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"My Lady Coward" debuted as a serial romance, each installment posted somewhere online as it was written. "My Lady Coward: An Episodic Regency Romance" is a compilation of those ten installments. They have not been changed from the original postings, merely formatted into one file for those who desire to have the whole story in one convenient place.

Word count: 14,000

A lady knows her place, no matter what...

With Maria's vows came a title and security. At her wedding she gained a position amongst Society's elite. With her marriage Maria acquired everything a young woman could possibly desire.

Except love.

Going about her day-to-day activities, all Maria wants is Richard's love, the attentions he lavishes upon his mistress. But can she set aside her ladylike training long enough to tell him?

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Tasha says

This was unlike any story I have read before.... the name that was used for her may have been not correct how they were to be used in that time but I still felt as if I was there watching it happening through my own eyes. I hope to read more by Jaimey in the future

Natasza Waters says

***3/4 stars (3-3/4 stars)

It's a feat to illicit a tingle in me for a hero in a short story, or in this case an episodic romance that I'm happy I could read all in one go. The plot was not thick and sticky with "oh,no!" soul scratching moments. Ms. Grant penned an eloquent vs damsel in distress tale, where lack of communication and regency period paradigms lead to misunderstanding. The author did her homework, and reflected the times and trends with validity. Did the characters remain in their roles? Yes they did. Was there a hurdle? Simple but yes. Is the writing sound? Definitely. Am I moving on to read "Heartless"? Looking for the download button, now. When you think about categorizing your library, and you need to fill a spot on the "gentle, clean and simplistic" shelf, then you might want to consider Jaimey Grant.

Love, hope & faith
Natasza

Ana says

4 stars

My Lady Coward is the story of Lady Maria, a wealthy Cit's daughter, and her new husband Richard, a handsome, but destitute duke.

As the story opens, Maria and Richard have been married but a few weeks. However, things are not rosy in their marriage. You see, Richard has had a mistress for years, and everybody knows that he still visits her. That's really tough on poor Maria who is already an outcast in society because of her low birth. But, she loves her husband and is willing to fight for him.

A lovely and romantic story! I truly liked both Maria and Richard, which doesn't happen to me all that often (liking both main characters, that is). True, there were moments when they jumped to conclusions, or failed to communicate properly, but it was completely believable (not a moment of "Really? You're going to believe/do/say that?!"). And I admire Maria for doing her best to adjust to her new life, it was far from easy, but she didn't give up or lower herself to the level of some of the "ladies" she was surrounded with.

What I did have issues with, and I was well warned, is the episodic nature of the story. The jump from

episode to episode was a bit abrupt. I know, I know, it says so in the title, and in the beginning of the story - never said I was a logical creature. :-)

But even with that, I did like the story and I warmly recommended it to anyone looking for a short and sweet regency romance.

Oh yes, if anybody's interested, this is free for kindle (and probably somewhere else, but I got it from amazon).

Elaine says

This story wasn't bad, but there were one or two things I just have to bring up. One is that the ending was far too abrupt (I thought there were more kindle pages to come!).

Another was that if Richard loved Maria so much, why did he go out every night without her. If he didn't have a mistress, why go out. We were not informed.

And, why did he give her paste jewellery when he could have bought her real jewels.

A quick easy read.

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Michelle says

This was a charming if quick romance. Even though each chapter feels a little bit standalone from it's serialized style it was still cohesive.

A Voracious Reader (a.k.a. Carol) says

4.5

*Book source ~ Picked up for free on Amazon

Richard, an impoverished Duke, marries Maria, the daughter of a Cit. She gains a title and a position in Society and he gains a vast amount of wealth. However, what she really wants is his love. Can wishes really come true in a practical arrangement?

This story is told in 10 small installments. The writing drew me in from the beginning. It is well-written with characters that are interesting. I especially enjoyed Maria with her strengths and vulnerabilities. She despairs over the fact Richard is still keeping a mistress and that it's a well-known fact and gossiped about. She has no idea if he feels anything for her other than the fact she brought a shitload of money to the marriage and she tries to gather her courage to talk to him about it and his mistress, but well-bred ladies just don't do that. I know that it's just because of the time period she's in, but I want to shake her and tell her to pull up her big girl knickers. lol I also want to shake Richard for being a stubborn idiot and for his stupid actions that hurt Maria. However, it all works out in the end.

All-in-all this is a wonderful short historical romance.

Kristen Robison says

You never know with a free book what you'll get. But I was very pleased with this one! Remember that this only has 14,000 words so character development is limited. I felt the novel to be well written, the female was a great Regency character and the book left me wishing for more. Well done!

Cordelia the Ardent Reader says

Another of those books that I just did not click with

Nellie says

This was a very short, clean, romance. Not very exciting, as it just kept repeating the same things over and over again. I typically like Grants books, but this one was just OK. The main character is unable to communicate with her husband, and therefore misconceptions are all over the place. She lasts a year before asking questions. Lame. And her husband is no better, allowing her to believe wrong. Too dumb for me. Oh well. This one was free.

Sharon says

Jaimey Grant is a member of the Clever Fiction writing group, and that's where this book had its origins.

"My Lady Coward" is the story of Maria, who is married to a duke named Richard. As the daughter of a Cit (what we might think of as *nouveau riche* today), she is looked down upon by the nobility into which she has wed.

She's also madly in love with her husband ... and is afraid to tell him since, as with many such marriages, he needed money and had a title to offer in exchange.

There are many plot twists and turns, including an appearance by Hart, the male lead from Grant's *Heartless* (Grant often includes characters from her other books as a plot device).

The episodic nature of the story is evident, but the book is entertaining nonetheless.

Doreen says

Originally released as a serial, the finished book still shows evidence of its episodic origins. The story is a little thin, but adequate.

Literary Chanteuse says

Maria's emotional turmoil really drew me into the story. It is difficult to turn a page and not feel her pain. Richard was harder for me to connect with yet he did gain some of my admiration towards the end. Overall an easy and quick read that will entertain while entangling one's heart and mind. 3.5 stars

Melissa says

This one had potential and could have been a sweet story. The fact that I spent a dollar on this makes me irritated and so will color my review. This should have been free. It was like reading the middle of a book. Nothing gets resolved. There is a money problem that is huge and we are never told what the problem is. There is also the reason he treated her so badly. We never understand that either. Just a weird unresolved mess. This was very short, I think I read it in 15 min. Not the cleanest regency either. There is talk of sex but it is all kept behind doors but a little more info then I like. Oh and I hate the cover: {

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This was a fun book. I read each of the ten installments as they were posted online. If I remember correctly, the author was participating in a writing type challenge. So, the first installment the author was suppose to use two or three certain words in her short story. She did this for the first few installments, then the characters kind of took on a life of their own and wanted their whole story told. I loved reading each installment and I had to know what was going to happen next. Fun read.

Content: Clean.

Erica Matthews says

Read this book yesterday and I really liked it. The author is very comfortable in the regency genre and it shows in her writing.
