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# Taken By The Earl (Regency Unlaced 3)



## Synopsis

Taken by the Earl is the 3rd book in USA Today bestselling author, Carole Mortimer's, highly acclaimed Regency Unlaced Series. Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Unlaced series are steaming hot and the language sometimes explicit. Carole Mortimer has written over 200 books, in contemporary and Regency romance, and is the Recipient of the prestigious 2015 Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. She is an Entertainment Weekly Top 10 Romance Author ever. 2014 Romantic Times Pioneer of Romance author. Was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature".

Taken by the Earl After attending the wedding of one of her closest friends, and celebrating the betrothal of another, Mrs. Felicity Randall is looking forward to spending a peaceful summer at her house in the country. Several months when she may do and say as she wishes, without having to constantly be aware of her place in London Society as the respectable young widow of Major Stephen Randall. But before Fliss can manage her escape to the country, she overhears a conversation in which two people discuss the murder of the new Earl of Winterbourne. Unable to see or identify either the man or the woman from her hiding place, but aware of where the murder is to take place, Fliss finds her plans for the summer changed completely, and requiring she procure an invitation to the infamous house party hosted every summer by the notorious Lady Eckles. A house party at which no respectable widow would normally dare to show her face. Sinclair Montgomery has no time or patience for London society, as it had no tolerance for his mother so many years ago when she eloped with her Scottish Highlander, Sin's own father. But when Sin unexpectedly inherits the title of the Earl of Winterbourne, he has no choice but to go to England to view his new estates. It was certainly not his intention, once there, to find himself the guest at a summer house party. Although the rumors of debauchery and licentious behavior to be had there were certainly enough to pique his interest. Finding the beautiful Mrs. Felicity Randall waiting for him in his bedchamber the second night of his stay, leads Sin to believe that perhaps all is not lost after all, and he proceeds to make love to the delicate beauty. Until she informs him the only reason she came to his bedchamber, has attended this house party at all, is to warn him his life is in danger. That there is a plot afoot to murder him whilst he is there. Sin has only been in England a matter of days, certainly not long enough to have antagonized anyone into wishing to murder him, and leading him to wonder if the poor woman can possibly be deranged. It would be a great pity if that were to be the case, when the sexual attraction between the two of them is instantaneous and highly combustible.

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## **Customer Reviews**

**FINAL DECISION:** This short novella was fun, sexy with a tight story and a romance that I really enjoyed. This was my favorite of the series so far.  
**THE STORY:** Mrs. Felicity "Fliss" Randall is a respectable widow. When she overhears a plot to murder the new Earl of Winterbourne, she is determined to warn the Earl. She ends up having to get an invitation to a notorious house party where she approaches the Earl in his bedroom. When Sinclair Montgomery finds Fliss in his bedroom, he believes the woman he finds in his room is there for pleasure and begins to make love to her. When Fliss insists he listen to her, Sin doesn't know whether to believe Fliss, but she sure

wants her.**OPINION:** This was an enjoyable romp with a very sexy premise. Fliss has been restrained and respectable all her life. She has always done what she should until she decides that she must warn the Earl of Winterbourne of the murder plot against him. That decision leads Fliss to do things that she never dreamed of doing. She discovers a recklessness and a sensuality that she never imagined during her perfectly respectable marriage. What's not to love about a Scottish hero named Sin who is determined to show the heroine her own sexual power and pleasure. The connection between the two is wonderful and the plot serves to move the romance forward without taking away the focus from the relationship between Fliss and Sin.**WORTH MENTIONING:** Oh, there is a gentleman in this book who so deserves a happy ending of his own some day.**CONNECTED BOOKS:** *TAKEN BY THE EARL* is book 3 of the Regency Unlaced series. This novella can be read as a standalone.**STAR RATING:** I give this novella 4.5 stars.

Talent is talent and that's just what Carole Mortimer has! Another amazing read! Only thing I hate about such good books is that you can't stop reading until you're done the book!! Perfect length for me also. Please note that this is an ADULT read with hot and lusty sexuality. Loved the story line and the characters too. Must read for HR lovers like me!

Despite the heavily-detailed love-making, I was not distracted from what the story is - ie, one that has quite a bit of intrigue balanced just right, secondary characters that provides good "linkers" (you sort-of know they are good enough for their own story...), and what sparked this whole journey - the honest righteousness of Fliss and the honorable and protective Winterbourne.

This was a sexy, sensual story with a little bit of mystery and thriller. Sinclair is the ultimate lover, he was sinfully erotic, sinfully handsome and sinfully "Sin". The heroine, Felicity or Fliss, was feisty and strong once she began to see herself in a different light when she was around Sinclair. There's one scene I found deliciously erotic, I want expound on the scene but less say it has something to do with riding! Good read!

This is the third, and in my opinion, the best so far in this series of historical romances by Carole Mortimer. I really enjoyed Felicity, the heroine, loving how strong a female she was during a time when women were not usually allowed a voice in the direction their lives went. And yet she was naive and innocent that it made the story very exciting when, even as a newly made widow, the result of Napoleon's war, her naivete was very alluring as the Earl introduced her to the thrill of what

great sex actually was. The underlying adventure and mystery of who would want to do harm to the Earl was intriguing, too, making for a very great plot. One of the best books I've read in quite awhile. I highly recommend it. A great read!

Fliss and Sin's story is the best so far. Many as a Scottish hero is always my favorite and a story that includes a disobedient and courageous heroine are my favorite combinations. This is one of my top fives now! A definite keeper for a future re-read! ; )

I never thought I would write this about a book but there was just too much sexually graphic stuff going on. The story line was good and really didn't need it to be 50% sex. I think it just needs to be toned down a bit.

What a fun and sexy book with a hot and hunky Scottish hero with a dominant streak and a heroine who has always been the good and obedient daughter and wife who needs some adventure. The sexual exploits between these two are just explosive. Throw this together with a mysterious couple intent on murder and you have a story that is entertaining, engrossing and titillating all at the same time.

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