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War Is in Heaven Zeus is missing. The shadow creatures are mobilising. And the enemy has one part of an ancient weapon. Fifteen-year-old Rafe Stern is traumatised by what has happened to his friend Evie. It's all he thinks about. The Fates, though, won't let Rafe rest for long, they need him to protect the son of Jupiter. And this time, he'll be allied to self-styled leader of the Grey Guardians, Kate McNulty. Together, they will fight side by side with the Romans against the Gaulish hordes at the Battle of Alesia. But when they discover the secret identity of their enemy, and where the second piece of the Book of Sorothir is, their plans unravel. They are left with no choice but to join Megan from the Angelic Order Arndell, to seek allies amongst the shadow creatures, for the war is upon them and they will need all the friends they can get. The Angel Guardian is the fast-paced Young Adult adventure, in the Book of Sorothir fantasy series. If you like Misfit Heroes, Time Travel and Roman Mythology, then you'll love this gripping fight for survival!

HAYDN (Steele Protectors 5) is the 5th book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, ALL Amazon #1 Bestselling Contemporary Romantic Suspense series, Steele Protectors. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT! When Haydn Steele left the army five years ago he vowed to leave his life as a military sniper behind him and instead concentrate on his equally lethal abilities as one of the most accomplished computer hackers in the world. He could still bring down the people who needed bringing down but this time without putting a bullet through their head. When Hailey Frost is threatened and put in danger that decision no longer applies. Hailey works for Steele Protectors as one of their most capable agents. She keeps herself, and her private life, exactly that. Private. Including the feelings she has for Haydn Steele. She's wanted Haydn from the moment she met him but she won't allow him to be put in danger by becoming embroiled with her and the demons from her past. But keeping secrets from a man like Haydn is virtually impossible. Literally. Stopping him from becoming involved once he knows what those secrets are, even more so. The irresistible force is about to meet the immovable object. Which one of them will emerge the victor? Or can they both win, by admitting their feelings for each other before it's too late? Next and last book in the series is LOGAN (Steele Protectors 6)

Wicked Deception is the 4th book in USA Today Bestseller Author, Carole Mortimer's, Amazon #1 Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: All the books in the very sexy Regency Sinners series are complete and HEA stories. The stories are connected by the friendship of the eight heroes. Maximillian Smythe, the Earl of Carlton, is the fourth of the eight gentleman, known as The Sinners, tasked with proving or disproving the guilt of a lady in Society as being a spy for Napoleon, and a traitor to the English Crown. The lady Maxim is to investigate is his young and beautiful widowed stepmother, Lady Heather Smythe, the Dowager Countess of Carlton. Maxim remembers Heather as being passionate and wild as the rugged Cornish coastline where she resides with her young son. Ralph is Maxim's half-brother and his heir since their father died eighteen months ago. Heather is far from pleased when her arrogant stepson, Maxim Smythe, arrives at Treganon House for an unexpected visit. She is only too well aware of the contempt Maxim's has for her. As she holds less than fond

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memories of him. From the moment of Maxim's arrival they treat each other with suspicion. Heather believes Maxim, a friend of the Prince Regent, to be in Cornwall to investigate the smuggling in the area. Something her family has been involved in for several centuries. Maxim knows Heather is hiding something but he is unsure if it is her role as a spy for the imprisoned usurper, Napoleon, or something else. While the turbulent seas roil and crash in the cove beneath Treganon House, the desire and passion Maxim and Heather once shared flares back into life, and this time refuses to be extinguished.

FORBIDDEN (Regency Lovers 4) is the 4th book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, historical romance series, Regency Lovers. Author's note: The books in the Regency Lovers series are steaming hot. You have been warned! They met in fire, burning with a passion for each other, but when the truth is known will their love turn to ashes? Eleven years ago Lord Zachary Noble, the Earl of Harrogate, was involved in a scandal which rocked Society. It resulted in the loss of his reputation and being ostracized and held in contempt by those who mattered to him. His best friend. His family. No woman would even consider marrying him. All of it gone because of the false accusation levelled at him by a young woman he barely knew. All these years later Zachary's good name has at last been restored to him after the real culprit is finally found and punished for the crime. Lady Rissa Spencer is very like her father, Magnus, the Duke of Weston, in that she is both determined and steadfast once she sets her very stubborn mind on something, or someone. And she has set her heart on Zachary. Zachary appreciates that Rissa is beautiful, as well as vivacious and intelligent, but she is also the very last woman he should ever allow himself to fall in love with. Nor will Rissa wish for his love once she becomes aware that the scandal in Zachary's past is connected to her family and the stepmother she adores. Unfortunately the past has a way of intruding into the present, and when it seems Rissa's very life might be in danger, Zachary is determined to protect her. No matter what the cost.

AERAN & RHYS is the 7th and last book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, paranormal dragon shifter series, DRAGON HEARTS. Author's Note: Beware of very sexy alpha dragon shifters on the hunt for their fated mates! What happens when two dragon shifters, even two dragon shifter brothers, discover they have the same fated mate? Everyone knows dragons don't share. Especially two such different dragon shifters as Aeran & Rhys Pendragon. Aeran is tech savvy, a man of the 21st century, and Rhys is still the warrior he has been for the past sixteen centuries, living by the code of kill or be killed. Even more troublesome, their fated mate is the daughter of the man Aeran and Rhys helped condemn to death after he tried to kill the fated mate of their eldest brother, Grigor. Cristina doesn't know who she can trust when she finds herself alone and unprotected in London after her father's disappearance. She doesn't accept the help of Aeran and Rhys Pendragon when they suddenly appear in her life. She doesn't know either man, and her father never mentioned knowing them either, so who are they and what do they want from her? Unfortunately she doesn't have any choice but to accept Aeran and Rhys's protection after an attempt is made on her life. Finding herself suddenly alone with these two handsome and totally different men, Cristina quickly realizes she's attracted to both of them. Aeran and Rhys make it obvious they return that attraction. Cristina

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has no idea how she is supposed to choose between these two intensely determined men. She's even more confused when they assure her she doesn't have to, and ready to run when they explain the reason why she doesn't.

SCANDAL (Regency Lovers 6) is the last book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, historical romance series, Regency Lovers. Author's note: This is a steaming HOT Regency romance. Rachel has never met anyone quite like Grayson Long. From the moment of their introduction Rachel finds Mr. Long to be brusque to the point of rudeness, arrogant as any duke, but so handsome he takes her breath away. Closer acquaintance does not improve upon that initial impression, but nor does her heart cease beating faster whenever Mr. Long is anywhere near. Grayson is accustomed now to always standing in the background, to never quite belonging, but it wasn't always this way. Once he had an estate of his own, a family and a title, but all that was taken from him. He certainly has nothing to offer any woman let alone one as lovely and innocent as Miss Rachel Banford, resulting in him deciding to keep his distance from her whenever possible. But Grayson cannot continue to maintain that distance when Rachel becomes the target of a vindictive woman's vengeance.

A phony engagement turns into real passion in this delightful Regency romance from award-winning author Anne Gracie. Fate has lavished beauty on the Merridew sisters—that is, all save the eldest. But plain Prudence bears no grudge; she loves her four beautiful sisters infinitely. So when their abusive grandfather is laid up with an injury, she seizes the opportunity to concoct an ingenious plan that will allow all five of them to escape the clutches of their legal guardian. All it will take is a little matrimonial deception... A renowned rake, Gideon, Lord Carradice, has a way of making ladies swoon. But when Prudence arrives at his doorstep and mistakes him for his cousin, the Duke, it is Gideon who's infatuated. The delightful spitfire claims she and the Duke are engaged—although a taller tale was never told. In spite of the lies, Gideon is so taken with charming Prudence that he's eager to join her game, especially if it will award him a stolen kiss or two. Now, Prudence's plot is about to go terribly, albeit deliciously, awry...

LOGAN (Steele Protectors 1) is the 1st book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, BRAND NEW Contemporary Romantic Suspense series. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT! LOGAN Steele is having a bad day. Well...after being shot, and almost dying, he's having a bad month. Being forced to recuperate by manning the offices at Steele Protectors, the family security company, is not improving his already short temper. Which might be one explanation as to why Logan, after having a particularly difficult weekend, is so rude to the beautiful August Harvey when she is shown into his office one wet Monday afternoon. The other reason could be that Logan is just naturally rude and impatient. Nor is his mood improved by what August Harvey has to tell him. August had thought she was doing the right thing by coming to see one of the Steele brothers when her friend Jenna disappears. But after only two minutes in the company of Logan Steele, August is seriously rethinking that decision. Logan might be one of the most dangerous and handsome men she has ever seen, and hotter than hell, but he's also arrogant, rude, and just all-round impossible. But there's no denying that Jenna is missing, and the Steele brothers are the ones that need to find her. Being treated as if she might have had something to do with Jenna's disappearances is the last thing

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August expected. Until it's revealed that she does...

Gabriel's Torment (Regency Club Venus 2) is the 2nd book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, hot new Regency romance series, Regency Club Venus. For the past five years Gabriel Templeton, the Duke of Blackborne, has been the owner of Club Venus, the high class brothel in London. When not running the club Gabriel continues to search for his sister who was cast off by their father almost twenty years ago, pregnant and alone, and has never seen again since. Young Vic Tyrone was born on the dirty streets of London and will no doubt die there too, sooner rather than later. Seeing and speaking to the handsome Duke of Blackborne, as he strolls by on the way to his club every evening, is the single brightness in days and nights that are all too often dark with the despair of poverty. Gabriel very much enjoys his daily exchanges with Vic, the cheeky imp who sells fruit or flowers on the street corner near Club Venus. But when Vic isn't in his usual spot for two days in a row Gabriel becomes concerned and goes in search of him in the Rookery, the most dangerous slum in all of London. When he finds the boy Vic is sitting silent and numb, the body of his dead mother having been consigned to a pauper's grave that morning. Deciding to take the devastated Vic home with him, and sending for his friend and doctor, Lord Benedict Winter, to attend the lad, reveals a secret that totally stuns Gabriel. Vic isn't a boy at all but a young woman! Undecided as to what to do next, it isn't the time for a woman from Gabriel's past to seek vengeance on the people he cares for.

DRAGON REUNION is the 8th and last book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, paranormal dragon shifter series, DRAGON HEARTS. When billionaire Maddox Wilder's helicopter develops engine problems it forces the pilot to make an emergency landing in North Wales. With a heavy layer of snow on the ground, and a temperature approaching zero, Maddox seeks shelter in the local inn after his pilot volunteers to wait for the arrival of an engineer needed to make the necessary repairs. But Maddox doesn't remain at the inn for long, somehow feeling himself drawn toward Pendragon Castle perched high up on a nearby snow-covered mountain. Which is odd in itself, because the castle isn't shown in any of the maps for the area Maddox brings up on line. But the innkeeper assures him that Pendragon Castle exists and has been the property of the Pendragon family for centuries. Within minutes Maddox finds himself standing at the bottom of that mountain, staring up at the medieval fortress, unable to resist that almost magnetic pull drawing him closer and closer. Carys Evans is acting as temporary housekeeper for the Pendragon family while her mother recovers from having an operation and Carys can find a fulltime job of her own. It's as well the job at the castle is only temporary because Carys is a disaster at it. She's too young, too trusting, too outgoing, too everything for the very private Pendragon family. When the very tall, very dark, and extremely handsome Maddox Wilder comes calling Carys is instantly aware of the fierce and immediate attraction burning between the two of them, her whole body suddenly feeling alive and responsive in a way it never has before. The Pendragon brothers are less impressed with their visitor but refuse to

allow Maddox Wilder to leave until he has explained exactly what he's doing visiting their castle. There is no way Maddox is going to confide in the arrogant Pendragon brothers that the 'voice in his head' told him to come here. Just as that same voice is now telling him that Carys Evans is the woman he has waited his whole life to meet and that she belongs to him. Maddox quickly realizes the Pendragon brothers are hiding a secret that is even more shocking than his own. A secret that totally rocks Maddox's world and draws him relentlessly toward the truth of who and what he really is.

LUCAN (Steele Protectors 6) is the last book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, ALL Amazon #1 Bestselling Contemporary Romantic Suspense series, Steele Protectors. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT! Eight years ago Rachel Ford was put into the Witness Protection programme after her parents were killed and her sister later died in a car crash. Her name isn't her own. England isn't her birthplace. The only people she has in her life even remotely close to calling family is the couple, friends of her mother, who fostered her until she was eighteen. At least, that's what Rachel has always believed... When Lucan Steele is tasked with protecting Rachel Ford, an art historian working in a London museum, he decides the best way to do that is to take her to a safe house until the danger has passed. Turns out Rachel isn't the staid historian Lucan had been expecting. Instead she's beautiful, fiery and sensual, and exactly the sort of unpredictable woman Lucan doesn't need in his life after his years in the military left him scarred, both inside and out. So much so that Lucan doesn't believe any woman could ever accept the things he did in his past. But as Lucan quickly discovers, Rachel isn't like other women, and the heated attraction between the two of them becomes too intense for either of them to deny any longer. But Lucan's past, whether or not the two of them could ever have a future together, might not matter when Rachel learns what really happened eight years ago...

Wicked Christmas is the 8th and last book in USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, all Amazon #1 Regency Sinners series. It is also her 240th published book. Author's Note: The 8th book in the series promises to be just as steaming hot as the previous ones—after all, there will be SEVEN red-hot heroes, all intent on enjoying the Christmas Season of 1816 with their equally passionate wives. The Sinners have all gathered in Kent at the estate of the Duke and Duchess of Stonewell, and the house is full of adults and children enjoying a time of joy and happiness, but most of all peace, following all they suffered through together the previous year. But peace has never been something the Sinners have been able to enjoy for very long, and in amongst falling in love, marrying, and having their children, they had forgotten to account for the one person they had believed to be insignificant but who was in fact as much responsible for Napoleon's escape from Elba the previous year, and the battles and deaths that followed, as the person who was hanged for the crime. Will the Sinners discover

their mistake in time or will another one of them suffer the devastation of losing someone they love?

MATTEO (Dance with the Devil 1) is the first book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Contemporary Romance series, Dance with the Devil. Author's Note: These books are HOT. There may also be some violence – these are very bad men! Matteo Zalotti has won the battle to regain control of his London mafia empire. Now he intends to confirm his place with the other mafia families around the world by marrying the only daughter of the New York mafia don, Luca Brunelli. The very last thing Matteo needs right now is to take one look at the prim and proper Grace Morrissy and be driven almost insane with the desire and longing to take her and make her his own. Matteo Zalotti isn't like any other man Grace has ever met. He's so much more. More handsome. More wealthy. More powerful. More intense. More dangerous. Everything about the man, from his glittering blue eyes, expertly tousled dark hair, bespoke suits, and handmade Italian leather shoes, sends out red warning signals. But that warning is a temptation in itself for someone who has always lived by the rules. Ultimately, it proves to be a danger Grace can't resist. But no one crosses Luca Brunelli and lives. Not even Matteo Zalotti.

BRYCE (Steele Protectors 3) is the 3rd book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Contemporary Romantic Suspense series. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT! When Bella told her family and friends of her career choice they called her a traitor and turned their backs on her, including the brother she adored. Why? Because no one in the Zalotti family becomes a cop! Bella had never wanted any part of the family business, especially as that business was running the Italian mafia in London. She wasn't stupid enough to join the force under her real name, but has nevertheless lived in fear of someone discovering exactly who she is and bringing that career to an abrupt end, possibly by putting her in a pine box. But it's been five years now and she's still alive, still a cop. Then a few weeks ago she started receiving threats, in letters and spray paint on her car. Out of desperation she calls her brother, the first time they've spoken in years, but Matteo denies all knowledge of any threats, and refuses to help her. Bella met Bryce Steele several weeks ago while guarding his stepsister, Jenna, after she was abducted and beaten. In fact Bryce asked Bella out on a date at the time and then didn't show up. But Bella has done some research on Bryce since then, and she's sure, with his ex-special forces background and underworld connections, he's the one man who can help her discover who's threatening her and why. Unfortunately to do that she'll have to tell him her real name and why she believes these death threats are real. Next Book in series – ROURKE (Steele Protectors 4)

Wicked Captive is the 5th book in USA Today Bestseller and Amazon #1 Author, Carole Mortimer's, Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: All the books in the very hot Regency Sinners series are complete and HEA stories. Books in the

series are connected by the friendship of the heroes. Lord Jericho Black, the Marquis of Wessex, is not looking forward to the visit of his ward, Lady Jocelyn Forbes, to his Devonshire home. Jocey is not actually Jericho's ward but his father's. But as his father lives permanently in Scotland, and is considered to be eccentric by polite members of Society and more than a little strange by the majority, Jericho has taken it upon himself to act as Jocey's guardian in his father's stead these past three years. A bachelor of five and thirty, Jericho finds the role of guardian to a young lady difficult enough at the best of times, but finding himself charged with the unpleasant duty of proving or disproving whether Jocey is guilty of treason, is going to make this visit even more taxing than usual. Jocey is looking forward to seeing and being with Lord Jericho Black again, the man she has secretly been in love with since he became her guardian when she reached the age of eighteen. She is no longer that gauche and awkward young girl, and she is determined Jericho will now see her as a desirable woman, and worthy of his attention. From the moment Jocey arrives in Devon, even more beautiful than Jericho remembers her to be, and possessed of the sophistication and confidence of a woman who knows her own mind, Jericho quickly realizes it is not irritation he now feels toward Jocey but desire. A desire he is finding it more and more difficult to resist. When Jericho receives the shocking news of one close friend's unexpected death, and the serious injury of another, it becomes imperative he learn the truth as quickly as possible, so as to avoid more blood being shed. Even if it requires Jericho make Jocey his prisoner and seduce the truth from her.

Andrew Belgrade, the Duke of Essex, has attempted for years to restore the Belgrade family name, after his mother ran off with the family butler ten years ago, and his father lost himself in drink and ladies of the theatre, before then dying of the former. To add to the scandal, five years ago Andrew's only sister, Elena, eloped with a man she had only known for a week. But at least she had chosen to remain in Scotland with her husband after the wedding, rather than bring that scandal back to London. As a result, Andrew holds himself aloof from all possibility of scandal. He does so by choosing his friends carefully and otherwise remaining aloof from Society and any romantic involvements. He is suitably saddened when he receives a letter from a Miss Catriona McGregor, informing him that his sister, and Miss McGregor's brother, have both been killed in a boating accident. He is shocked when Miss McGregor then adds that the custody of the couple's four-year-old son, Malcolm, now lies with him. Cat has no idea what to make of the aloof gentleman who arrives in Scotland claiming to be the brother of her now deceased sister-in-law, Elena. Oh Andrew Belgrade, the Duke of Essex is aristocratic enough to bear that title, but he is also cold and arrogant. To such a degree Cat resists relinquishing her nephew, Malcolm, into his guardianship. The last thing Cat expects is to feel attracted to this coldly distant gentleman. Or for him, albeit reluctantly, to return that attraction...

KIERAN (Dance with the Devil 5) is the last book in USA Today and Amazon

International #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, Contemporary Romance series, *Dance with the Devil*. Author Note – It isn't necessary to read all of the previous books in this series before reading *Kieran* but there are possible spoilers in *Kieran's* book for *JERICHO* (*Dance with the Devil* 4) The first time *Kieran* set eyes on *Janina* was in a cold and dark Moscow cellar. She was pointing a gun in his direction as she stood protectively over the man *Kieran* had come to Russia to find. Not an auspicious beginning but surely it couldn't get any worse? Except...it did. Once back in the States, *Kieran* is tasked with ensuring *Janina's* safety. Not so easy to do when every time he's alone with her all he wants to do is to throw her down on the nearest flat surface and make love to her. A driving desire that he knows he needs to get under control when he's all that stands between *Janina* and the person trying to kill her.

WANTON (*Regency Scandal* 1) is the first story in Carole Mortimer's new Regency series, *Regency Scandal*. It is approximately 25,000. Carole is a USA Today Bestselling Author, Amazon #1 Author, and an International Bestselling author. She has written over 260 romance novels in different genres. Until a year ago *Xavier Asherton*, the Duke of Northcliffe had known only three things about *Lady Diana Fitzwilliam*. She was young, beautiful, and a widow. Since then *Xavier* has also learned, after his younger brother, *Raphael*, died in *Lady Diana's* bed, that she was his brother's mistress. Unfortunately, for many past tormenting and sexually frustrating months, *Xavier* has also learned that *Lady Diana* is now the only woman he wishes to take to his own bed. Being propositioned by Society's most eligible bachelor, *Xavier Asherton*, the Duke of Northcliffe, would no doubt be a thrill for any woman. Unless they are *Lady Diana Fitzwilliam*. Because *Diana* knows, no matter how much the duke might express his desire for her, that he must also harbour anger toward her for the manner in which his brother died. Nevertheless, the passion and desire burns so hotly between the two of them they are unable to deny it. Or each other. But *Diana* fears what will happen when or if *Xavier* discovers her secret.

BASTIAN'S SURRENDER (*Regency Club Venus* 1) first appeared in the historical anthology, *Seduced Under the Mistletoe*. A 1,000 words have been added to the original novella, to add emphasis to the series storyline. *Bastian* and *Abigail's* story remains the same. This is the 1st book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, hot new Regency romance series, *Regency Club Venus*. As Lord *Sebastian Forbes*, the Earl of Shaftesbury, and one of the richest men in England, *Bastian* has always lived a charmed life. Until three months ago, when a man died because of *Bastian's* actions. Knowing the other man to be a widower with a child, *Bastian* now feels it is his responsibility to care for the orphan. Except the child has disappeared into the foggy streets as if they had never been. Unfortunately, *Bastian* has no idea if it is a boy or a girl, only that he has to find and save them from the harsh reality of London's scandalous underworld. Having searched for the child for all these weeks with no success, *Bastian's* actions, drinking and debauching too much, are becoming increasingly risky and dangerous to himself. To the point he awakens one morning secured naked to a bed and no memory of how he came to be there, with a

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beautiful golden-haired angel leaning over him wielding a knife. Abigail is under no illusions regarding her place at Club Venus, she knows she is nothing more than another one of the 'ladies' available for the pleasure of the gentlemen who frequent the establishment owned by the aristocratic Duke of Blackborne. She's only lived at Club Venus for a few days and is shocked to come down the stairs in the early morning of the third day to discovering a naked gentleman in one of the public bedchambers, secured to the bed by four leather straps. She easily recognizes this man as being Lord Sebastian Forbes, the Earl of Shaftesbury, and one of the Duke of Blackborne's closest friends. A man Abigail considers her personal nemesis.

VIKTOR (Russian Dragon Heat 3) is the third book in the Amazon #1 Russian Dragon Heat paranormal series. These stories have passion and danger, with the occasional visit from characters in my previous dragon shifter series, Dragon Hearts. As a 600-year-old Russian dragon shifter, Viktor has accepted his fate is to be alone until he reaches the end of his very long life. At least he had, until two of his brothers recently found their fated mates. Still, he was only flying over the island that day on his way to somewhere else, before he sensed her. His fated mate, the one woman meant for him. She was down there, on an island he discovered was full of myth and legend, with a history of wrecked Viking ships, and a bridge where the locals waved to the fairies 'for luck' as they passed over it and visitors made wishes. A land from which, when Viktor landed as dragon on the top of the island's only mountain, he was able to see the Seven Kingdom of this Isle of Man. The island itself. Scotland. Ireland. England. Wales. The sky. And lastly the Irish sea, ruled over by the mythical Celtic god, Manannan. Surely if any woman could accept the existence of dragon shifters, could accept him as her mate, it would be one from this unique and magical island?

Single, charming, sophisticated and wealthy, Rourke Steele has zero interest in falling in love or having a relationship. He'd decided that long before the young and beautiful Sophie Hammond walked into his life three years ago. He has the perfect life, working for the security company owned by all six of the Steele brothers, and dating and bedding as many beautiful women as he wants. Why ruin that by settling for one woman? What does it matter if every time he sees Sophie Hammond he wants to drag her off to his bed and do wicked things to that delectable body? It just means he's a normal red-blooded man, right? Wrong. Because when Sophie is attacked at a wedding they are both attending Rourke doesn't hesitate to step in and defend her. To hell with his usual charm and sophistication, Sophie is his, damn it. His! Falling instantly and irrevocably in love with one of her six bosses probably wasn't the wisest thing Sophie had ever done. It wasn't the worst thing she had ever done either. No, that prize went to trying to sort out her father's mess without alerting any of the Steele brothers, but most especially Rourke, to what was going on. Something that is no longer an option when she's attacked while attending the wedding of Logan Steele, Rourke's twin brother, and Rourke is the one who comes to her rescue. Grateful as she is for that intervention Sophie has no intention of allowing Rourke to just step in and try to take over her life. Never mind that his kisses make her head spin and her knees weak. She's a big girl and can take care of her own mess, thank you very much. Fireworks will ignite the sky and inanimate objects fly before these two stubborn people admit to their feelings for each other. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT!

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KINGSTON'S RANSOM (Kingston Security 1) is the first book in USA Today and Amazon International #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Contemporary Romance series. Rosie needs the arrogant Max Kingston's help, and she doesn't care what she has to do to get it. Except, gaining the head of the powerful Kingston family's attention, is virtually impossible. Unless, or if, Max decides he wants to see or speak to you. If that should be the case, then he will be the one to arrange a meeting, at his convenience, and at a place of his choosing. Rosie doesn't have time for that and decides to take matters into her own hands. A move Max takes exception to. To a degree Rosie becomes his prisoner in the Kingston fortress, otherwise known as Kingston Manor. Carole Mortimer has written over 270 books, in contemporary romantic suspense, Regency romance, MM Regency romance & paranormal romance. She became an indie author in 2014. In May 2017 she received a Career Achievement Award from Romantic Times. She is the Recipient of the 2015 Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. Is an Entertainment Weekly Top 10 Romance Author—ever. Carole is a 2014 Romantic Times Pioneer of Romance. She was also recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature".

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LEON (Dance with the Devil 2) is the second book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Contemporary Romance series, Dance with the Devil. Author's Note: These books are HOT. There may also be some violence – these are very bad men! Carla Andretti swore off men a year ago, all men, when she came home unexpectedly and found her then boyfriend in their bed with another woman. She is not, most definitely not, going to even think about getting involved with Leon Brunelli, a man who is not only eighteen years older than her but also the most powerful Mafia don in New York. Leon has been on his own since his wife died giving birth to their daughter twenty years ago. Why marry again when beautiful women are lining up to be with him. Except... Those women are attracted to the power he wields rather than the man. Which has never bothered him. Until he meets spitfire Carla Andretti, and she makes it very clear she isn't impressed, by him being the ruthless head of the New York Mafia or the power that gives him. Leon isn't accustomed to being told no. Carla doesn't trust herself to say yes. When Leon channels all his power into seducing Carla into his bed she finds it more and more difficult to resist. Who will win their battle of wills? Or will they both win?

Wicked Scandal is the 3rd book in USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, Amazon #1 Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: All the books in the very sexy Regency Sinners series are complete and HEA stories. The stories are connected by the friendship of the eight heroes. Lord Sebastian Trentham, Marquis of Deveril, known to his close acquaintances as Devil, is the third of the eight gentlemen known as The Sinners, tasked with discovering which of eight ladies in Society has been acting as a spy for Napoleon. He is expected to do this by fair means or foul. Alys doesn't know whether to be distressed or angry when her brother informs her he has invited the Marquis of Deveril, along with several other of his male acquaintances, to join him for a weeklong shoot at their manor house in Worcestershire. The last time the marquis visited Alys's home, she discovered him with a pistol in his hand as he stood over the dead body of her father. Devil is not looking forward to returning to Newcomb Manor and only accepted Sir Teddy Newcomb's invitation because of the need to clear Alys

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Newcomb's name of any wrongdoing. Not that she would thank Devil for it if she knew that was his intention. Alys believes she has every reason to dislike and distrust him, and nothing Devil says or does will convince her otherwise. From the minute the two of them meet again, sexual tension flares into life and refuses to be extinguished. Much as Alys might fight against it. When circumstances force the two of them into a hasty betrothal that sexual attraction flares out of control. But if Devil didn't kill Alys's father, then the real murderer must still be at large...

Wicked Torment is the 1st book in USA Today bestselling author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Sinners, Regency Unlaced, Knight Security, and Alpha Series, have stronger sexual content and language than my other books. Eight gentlemen known in Society as The Sinners. Having all returned safely from Waterloo, these gentlemen now find themselves with the more dangerous task of discovering which of the ladies in Society has been acting as a spy for the enemy. Dangerous to their hearts, that is. Darius Strong, the Duke of Wolferton, known to his close friends as Wolf, cares little for what Society or anyone else thinks of him, and lives his life accordingly. Given the task of discovering whether Lady Beatrix Hanwell has been using her position in Society to garner information for the enemy puts him in something of a quandary, however. The two of them have met several times in the past, occasions when that lady had not hesitated to show her disapproval of him. Mainly by ignoring his existence. Which is going to make it difficult for Darius to get close enough to her to seduce her into revealing whether or not she is the guilty lady. Beatrix is puzzled—and more than a little disturbed—when Darius Strong, the exceedingly handsome and scandalous Duke of Wolferton, begins to show her marked attention. As a widow aged seven and twenty, and possessing no great beauty, his interest is mystifying to say the least. Much as she tries to fight her growing attraction to Wolf she is failing miserably, as each meeting between the two of them draws her ever nearer to forgetting all propriety and simply giving in to his seduction. Except her surrender means revealing the secret she has taken such pains to hide. To Darius's surprise he finds himself becoming intrigued by Beatrix. Not only intrigued but he desires her more deeply than any other woman he has ever met. So much so that he finds himself hoping she is not the lady they are seeking. Is Beatrix guilty of treason, and if not what will her reaction be to Wolf when she discovers the truth behind his single-minded pursuit of her?

The Russian Dragon series you've all been asking for! VLADIMIR (Russian Dragon Heat 1) is the first book in the much requested Russian Dragon Heat series. It has passion and excitement, with visits from several characters from my previous dragon shifter series, Dragon Hearts. At a thousand years old, Vladimir is the eldest of the seven remaining dragon-shifter Romanov brothers. Having lived all those years with the hope of one day meeting his fated mate, he can't believe it when he realises his mate is the female dragon hunter who tried to kill his brother, Vaughn. Not only can't Vladimir believe it, he fights against accepting it. Tanya holds all of the Romanov brothers responsible, not only for the deaths of her parents ten years ago, but because she and her brother were afterwards sent to one of the notorious Russian orphanages to survive as best they could. After months and years of planning, Tanya is devastated when her attempt to kill one of the fierce Romanov dragon-shifter brothers is unsuccessful. Instead, she once again finds herself incarcerated against her will, this

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time at the Romanovs' winter palace, as she waits to learn her fate. Tanya knows nothing of a dragon-shifter's fated mate, but she certainly has no intention of ever becoming that to the arrogant and cold Vladimir Romanov.

ATTICUS (Steele Protectors 2) is the 2nd book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, BRAND NEW Contemporary Romantic Suspense series. Author's Note: Beware of the very sexy & very alpha Steele brothers. These books are HOT! Atticus is eldest of the six Steele brothers, and he takes that role very seriously. Even more so when it comes to the welfare and safety of his fiercely independent and adopted sister, Jenna Riley. Except Atticus hasn't thought of her in a sisterly way for years. If he ever did. Recently Jenna was viciously attacked by two thugs, who have since learned the error of their ways at the hands of the Steele brothers. Atticus insists, for her own safety, that Jenna live with him once she's well enough to be discharged from hospital. Weeks later, she's still there, tormenting him on a daily basis, with her presence, her perfume, and the sexy items of her clothing occasionally left in his bathroom, which she insists on using because she says his shower is better than hers! Atticus isn't sure how much more of this torment he can take before he loses it completely and gives in to his need to take and own Jenna. All of her. When Jenna's life is once again threatened all bets are off! More books by Carole Mortimer: Steele Protectors contemporary romance Series: LOGAN (Steele Protectors 1) ATTICUS (Steele Protectors 2) BRYCE (Steele Protectors 3) ROURKE (Steele Protectors 4) More books to come in this series.

GRIGOR is the 5th book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Indie Author, Carole Mortimer's, paranormal series, DRAGON HEARTS. Author's Note: Beware of very sexy alpha dragon shifters on the hunt for their fated mates! Grigor Pendragon is nearer to turning feral than any of his brothers, of making that final shift and remaining in his dragon form. If— When this happens, his brothers will have no choice but to kill him, before he harms any humans, who for sixteen hundred years haven't known of their existence. The only thing that will stop Grigor's last and fatal shift is meeting and claiming his fated mate, the one woman meant just for him. Gayle Wilson is independent and outspoken, a computer geek, and she has no idea her sister, Holly, is now the mate of a dragon shifter, or that Dylan's seven brothers are also dragon shifters. What she does know is that she's being kept a virtual prisoner at Pendragon Castle, the family's home in North Wales, until her sister comes back from her trip away with Dylan. Gayle isn't at all impressed when Grigor, the eldest Pendragon brother, announces she belongs to him now, and then expects her to do exactly what he tells her to do. Admittedly, he's tall—very!—dark, and handsome, with muscles that go on for miles, but there's no way she's going to belong to anyone, least of all the arrogant and cold Grigor Pendragon. The first opportunity she gets she's getting out of there and going back to London, and to hell with the whole of the Pendragon family. But when danger starts stalking her, Grigor is the only one she can turn to for help.

SURRENDER (Regency Lovers 5) is the 5th book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, historical romance series, Regency Lovers. Author's note: This book is a #MayDecember steaming HOT Regency romance A month after being kidnapped, rescued, and returned to her family, eighteen-year-old Miss Clara Catchpole is still recovering from her terrifying ordeal. No longer the young and frivolous Miss she once was, there is now only one person Clara wishes to see and

be with, and that is Lord Ezra Stone, her rescuer and a man twenty years her senior. Unfortunately, for Clara, that gentleman's company proves to be as elusive as he is taciturn. Ezra is aware of Miss Clara Catchpole in a way he has not been with any other woman, but his age and the events of his past make it impossible for him to pursue her, even when he knows he is hurting Clara with his seeming disinterest. She is young, he decides, and will recover from what can only be her infatuation with him. He is able to maintain that distance between them until those events from his past once again intrude on the quiet life he has made for himself. Faced with the dilemma of ensuring Clara's safety or protecting his own heart, Ezra knows there is only one choice he can make. Keeping Clara safe is all that matters to him. Will these two mismatched people find happiness together or will Ezra's past tear them apart?

WAYWARD (Regency Scandal 3) is the third story in Carole Mortimer's Amazon #1 Regency series. Carole is a USA Today Bestselling Author, Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, and an International Bestselling author. She has written over 265 romance novels in the Contemporary, Historical and Paranormal genres. Carole is the recipient of the Romantic Writers of America Lifetime Achievement Award. Was awarded a Romantic Times Career Achievement Award in 2017. An Entertainment Weekly Top 10 Romance Author—ever. She is a 2014 Romantic Times Pioneer of Romance. She was also recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature".

Gideon Rhodes, the Duke of Esher. Gideon felt a heavy weight in his chest as he watched a coach approaching down the long driveway to his Cornish estate, the home where he had retreated ten years ago after being ostracised by Society following the sudden death of his wife. Then two weeks ago he had received a letter from a solicitor telling him that he was now the guardian of nineteen-year-old Lady Lydia Montague, the daughter of his one-time friend, Lord Michael Montague, the Earl of Chessington. Quite what Gideon is to do with that young woman, once she is residing in his household with him, he has no idea. Until he sees her for the first time and knows that the only thing he desires of Lydia is to have her beneath him, in his bed, as he claims her for his own. Lady Lydia Montague. She had never even heard of the Gideon Rhodes before her father's solicitor informed her the duke was to be her guardian now that her father had succumbed to the wounds he had received during the Battle of Waterloo. Unfortunately, once it became public knowledge Lydia was to be Esher's ward until her twenty-first birthday, she was bombarded with information about the man. Rumour said he had been a cruel husband. That he had murdered his wife. That he was now a scarred recluse living in the wilds of Cornwall. All Lydia knew of him for certain was that she was to be his ward and live with him for the next two years. Then she sees him for the first time. Gideon is tall, dark, and indeed scarred. He also causes her pulse to race, her body to heat, and she can think of nothing but the two of them naked together, their limbs and bodies entwined. The moment Gideon looks at her his eyes seem to darken with that same desire. But what of his dead wife? Is it possible Gideon did kill her? And if he did, will Lydia receive the same fate if she allows the attraction between them to deepen?

James's Lady (Regency Club Venus 5) is an approx 15,000 word novella, to conclude the Regency Club Venus series. Lord James Metford, the Earl of Ipswich, believed his problems were over after he had taken back his title and been reunited with his sister. He is now free to go to the lady he loves and ask her to become his beloved Countess.

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Except, Lady Beatrix Winter turns down James's proposal of marriage. A refusal which forces James to use every means possible, including subterfuge and seduction, in order to persuade her into changing her mind. New Series Coming Soon— Russian Dragon Heat Vladimir (Russian Dragon Heat 1)

SINFUL (Regency Scandal 4) is the fourth story in Carole Mortimer's #1 #Bestselling series. Carole is a USA Today Bestselling Author, Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, and an International Bestselling author. She has written over 270 romance novels in the Contemporary, Historical and Paranormal genres. Having suffered through yet another Season without, at the age of one and twenty, becoming betrothed or engaged to any of the vacuous young fops of Society, Lady Olivia Buchan is sent to stay with her mother's cousin and her husband on their island home for the summer months. After which, Olivia is to go and live quietly at the family's country estate in the wilds of Yorkshire, well away from London Society, and any possibility of her unmarried status ruining her two younger sisters' future chances of a betrothal and marriage. What her mother couldn't have known when she sent Olivia away is that three of His Majesty's ships and their crews are currently visiting the island, at the behest of the Prince Regent, as his representatives during the island's summer celebrations. Those ships are under the command of the tall and imposing Admiral Lord Magnus Forsythe, the Earl of Rockborne. A gentleman known to be a hero during the long years of sea battles against the French. One look at this haughtily magnificent and the unmarried Rockborne and Olivia knows exactly why none of London's pretentious young men have ever appealed to her. They could never compete with such mature and masculine perfection. Unfortunately, Rockborne takes that same look at Olivia and thereafter attempts to avoid her company. But Olivia, having seen the only man she could ever consider taking as her husband, will not be deterred so easily. Not even when a scandal from Magnus's past, involving her own family, is revealed.

HIDDEN LOVER (Regency Men in Love 1) is the first story in an M/M series written by Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer, writing as C A MORTIMER. Author's Note: Please be aware this is the first book in an M/M HOT Regency Series. The series will be four books in total, featuring the four gentlemen who are founding members of The Apollo Club, and the men they fall in love with. Lucius Cranfield, the Duke of Sheffield, is aged eight and thirty. He has never married nor does he have any intention of ever doing so. But neither can he refuse when Daniel Bishop, the man who has been Lucius's closest friend for years and is now terminally ill, tells Lucius he has named him as guardian to his twenty-year-old son, Toby, once Daniel is dead. A son, moreover, whom Daniel confides, is attracted to other men. Lucius has kept his own sexual preference a secret from Society for twenty years or more. But Toby Bishop, whom Lucius believed to be far too pretty and slight of build for Lucius to ever be attracted to him, quickly proves him wrong, and Lucius finds himself burning with a fierce desire for the younger man. Contrary to what Lucius thought, Toby is far from being just a head of pretty blond curls and a lithe body. The younger man is also intelligent, fiercely independent, and with a lively wit. A combination which Lucius is forced to acknowledge, is as intriguing as it is arousing. Toby has no idea what his father was thinking when he named the aristocratic and haughty Lucius Cranfield, the Duke of Sheffield, as his guardian. A gentlemen all in Society look up to and admire. He is also a man who, at several inches over six feet tall, and with wide shoulders and a

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muscular build, would no doubt beat Toby to a pulp if he were ever to learn how much Toby has always desired him. It is a doubly foolish attraction on Toby's part, when the duke is known as a legendary lover amongst the ladies of a Society which does not permit men to be attracted to or fall in love with other men. Isn't it...?

Hidden Desire (Regency Men in Love 2) is the second book in the MM Regency series written by Carole Mortimer as C A MORTIMER Carole Mortimer is a USA Today Bestselling author, an Amazon #1 Bestselling author, and an International Bestselling author of over 260 novels in many different romance genres. Maxim Armitage, the Duke of Lancaster, has become totally smitten with Christopher Brooks since that young man came to work as a server at The Apollo Club, a gentleman's club owned by Maxim and three of his closest friends. But their ages, Christopher is only nineteen to Maxim's six and thirty, and the difference in their circumstances, Christopher is employed at The Apollo Club and Maxim is the powerful Duke of Lancaster, force Maxim to keep his distance. Until the night Maxim discovers Christopher being attacked by another man. Christopher Brooks was beyond grateful when he was offered employment at The Apollo Club. He enjoys his work there. The owners of the club are fair gentlemen. Most especially Maxim Armitage, the Duke of Lancaster, whom Christopher very quickly finds himself developing feelings for. His fellow workers have also become the family Christopher no longer has. All except one, and Christopher has managed to evade that man's demands to date. Until the evening he is no longer able to do so. Being rescued and cared for by Maxim makes Christopher long for things he can't have. Or can he? And what will become of their mutual attraction if or when Maxim learns the secret Christopher has been hiding from him?

Wicked Temptation is the 6th book in USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, all Amazon #1 Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: All the books in the very hot Regency Sinners series are complete and HEA stories. Books in the series are connected by the friendship of the heroes. And did I mention they're HOT? Pru would never forgive Lord Titus Covington, Viscount Romney, for the lies and deceit which had resulted in the death of the person she loved most in the world. She might not forgive him, but she would use him, in whatever way she saw fit, in order to seek out a murderer. Quite what she would do once she had that murderer in her clutches she had no idea, but she would hunt them down. Titus knew he had behaved unforgivably as far as Lady Prudence Germaine was concerned. Deceived her. Lied to her. By omission, if in no other way. But when Pru makes it clear she intends to find her beloved's murderer he has no choice but to assist her. Indeed, he finds he doesn't want to have a choice. Because what had started out as a deception to him has become a reality. As far as Titus is concerned, at least. He is now tempted by and desires Pru with a hunger that only her complete physical and emotional surrender will satisfy.

Julius's Passion (Regency Club Venus 4) is the 4th and last book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, hot historical romance series, Regency Club Venus. Lord Julius Soames, the Earl of Andover, welcomes the diversion of assisting James Metford in reclaiming his title as the Earl of Ipswich. Julius's own life has become somewhat stultifying in recent months, not helped by his three closest friends having found and married, or be about to marry, the women they love. He believes travelling to Suffolk with James

to be the perfect diversion from his own ennui. Julius might be known in Society for his cynicism and dryness of humour, but neither of those things has prepared him for the depth of his physical reaction to the ethereal beauty of James's sister, the young and beautiful Lady Bethany Metford. For ten years Bethany has believed her brother to be dead and buried, so it is the greatest shock of her young life when he suddenly reappears back at the Suffolk estate of their uncle, where she has been incarcerated for all of those same years. Not only has James returned from the dead but he has brought the arrogant Lord Julius Soames, the Earl of Andover, with him. Will Bethany be able to forgive James for abandoning her? Can she resist the allure of the handsome, but infuriating, Julius Soames? And what is the secret their uncle is so determined to keep hidden from all of them? Coming Soon – HIDDEN DESIRE (Regency Men in love 2)

GARRETT is the 6th book in USA Today and Amazon #1 Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, paranormal dragon shifter series, DRAGON HEARTS.

Author's Note: Beware of very sexy alpha dragon shifters on the hunt for their fated mates! Garrett Pendragon and his seven brothers are all Welsh dragon shifters. He's been alive for over sixteen hundred years, fighting alongside his brothers through the centuries, and enjoying as many beautiful women as he could along the way. Five of his brothers might have found their fated mates in the last year but Garrett is more than happy to live another sixteen hundred years exactly as he has been, thank you very much. That all changes the moment he meets Billie Rider and recognises her as his fated mate. Except his beautiful mate has been sentenced to die, for having attempted to kill Gayle, his brother Grigor's fated mate, and stealing from the Russian *bratva*. Both under instruction from the Romanian mafia, who are also now anxious to eliminate her. But things aren't always what they appear to be, and it's up to Garrett to prove Billie's innocence, to his brothers and the Russian *bratva*, if he wants their help keeping his mate alive. Garrett isn't sure which is going to be more difficult, saving Billie from all the people that want her dead, or convincing this feisty woman she's his fated mate.

Benedict's Challenge (Regency Club Venus 3) is the 3rd book in Amazon #1 & USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, hot new historical romance series, Regency Club Venus. Lord Benedict Winter knows what those in Society think of him. Of their disapproval of his having studied and become a physician. They are even more shocked that he uses his skill, not just to treat the poor but also to care for the ladies of Club Venus, a house of ill-repute owned by one of his closest friends. Not disapproving enough to ban him from entering their homes of course, because he is, after all, one of the wealthiest gentleman in England. Having shunned all attempts to entice him into the Marriage Mart, many in Society also believe Benedict to be a cold and arrogant man, with no emotion to give. His close friends know better. As they also know of the secret he has kept for so long... In the circumstances, the very last thing Benedict needs or wants is to meet and instantly be attracted to Chloe, a young woman he

discovers residing in another man's home. Chloe has lost everyone dear to her. Her parents. The brother she adored. All gone. And in their place she now lives in the home of a man who despises her and takes every opportunity to make those feelings known to her. Lord Benedict Winter sweeps in like a breath of fresh air into the stultifying life Chloe is now forced to lead. But he blows hot and cold, one moment making his desire for her known and the next putting her at arms' length and insisting he is not the man for her to build her dreams upon. But dreams, Chloe quickly discovers, have a will and determination of their own.

Wicked Sinner is the 7th book in USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, all Amazon #1 Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: All the books in the very hot Regency Sinners series are complete and HEA stories. Books in the series are connected by the friendship of the heroes and their search for the traitor to the Crown. And did I mention they're HOT? When Nik's own wife is the last of eight ladies suspected of treason, he knows he can delay no longer and has to investigate the accusation. After all, he is Dominik Sinclair, the Duke of Stonewell, and has long been an agent and spymaster for the Crown. But he'll carry out the investigation in his own way. A way that Angel knows well and will understand is not a game. Angelique knows there is something seriously wrong with the marriage that began so promisingly three years ago. She still loves Nik as much as she ever did but his increasing coldness toward her over this past year seems to indicate he no longer feels the same way about her. When he arrives unexpectedly at his estate in Kent, where Angelique has been residing with her mother since the end of the London Season, he is colder than he has ever been. Leading Angelique to the heart breaking conclusion their marriage is over and Nik must now have a mistress to cater to his darker, sexual appetites. She denies it emphatically when Nik accuses her of treason, but her husband has his own ways and means of extracting information from her. Usually on her knees.

This 26,000 word novella was previously published in A Regency Duo by Carole Mortimer & Angelique Armae. There have been no changes or additions from the original novella. INDECENT (Regency Lovers 1) is the 1st book in USA Today Bestselling Author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Regency series. Impoverished Miss Emma Harris can hardly believe her good fortune when Adam Stirling, the handsome and imposing Duke of Hawkwood, asks her father for her hand in marriage. However, she feels thoroughly humiliated when she attends a masked ball that very same evening and sees Hawkwood in a compromising position with a married woman. A very compromising position, in fact it is positively INDECENT. Angry and upset, Emma confronts Hawkwood with what she saw, accusing him of only wanting to marry her as a shield to his affairs with other women. Accusations the duke denies. Half in love with the arrogant Hawkwood, Emma is devastated when she learns the real reason he asked her to marry him. But if Emma thinks Adam is the type of gentleman to meekly accept her rejection, she is about to learn exactly how INDECENT he can be when he wants

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something as deeply as he now wants Emma.

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