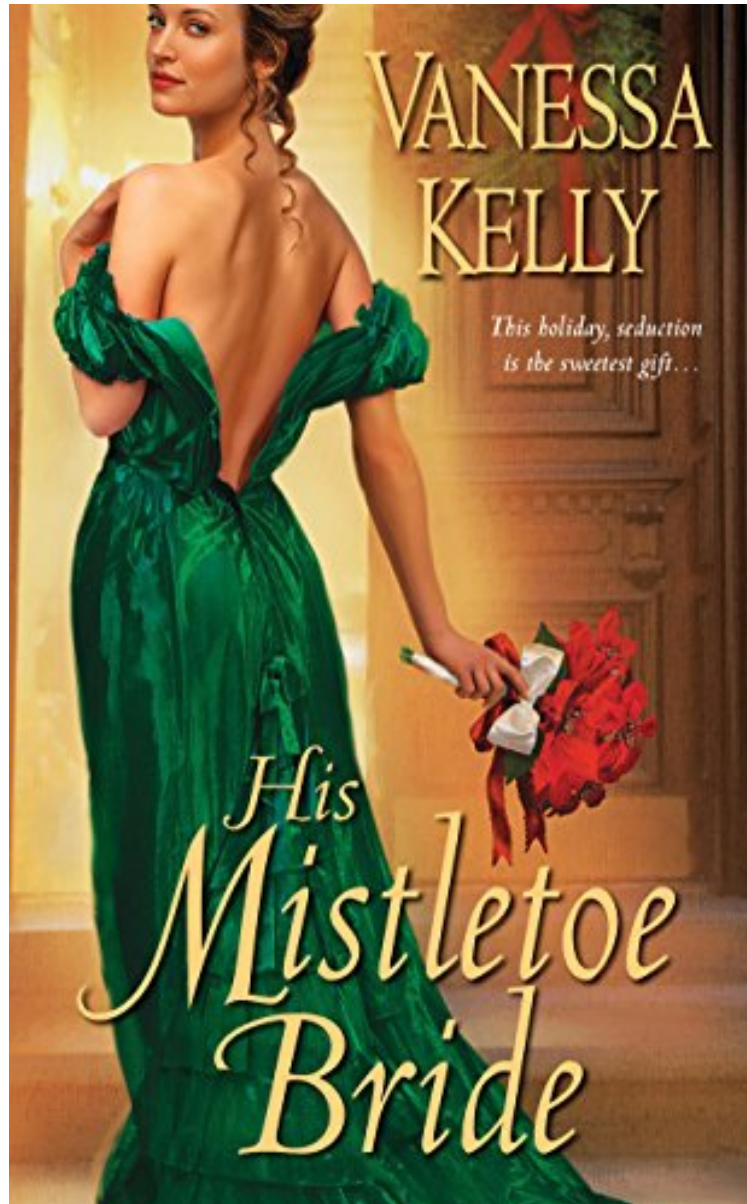


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Bride. In fact, I imagine in a months time I wont be able to remember much at all about this book - and that, for me, was its central problem: it was forgettable. Its a fairly standard story about a young girl, Phoebe Linville, who travels from America to England to meet her grandfather after the death of her parents. By the time she arrives in England the grandfather is dead but has made his heir, her very distant relative Major Lucas Stanton, now the earl of Merritt, promise to take care of Phoebe. Lucas and Phoebe dont seem very compatible - he was in the army, she a peace-loving Quaker, but sure enough in due course their attraction becomes clear. Some of the action in the story takes place at Lucass new home, Mistletoe Manor, whose servants are from a family named Christmas (which the author seems to think is really amusing though I didnt find it worth more than an initial grin), including a small sub-plot about smugglers, but really the bulk of the story is the relationship between Phoebe and Lucas. So many Historical Romances seem to rely on two major plot devices to create tension: the Big Misunderstanding and The Hero Cant Say I Love You. This book went for the second option which was pretty weak; after all, as a modern-day Brit I can say were not too fussed about what people say, its far more important what they do, and I believe this was also the case several hundred years ago; I just couldnt find myself interested in Phoebes requirement for these three magic words. I also had an issue with some of the Quaker speech, the thees and thys (and, more specifically, the lack of thous). A note at the end explains that the Quakers stopped using the nominative form thou. I assumed as I was reading the book that this was an error by the author and it really wound me up, but apparently this is how it was. Phoebe may have occasionally slipped into Quaker speech but nothing else about her really showed any sign of genuine belief in her Quaker heritage, which could have been something that added to the story as we were given insights into her thinking about her change in circumstance. All we did hear about were some very basic ideas about the worth of people in different stations in life, and we were treated occasionally to Phoebes and Lucass thoughts but nothing in depth to show their real character. This book was a sum of very many lacking parts and I found it fairly dull and unmemorable. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 2012

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