

AWARD-WINNING WRITER SARA RAMSEY CHOOSES E-PUBLISHING FOR HEIRESS WITHOUT A CAUSE, HER FIRST HISTORICAL ROMANCE NOVEL, AND FOR HER “PROMISING NEW SERIES,”* THE MUSES OF MAYFAIR

Ramsey’s First Two *Muses of Mayfair* Novels Received National Recognition in the Romance Writers of America’s Golden Heart Award Competition

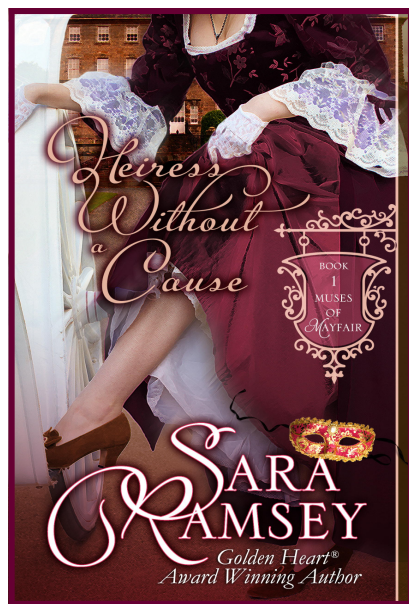
Sara Ramsey, a Google alumna and graduate of Stanford University, has been honored with the Romance Writers of America’s prestigious Golden Heart Award for her novel **SCOTSMEN PREFER BLONDES**.** Two years later, in 2011, her book **HEIRESS WITHOUT A CAUSE***** was named one of five Golden Heart finalists in the Regency category. The award, which promotes excellence in the romance genre by recognizing outstanding and as yet unpublished romance manuscripts, receives approximately 1200 submissions each year in twelve categories. Now, **HEIRESS WITHOUT A CAUSE** is an e-book original published in partnership with literary agency Spencerhill Associates. It marks the launch of Ramsey’s *Muses of Mayfair* novels, and is followed in March by **SCOTSMEN PREFER BLONDES**.

In addition to award recognition, early positive response includes bn.com’s selection of the book as a *Nook First* novel. Available exclusively on the Nook in its first month on sale, sales are supported with high visibility merchandising efforts. All other major e-book platforms will feature the book beginning February 24.

HEIRESS WITHOUT A CAUSE is the story of William “Ferguson” Avenel and Lady Madeleine Vaillant. Both are unhappy with their lives. Madeleine dreams of the freedom to express her creativity on the stage. She has had enough of making her bows in ballrooms knowing her orphan status and shyness as a debutante mean she’s unlikely to make a match. Ferguson, a third son who fled England in disgrace and wants nothing to do with his family’s heritage, is thrust into his responsibilities as Duke after the tragic loss of his brothers, and his father’s recent and sudden death.

Ferguson has convinced the seemingly proper Madeleine to chaperone his two sisters in their first season, knowing that if he’s to marry them off, he must distance them from his own unsavory reputation as

well as the rumors about their family. When he discovers Madeleine has been hiding behind an assumed name and men’s attire to act on the London stage, he knows it will only cause more gossip among the ton if his plans suddenly change. Besides, Madeleine’s role is about to end. She has just a few performances left, and he’s desperate to conclude his responsibilities in London and return to his self-imposed exile. When Madeleine is blackmailed into continuing her role as Hamlet, Ferguson contrives a plan to help her pull it off.



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It all seems simple enough. But the Duke hasn't counted upon an enemy from the past, determined to destroy him, whose revenge will inadvertently bring down Madeleine at the same time. He also didn't expect the stakes to go up—now they risk losing a future together if they can't carry off their charade.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Award-winning Regency romance novelist Sara Ramsey first obsessed over Frances Hodgson Burnett's The Secret Garden set in England at the turn-of -the-century. She succumbed completely upon reading Johanna Lindsey's Regency historical novels. She was entranced by this place with history, manners, fashion and mores she loved, but also a time period she couldn't get enough of. Sara Ramsey was home. She was thirteen.

It's not surprising that when this Anglophile and romance reader decided to write, she followed her heart back in time to Regency England. It may have been unexpected, however, when this Google marketing alumna with a degree from Stanford University in Symbolic Systems gave up her Silicon Valley job to do so.

Sara's first complete manuscript earned her the prestigious Golden Heart Award in the Regency category from the Romance Writers of America and will be published in March 2012 as **SCOTSMEN PREFER BLONDES**, the second of four *Muses of Mayfair* novels she has planned. The first, **HEIRESS WITHOUT A CAUSE**, honored as a finalist for the Golden Heart Award in 2011, has just been published, and has been named a barnesandnoble.com Nook First title.

Sara was born in Wayne County, Iowa where her family's roots go back 150 years. She had her first taste of foreign travel when her father accepted a job with an agricultural nonprofit and moved the family to Bila Tserkva, Ukraine for a year. They were the first westerners to visit the town in seventy years. She recalls their adventure saying "it was pretty crazy, going from a tiny town where everyone knew each other to living in a Soviet-style apartment building in a large city." Sara next left Iowa for California to attend Stanford and remained in the San Francisco area following graduation. "My entire family lives in Iowa," she notes. "I'm the only one who left."

After graduation, she worked at Google in communications and advertising for seven years before electing to write full time. Her work with Google gave her new opportunities for travel, taking her to Hyderabad, India for six months and to Dublin for three. ("Two countries that have obviously had a very complex relationship with Britain.")

Now, with two books written and one in progress, award recognition, and terrific response from early reads, Sara hopes she's about to achieve her goal—"getting my books in the hands of the most readers at a compensation level that can fund my shoe budget."

***RT Book Reviews** **then titled **An Inconvenient Marriage** ***then titled **One Night to Scandal**

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