 **Chapter 35** – Genevieve secretly climbs through Rafe’s bedroom window at night for a private conversation: intense flirtation, physical proximity (he is in a nightshirt), neck kisses, earlobe nibbling, lingering passionate kisses, breathy reactions, and mutual declarations of love. Deeply emotional and the most heated moment in the novel—still fully closed-door.

