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A complete, standalone story—no cliffhangers!

Series: The Chase Brides, Book 4

Style: Humorous historical romance

Length: 102,500 words (about 410 standard pages)

Bonus Material: Author’s Note, preview of next book, link to giveaway

PG-rated Content: Kisses only, no love scenes!

CONNECTING BOOKS

While THE DUKE'S RELUCTANT BRIDE can be read as a stand-alone novel, many readers enjoy reading it as part of a series. All of Lauren & Devon's books feature Chase family members. Should you wish to read them in chronological order, this is the sequence:

The Chase Brides

- 1666 - THE EARL'S UNSUITABLE BRIDE (Colin & Amy)
- 1667 - THE MARQUESS'S SCOTTISH BRIDE (Jason & Caithren)
- 1667 - THE LAIRD'S FAIRYTALE BRIDE (Cameron & Clarice)
- 1668 - THE DUKE'S RELUCTANT BRIDE (Trick & Kendra)
- 1673 - THE VISCOUNT'S WALLFLOWER BRIDE (Ford & Violet)
- 1677 - THE BARON'S INCONVENIENT BRIDE (Rand & Lily)
- 1677 - THE GENTLEMAN'S SCANDALOUS BRIDE (Kit & Rose)

Regency Chase Brides

- 1815 - ALEXANDRA (Tristan & Alexandra)
- 1816 - JULIANA (James & Juliana)
- 1817 - CORINNA (Sean & Corinna + Griffin & Rachael)

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Editorial Review

Review

"Captivating historical romance. Romance readers of all ages will love Lauren Royal & Devon Royal's books!"

--Glynnis Campbell, *USA Today* Bestselling Author

"...family and trust, loyalty and heroism...the kind of depth readers cherish."

--*Romantic Times Magazine*

"Liberally laced with intrigue and danger, the book's quicksilver plot is nicely counterbalanced by the romance."

--*Booklist* (American Library Association)

"Filled with likable characters, particularly Kendra, who takes the refreshing step of talking to her husband about his confusing behavior rather than generating conflict by jumping to conclusions."

--*Publishers Weekly* (Forecasted review)

"Captures the true essence of Scotland...romance with enough adventure to keep the reader turning the pages."

--MyShelf.com

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### **A Message from Lauren:**

*The Duke's Reluctant Bride* is a rewritten version of *Amber*, the fourth book in my beloved Chase Family Series. Written in the early 2000's, the original title was published by Penguin Putnam/Signet Books. Although most readers loved the book, I received reviews and emails over the years where some readers

mentioned not liking the strong language. Other readers objected to the explicit love scenes, preferring the bedroom door be closed and that anything beyond kissing be left to the imagination.

Penguin owned the rights to *Amber* until 2011. When I received the rights back for *Amber* and revised it before re-publishing it on my own, I considered toning down the language and love scenes--but I ultimately decided not to, because so many thousands of readers had enjoyed the book just as it was. But keeping in mind that I hadn't wanted my own daughter to read my books until she was grown up, I remained sensitive to readers who wanted to experience my Chase Family books without compromising their personal sense of values. For these readers, I present *The Duke's Reluctant Bride*, a sweet, clean rewrite of *Amber*, revised by me, together with my daughter, so you can share the Chase Family with *your* daughter(s)!

If you've already read *Amber*, the story itself is essentially unchanged. But if you've wished you could buy a copy to share with your daughter or your niece (or your easily shocked mother!), now you can.

Hugs,  
~Lauren

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A Message from Devon:

Not gonna lie, I thought it was pretty cool growing up with an author for a mom! I'd always been into books (like, every morning when 1st grade reading time ended, Mrs. Schultz had to physically pry the book from my hands), plus there were perks. Mom was always home with us kids, so we never had to go to daycare. She was also always on deadline, so we got to eat a lot of Pizza Hut for dinner. And I could impress my friends by moseying into Barnes & Noble and casually pointing out my mom's books on the shelves.

The only problem: I wasn't allowed to read them!

Her romance novels were for and about adults, and I was just a kid. A kid who loved books and hated rules--so you can imagine my dismay.

Of course, the instant I was old enough, I swiped a full set of her books from the garage and devoured them all in a row. And I wasn't surprised when I loved every one, because, you guys, my mom is seriously awesome.

Recently the aforementioned awesome lady had an awesome idea: releasing new, revised versions of her novels that are appropriate for all ages, so that everyone can enjoy them. To think, all those dismay-ful years could have been avoided!

I knew instantly I was the girl for the job. My mom and I have been writing together basically since I learned how to type--our first all-new collaborative release, *Alice Betrothed*, is a project we started when I was in middle school--plus, I was a sweet-romance-reading teenager myself only a few years ago. I literally bumped into walls walking around high school with my nose buried in a book.

There's a crazy amount of fantastic romance out there right now--we're SO excited that you're considering reading our book! Like, spontaneous-dance-party-excited! I would be doing the robot right now if I weren't busy typing. Maybe I'll wrap up this letter so I can go do that.

Happy reading!

~Devon Royal

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