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**Introducing this exciting rerelease of *USA TODAY* bestselling author Lynne Graham's longer-length Harlequin Presents title, *Emerald Mistress*, available digitally for the first time!**

When Harriet Carmichael's world comes crashing down, she's determined to count her blessings. Forget London, her failing career and her unfaithful fiancé?an unexpected legacy of a cottage and stables in an Irish village beckons!

But her fresh start is soon threatened by Rafael Cavaliere: her new neighbour and the very man who cost Harriet her job! With her heart so recently burned she's reluctant to become another notch on his bedpost, but when passion ensnares them both, deep secrets are revealed?ones that could change their lives forever.

## Emerald Mistress Details

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## **From Reader Review Emerald Mistress for online ebook**

### **Anuradha says**

Heroine loses her job and fiance all in one stroke. Decides to press the reset button on her life and flees to an inherited property in Ireland.

Her neighbor is a sexy as hell business tycoon, no points for guessing that he is attracted to her at first sight! She is one of a kind you see. Plump, honest to a fault and quite aware of the hero's raucous reputation - both in the boardroom and in the bedroom.

But he comes to her as a friend, helps her get over her past miseries, and partners in running her business. The romance catches up slowly, naturally, beautifully.

He cures her of her past misgivings. She cures him of something much more profound - his deep sense of betrayal at the hands of his father.

Both cured, both happy, one small hitch - a slightly crazy one though.

But nevertheless, I loved the heroine - she is a darling. And the hero Rafael is a rogue with a heart of gold. We love such guys don't we !

Worthy pick, breezy at times, deep at times. Good read guaranteed.

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### **Sandra says**

Rafael strolled to the back of the car and reached in to emerge again with a bottle of vintage champagne and two glasses.

"We're celebrating?" Once again, Harriet was disconcerted. She was starting to appreciate the strong streak of unpredictability that made Rafael Flynn such a powerful competitor in the business world. He was a law unto himself - he had once reacted as she'd expected.

Breaking open the champagne, Rafael sent the golden liquid foaming down into the delicate goblets. "Let's drink to mixing business with pleasure."

"But I don't ..." Tiny bubbles burst and tickled Harriet's upper lip as she sipped.

"Neither do I---usually. " Setting down his glass, Rafael moved lazily closer. "But I get a kick out of breaking rules.

A tiny twist in her stomach filled Harriet with restless heat....

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### **MissKitty says**

This is a newer Lynne Graham book. Nothing mistressy about the story so the title is misleading, Im

disappointed to see that the publishers still needed to use this terminology in 2007 to sell the book. The big difference in this, from her older books is that, the hero is a basically decent guy. Nothing vengeful in his actions, nor does he blackmail her into bed, and treats her properly for the most part.

The heroine is also not a doormat despite the trials she went through in her life. I really felt myself tear up a time or two over the treatment she got from her family members, especially her mom and half sister.

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### **Hemavathy DM Suppiah says**

Funny, tender story with a great cast of characters. One of the rare Graham books that doesn't have a chauvinistic hero, spineless heroine and an unwanted pregnancy. It's so I like her usual books I thought someone else had written it until I saw the author's name.

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### **Tinnean says**

First off, I should warn you that this is het. Well, it's Harlequin, so what can you expect?

The last time I read a Harlequin had to have been in the late 90s. After I discovered m/m, those silly het romances just couldn't hold my attention anymore. However, here we are, about fifteen years later, and I was in a deep funk. The blurb on this one caught my eye, and I thought, what the heck, I'd go for it.

Now if you've read one Harlequin, you've pretty much read them all. Spunky heroine, who's just gotten out of an unhappy relationship or who's been burned by men and plans to give them a wide berth, meets a wealthy (what's the point in falling for a poor man, when a rich man is just as easy to love?) Greek/Italian/Frenchman/Brit and crosses swords (words) with him. Of course he's fascinated by this woman who doesn't fall at his feet or throw herself at him, and he determines to have her in his bed. Along the way, to no one's surprise except his and the heroine's, he falls in love with her, and she, being no dummy, (see above comment about poor men vs. rich men) realizes she'd taken one look into his gorgeous brown/green/blue/gray (or since Harlequin is published in Canada, grey) eyes and loves him madly, passionately, deeply, and better than her color TV. (Thank you, Steel Magnolias!)

Granted I skimmed the few sex scenes, (and I'm seriously grateful there were only a few!) and yes, the end felt a bit rushed, but frankly, I liked Harriet, the heroine. As for Raphael, he was okay as the billionaire hero. He was quick to jump to conclusions, and he could be a macho schmuck, but this is a Harlequin, and that comes with the territory.

So, I'd say, if you're looking for a guilty pleasure, give this one a try.

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### **Kate McMurphy says**

A rare LG book wherein the heroine does not have a secret baby or get pregnant. Only in LG do I tolerate those well-worn tropes, which is an indication of her ability to put a lot of excitement and passion in her romances. The heroine of this book is quite feisty and strong, quickly getting over the initial "ordinary world" of her backstory of years of being a doormat to her long-term boyfriend/fiance, her mother and sister,

when all three betray her at the beginning of the book and set her on her unique "hero's journey."

The setting is the lush countryside of Ireland, and the heroine spends most of the book in stomp-about clothing suitable to her avocation running a stable for prime horses. She and the hero share a great love of horses but, of course, as a typical Harlequin Presents tycoon, he has buckets of money to have only the best, most expensive race horses. It's a nice change having both hero and heroine involved in a fascinating pursuit together, besides the typical HP fare of going out to dinner in fancy restaurants, heading to a private island estate, attending exclusive, rich-people gatherings, and having wild sex (though tastefully written) in lush, sybaritic bedroom suites in castle-like homes on rolling estates.

All in all, if you like LG, but you've longed for her to try something new, you'll enjoy this one.

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### **IamGamz says**

Adored Harriett and Rafael. She's spunky and strong, and put alpha male Rafael in his place more times than I can count. Poor guy had no idea she had him hook, line and sinker.

Hoowevver...Harriett's sister is a slag, her ex-fiancé is a loser and her mother is a selfish, self centered shrew. Hated those characters. Thankfully The author gave me many other wonderful characters like Una and Tolly to love.

One of my favorite Lynne Graham books.

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### **Jacqueline says**

A longer LG. It was a nice book, more sweet than angsty. On the whole the hero was pretty sweet to her throughout. Enjoyed it.

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### **Kathleen says**

**ALERT!!! Not a new story! This is a digital reprint of an older title, using it's British title, Emerald Mistress. In the USA, it was titled Ballyflynn.** Info NOT provided on Amazon.

"Emerald Mistress/Ballyflynn" - Harriet's decided to forget London, an unexpected legacy in Ireland calls! Her new neighbour is ruthless businessman Rafael Cavaliere; Rafael is always on hand, he oozes sex and charm. Even knowing she might be just another notch on Rafael's bedpost, Harriet lets him sweep her up in a heady affair."

As I recall, Harriet and Rafael fall in love, but they part for a while because of a misunderstanding regarding family history.

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## **Shanelle says**

I have just finished reading this delightful book by Lynne Graham. It was like a breathe of fresh air. A really enjoyable read.

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## **Mudpie says**

Good ole romance! My kind of story...strong hero and heroine. Interesting support characters including the pets. And the angst! !! The bad guys got away easy. ..Eva the mother, Alice the half sister and Luke the jerk. Awesome book!

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## **B says**

I could not put the book down. This is the second time I read this book. I really did enjoyed it. I was also looking forward to see if there was going to be a mention of Fergal and Unna on the end about them getting together but I was disappointed.

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## **RomLibrary says**

Original Title is Ballyflynn or Emerald Mistress. When Harriet's world comes crashing down, she's still able to count her blessings. Forget London, her failing career and her unfaithful fiance --an unexpected legacy of a cottage and stables in an Irish village beckons! Her fresh start on the Emerald Isle is soon threatened: her new neighbor is ruthless businessman Rafael Cavaliere. It was Rafael's asset-stripping activities that cost Harriet her job and now it seems he's entitled to half her inheritance.

But Rafael has a way with him: always on hand to smooth Harriet's path as she handles livestock and the locals, he oozes sex and charm. Though at risk of becoming just another notch on Rafael's bedpost, Harriet decides that she'll let him sweep her up in a heady affair... .

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## **Leyns says**

3.5 stars. I liked that there were a few twists and turns to their happily ever after. Not quite as gripping as it could've been somehow.

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## **Debra says**

### **Emerald Mistress**

When her fiancee cheats on her she leaves London for Ireland. Here she has been left a cottage. She decides

to reinvent herself and forget the betrayal. But her new neighbor has plans for her place and it doesn't include her. But when he needs her help with his family things change. But will it be enough to change his attitude of her?

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