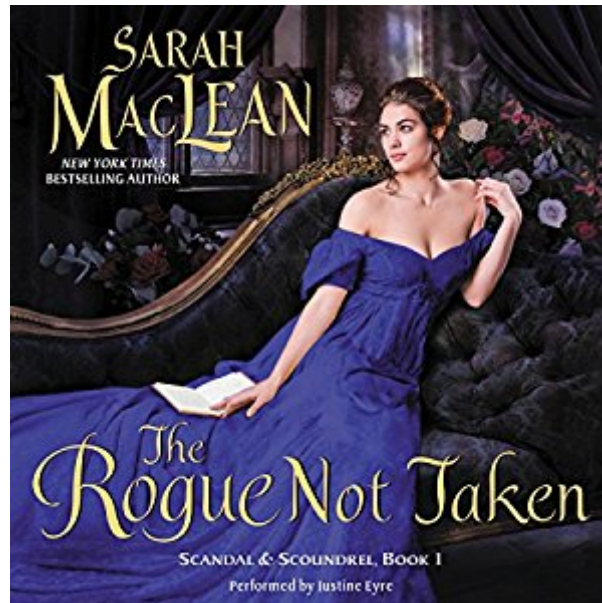


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Synopsis

Lady Sophie - Society Splash! When Sophie, the least interesting of the Talbot sisters, lands her philandering brother-in-law backside first in a goldfish pond in front of all society, she becomes the target of very public aristocratic scorn. Her only choice is to flee London, vowing to start a new life far from the aristocracy. Unfortunately, the carriage in which she stows away isn't saving her from ruin. It's filled with it. Rogue - Reign of Ravishment! Kingscote - "King" - the marquess of Eversley, has never met a woman he couldn't charm, resulting in a reputation far worse than the truth, a general sense that he's more pretty face than proper gentleman, and an irate summons home to the Scottish border. When King discovers stowaway Sophie, however, the journey becomes anything but boring. War? Or More? He thinks she's trying to trick him into marriage. She wouldn't have him if he were the last man on Earth. But carriages bring close quarters, dark secrets, and unbearable temptation, making opposites altogether too attractive....

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Customer Reviews

I happen to quite like Sarah MacLean's writing style (if you haven't read her "Rules of Scoundrels" series, do so now - never has an author turned a gaming hell into an actual, lively character like MacLean did with The Angel). So naturally I was looking forward to the story of Lady Sophie Talbot, whom we met briefly in "Never Judge a Lady by Her Cover." I ordered the book without really knowing what it would be about - and now I'm wondering if that was a mistake. I didn't realize that with this new series (or at least, the series' debut) that MacLean was putting the Kardashians in a historical context. But, indeed, Sophie is the youngest daughter of a coal-mining father who won a

title in a card game with King William IV and whose daughters' names all begin with S... and if MacLean had intended for each sister to have a memorable presence and personality, then unfortunately she failed. Seraphina was the oldest and the wife of the adulterous and just plain awful duke who Sophie pushes into a pond at the start of the story, and *her* I remember mainly because I felt so incredibly bad for her - more than any other character in the novel. She's pregnant and is cast out of her own home for Sophie's actions, and her husband refuses to acknowledge their child. This terrible situation of the "Exiled Duchess" is not solved by the novel's end, and this makes me really, really hope we meet Seraphina, Duchess of Haven later and see her in a better place, because she deserves none of her mistreatment. Then there's Sesily, who is a rather obvious stand-in for Kim Kardashian: a notoriously sexy woman whose suitor is an artist of obnoxious egotism... and I think we all know his intended real-life analogue...

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