

1: A Duke of Her Own (ebook) by Eloisa James |

A Duke of Her Own Book 6 in the Desperate Duchesses, the Original Six series Leopold Dautry, the notorious Duke of Villiers, must wed quickly and noblyâ€”and his choices, alas, are few.

If a man was due his romance, it was he. So yes, this is a book I really wanted to read, and expected to love. The novel begins well enough: Leopold Dauntry, Duke of Villiers, promised on his almost-deathbed that he would personally look after his six illegitimate children. Because of a dishonest lawyer, Leopold lost track of where his children were, and has since rediscovered four. At present, there are only two ducal daughters unmarried and of appropriate age in England, and Leopold seeks out both. At a ball, he meets Lady Eleanor Lindel. Although Leopold and Eleanor hit it off very well from the first, both want to test the waters further before committing themselves. So Eleanor, her mother and her younger but married sister Anne visit Lady Lisette, the other candidate, in the country, as do Villiers and his eldest son Tobias. If all of this sounds rather calculating so far, that is because it is. Villiers wants the best possible mother for his children, Eleanor wants to avoid becoming an old maid, and Lisette wants love and attention. Both ladies were embroiled in affairs of the heart in the past, and both are influenced to this day by what they lost. It is with the beginning of that house party that everything unraveled for me. Lady Lisette is an eccentric, and so is her household. For various reasons, several members of the house party including the chaperones fall ill, or depart, or hide in their rooms. So the main characters are left more or less to their own devices. Leopold spends the whole middle part of the novel doing precisely nothing. He spends time with both ladies and is stumped in utter passivity. I found all this vacillating on behalf of the three main characters tedious in the extreme and it made me stop caring about them. Matters become more exciting again in the last third of the book, and some explanations for the general brainlessness the characters have exhibited so far are given. But that was too late to salvage the novel for me. Alas, she was in too few scenes partly, I believe, because she does not suffer fools gladly. As the conclusion to a series I had enjoyed a lot overall, A Duke of her Own was quite a letdown. This was especially disappointing because the characters could have entertained me far more had they been granted a different plot and less dithering. As it is, I recommend the book for those who want to see the series wrapped up, but definitely not for newcomers to Eloisa James. She has done better. Buy A Duke of Her Own:

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A Duke of Her Own is the 6th book in Eloisa James' Desperate Duchesses series. Lady Eleanor finds herself as one of the two women the Duke of Villiers is considering for his bride. Lady Eleanor finds herself as one of the two women the Duke of Villiers is considering for his bride.

A Duke of Her Own. Books in the series include the following: Desperate Duchessesâ€” the story of Lady Roberta St. A duke must choose wisely. Leopold Dautry, the notorious Duke of Villiers, must wed quickly and nobly â€” and his choices, alas, are few. Villiers betroths himself to her without further ado. After all, no other woman really qualifies. Lisette, the outspoken daughter of the Duke of Gilner, cares nothing for clothing or decorum. Half the ton believes Lisette mad â€” and Villiers is inclined to agree. Torn between logic and passion, between intelligence and the imagination, Villiers finds himself drawn to the very edge of impropriety. But in the bedroom. There are only two such woman: And, this is where the story picks up in A Duke of her Own. Fortunately for Villiers, Lady Eleanor Lindel has already declared to the world at large that she will only marry a duke. He thinks this will be easy. After all, he does plan to go meet Lisette, but knows that she is rumored to be mad. Eleanor and Villiers are not too sure about each other. They do find themselves attracted to each other, but each have other, pressing concerns that get in the way. Eleanor believes herself to be in love with Gideon, the Duke of Astley. Gideon and Eleanor grew up together, fell in love and became lovers. Gideon, however, was forced to marry another when his father passed away. Villiers, on the other hand, is primarily looking for a mother figure for his children. While Eleanor appeals to his carnal side, Lisette demonstrates an incredible affinity with his twin daughters. And herein lies one of the more interesting facets of the story. Neither Eleanor nor Lisette are virgins. Eleanor enjoyed and embraced her sexual feelings and was happy to act on the with Gideon. Villiers certainly evokes the same feelings, and he and Eleanor do find themselves involved sexually â€” even as they get muddled about their marital plans. Eleanor is distracted by long-held feelings for Gideon, who is suddenly widowed. And Villiers comes to believe that Lisette would be a better mother. This is the crux of the issue. Eleanor is the more sexual woman. Eleanor gets to be the whore and Lisette the madonna. Both Eleanor and Villiers had their blind spots, but I wanted to smack some sense into Villiers several times. His children got on very well with Eleanor. He was willing to have sex with her even while planning to marry another woman. He did the same thing to her that Gideon did, and I loved that Gideon was the one to point it out to Villiers. Of course, this definitely fit in with the way that James has portrayed Villiers over the past several books. It seemed an odd revelation. I definitely feel like I need to go back and read all of the books in this series again. All in all, the Desperate Duchesses series was another wonderful group of books with some wonderful characters who I will never forget. A Duke of Her Own was a wonderful book, and a very fitting ending to the series. I am very much looking forward to what comes next. Read first July 29, Advertisements.

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A Duke of Her Own, led by another of Eloisa James' strong women, is a fine finish to a host of memorable romantic tales and characters. Anonymous More than 1 year ago.

All I can say is, Eleanor is a much more patient and forgiving person than I am. She has an i Well, I just finished this book and maybe I should take a few days off to think things through. She has an intrinsic weakness for men - dukes specifically - and had been in love with her childhood friend Gideon forever, even after he married another. Her sister, Anne, is wonderful and I loved their relationship. Anne always had her back. After Eleanor was dumped by Gideon, she became somewhat matronly and had almost given up on marriage. But Anne helped her to get her groove back, getting her to dress and put on makeup to be more appealing. Villiers is a dandy and takes impeccable care in his appearance. As was learned in previous books, Villiers has been rounding up his illegitimate children - six of them - and so far has three. His oldest son, Tobias, who looks and acts just like him, is a great kid and I loved him in the story. Lisette and Eleanor are childhood friends and both daughters of dukes. But even before that, I could not stand her. I lost a lot of respect in Villiers seeing how he made so many foolish decisions. While it was laudable that he wanted to assume responsibility for his children, his desperate quest for a mother for them was rather sad. Once everything "hit the fan," poor Villiers realizes his mistakes took him long enough and I actually started crying - mostly crying for poor Eleanor, her dog and Tobias. This is the first Eloisa James book that made me cry so I guess that says something. Then I even started feeling a slight twinge of pity for Villiers. But Lisette, he now understood, looked upon children as if they were playmates - or worse, playthings. All the time, Eleanor was just the mother they needed: Tobias had know that. Hell, even Oyster knew how perfect she was. So why was he such an idiot? But even that was just a digression: The kind of love that never goes away. I will always love you, until the day I die The kind of love I feel has nothing to do with the children I have, or children we might have together I went about things the wrong way. I never really had one. I recognized motherhood in Lisette, because she reminded me of my mother. She liked my brother and me to behave like little dukes, and she dresses us like royalty, almost as if we were dolls. When my brother became ill, she cut him out of her life. Lisette and my mother are quite similar. That is not an excuse, but an explanation for why I so foolishly chose the one woman likely to wound my children to the core. I wanted you - more than I could even let myself know. But it just felt like too little, too late. But he could see clear evidence that she got along well with them and was a very good example for them and would love them. Maybe her beauty and creativity blinded him. I was happy when Eleanor decided she still wanted to get married, but not to either of her love interests. I really wanted her to find someone special, who would love her with the same generosity and passion that she gave. Ormston" starts to pursue her, I was thrilled! A new contender, even a total stranger, would be better than the two she just recently left behind. Things played out very nicely from this point. Again, Eleanor is a very forgiving person, so I totally understand her decision. Maybe it was the right decision. What if she held it together? Would Villiers have married her? This one is not my favorite and it could have been so much more considering how much I liked Villiers in the previous books. Glad I finished up the series!

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Eloisa James is a USA Today and New York Times bestselling author and professor of English literature, who lives with her family in New York, but can sometimes be found in Paris or Italy. She is the mother of two and, in a particularly delicious irony for a romance writer, is married to a genuine Italian knight.

In describing relations between characters, I may wreck a book for you by making it clear who someone marries, or the outcome of a book. I invariably design a world that takes up three or four books. This leads to a virtual web of connections between my books. This is the sixth and last book in the Desperate Duchess series. So, although it stands alone, a number of characters appeared first in Desperate Duchesses, such as the Duke and Duchess of Beaumont Jemma and Elijah, as well as in subsequent novels. The hero, the Duke of Villiers has appeared in each book, signally, perhaps, in This Duchess of Mine, wherein he rescued his son Tobias from the ignoble profession of being a mud lark. One thing that people may not have noticed about the previous five books in the series is that the Duke of Villiers was signally important in the resolution of a love affair in each book. In the first book, Desperate Duchesses, he was engaged to Roberta, until he decided to end that engagement by enraging her – which threw her into the arms of Damon Reeve, the Earl of Gryffyn. I would hesitate to call Villiers or Leopold a cupid, but as he learns about love, he influences those around him. This book concludes by answering a question posed in the very first book, Desperate Duchesses: When I initially left this question unanswered, I thought of the series as shorter than the six books it ballooned to; my apologies to all the frustrated readers who wrote to beg for an answer! Here it is, finally. I made up the diamond ring that Villiers gives to his beloved at the end of the novel. He was handsome, he was gallant, and he was even a good poet. And she had diamond rings to spare, including some cut in the now old-fashioned lily formation. It was extremely unusual for Villiers to house his own children, but it was certainly not unheard of. Perhaps the most notorious of these models was that of Lady Harley, Countess of Oxford, who raised so many illegitimate children that they were known as the Harleian Miscellany. I know you will write me to ask if I might write a novel for Gideon, the Duke of Astley. To my great surprise, a reader named Heike wrote me from Germany and pointed out that Brocklehurst Orphanage must be an unconscious reference to Mr. Brocklehurst, the evil orphanage owner in Jane Eyre. I read Jane Eyre so many times as a child that I remember every line drawing in the book! and so I obviously pulled that name straight out of my memory.

5: A Duke of Her Own – All About Romance

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His daughter is at least your age. I would be surprised if you attained the label interested, let alone desperate. It would be rude if I pointed out that at first glance any reasonable gentleman would characterize you as a bacon-faced beldam, rather than a marriageable lady. Not to mention that togas are de rigueur, since your hostess requested the costume. She and Anne had amused themselves for years with blistering fights, but she must be out of practice. Anne had been married for a whole two weeks, after all. With their youngest sister still in the nursery, there was no one to torment her on a daily basis. True, she had been reading while her maid worked, but she had certainly glanced in the mirror before she left her chamber. Round, as in fat. One might even say mangy. No one would think that you are the more beautiful of the two of us. If this is the consequence of wedded bliss, I might do best to avoid it. Anne broke into laughter. Jeremy Bouchon claiming your attention. In a slow moment, as it were. Jeremy says he never even considered the possibility of courting you. He thought you an eccentric, too pious and haughty even to take notice of him. He thought that of you. I wish I had it. And they turn up at the corners. Back before the buttercup king himself left for greener pastures. Do you really intend to wither into your grave mourning that man? Will you have no children, no marriage, no household of your own, nothing, all because Gideon left you? At age twenty-five, or thirty? In my experience, men are not terribly perceptive. She was a fool. Seven times a fool. How on earth had the years passed so quickly? You look like a prude, and you jest and poke at men. In one fell swoop you made almost every eligible man in London think you were a condescending prig. He was precisely as described, with the kind of jaw and cheekbones that wavered between brutish and beautiful. His black hair was shot with two or three brilliant streaks of white and tied back at the neck. Her sister just kept going, with the relentless quality of a bad dream. A Duke of Her Own is available in the following formats:

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