

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING NOVELIST CATHY MAXWELL SEDUCES READERS WITH "PULSE POUNDING ADVENTURE"* AND "WONDERFUL PROTAGONISTS" IN HER LATEST REGENCY-SET NOVEL, THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL**

THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL, Maxwell's Fifth *Scandals and Seductions* Novel, is One of Seven "K.I.S.S and Teal" Titles Supporting Ovarian Cancer Awareness and Programs

Praise for THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL—

"Maxwell charms and delights with each book...pulse-pounding adventure and plenty of suspense and romance...that will sweep readers away."

—RT Book Reviews

"Entertaining...buoyant...wonderful protagonists...Ms. Maxwell had my undivided attention... a heck of a climax."

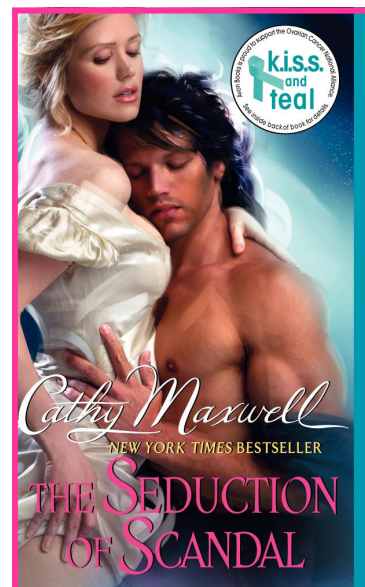
—Joyfully Reviewed

Cathy Maxwell, the author of twenty-five novels set in and around England in the early 1800s, brings readers the fifth and concluding novel of her *New York Times* bestselling **Scandals and Seductions** titles, **THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL**, just published

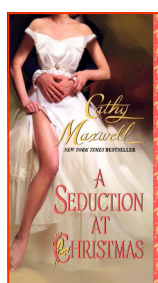
by Avon. In it, she presents Lady Corinne Justine Rosemont, a young, titled woman of the ton who, fleeing an arranged marriage, inadvertently stumbles into the path of the Black Thorn, a highwayman wanted not just for thievery, but for murder.

Lady Corinne, shot during the encounter, learns Thorn's identity and pressures him to hide her, blackmailing him into keeping her secret and providing refuge until the date of her marriage passes. She's vowed to wed for love and refuses at any cost to spend the rest of her life with the repulsive, mean-spirited Lord Freddie Sherwin, despite her family's commitment to marry the two families' fortunes and influence.

Having made herself comfortable in Thorn's home and in his daily life—one that has nothing to do with thieving and marauding—it isn't long before Corinne realizes she may have finally met her kindred spirit, the man she'd always hoped to find. The attraction is mutual, but Thorn knows there is no hope for the daughter of a duke and a highwayman. He's determined to take care of Corinne and to keep her away from Freddie



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and his father, the Machiavellian Earl of Bossley, until she can safely return to London. Then fate intervenes and Thorn becomes the focus of a heated manhunt. Soon both of them are running out of places to hide. With the shadow of the gallows looming on the horizon, the impossibility of their love becomes ever clearer.

THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL is quintessential Cathy Maxwell. She once again brings readers a traditional historical romance novel imbued with contemporary sensibility and the touches of humor that have made sixteen of her books national bestsellers. Among them are her earlier *Scandals and Seductions* novels, **A Seduction at Christmas**, **The Marriage Ring**, **The Earl Claims His Wife**, and **His Christmas Pleasure**.

ABOUT CATHY MAXWELL

The author of twenty-five novels and four novellas set in the early 1800s, bestselling novelist Cathy Maxwell's new book, **THE SEDUCTION OF SCANDAL**, the fifth of her *Scandals and Seductions* novels, has just been published. Each of the others—**A Seduction at Christmas**, **The Marriage Ring**, **The Earl Claims His Wife**, and **His Christmas Pleasure**—has appeared for multiple weeks on *The New York Times* Mass Market Best Seller list.

Born in Olathe, Kansas—"a picture perfect Midwestern town"—Cathy's family roots go back to the Mayflower and the Revolutionary War. She has long called Virginia home, noting she is "a Virginian by choice, but a Kansan by nature." She worked in television news as a broadcaster before spending six years in the Navy. She attended Air Force intelligence school, worked in the Pentagon and did a tour with Naval Intelligence.

Cathy began her writing career in 1991 while her children were still small. "It wasn't easy," she says. "I worked full time, my husband travelled, we had three kids, I volunteered and I was writing from four until seven every morning."

Now, twenty years later, she is the author of sixteen national bestsellers and her novels appear regularly on *The New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller lists. A rarity in the book world, Cathy has published every one of her novels with the same publisher, Avon Books. These include the bestsellers **In the Highlander's Bed**, **Bedding the Heiress**, **In the Bed of a Duke**, **The Price of Indiscretion**, **Temptation of a Proper Governess**, and **The Seduction of an English Lady**.

Cathy is a member of Romance Writers of America, Washington Romance Writers, Virginia Romance Writers, and Novelists Inc. She is a frequent featured speaker and panelist nationally and locally at writers' conferences, libraries and special events, where she focuses on writing, fiction and the romance genre.

Cathy lives in rural Powhatan County, Virginia with her rescued dogs Rico and Maya and with her son during college breaks, and is just a few miles from her horses, Duncan and Dinero.

ABOUT "K.I.S.S. AND TEAL"

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month, and Avon Books is urging authors and readers to **Know the Important Signs & Symptoms** of ovarian cancer. The company has donated \$25,000 to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and is committed to donating an additional 25¢, up to \$25,000, for each "K.I.S.S. and Teal" title sold between 8/30/2011 and 2/28/2012. Additional information can be found at www.avonromance.com/kissandteal.

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