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# Wicked Torment (Regency Sinners 1)



## Synopsis

Wicked Torment is the 1st book in USA Today bestselling author, Carole Mortimer's, NEW Regency Sinners series. Author's Note: The stories in the Regency Sinners, Regency Unlaced, Knight Security, and Alpha Series, have stronger sexual content and language than my other books. Eight gentlemen known in Society as The Sinners. Having all returned safely from Waterloo, these gentlemen now find themselves with the more dangerous task of discovering which of the ladies in Society has been acting as a spy for the enemy. Dangerous to their hearts, that is. Darius Strong, the Duke of Wolferton, known to his close friends as Wolf, cares little for what Society or anyone else thinks of him, and lives his life accordingly. Given the task of discovering whether Lady Beatrix Hanwell has been using her position in Society to garner information for the enemy puts him in something of a quandary, however. The two of them have met several times in the past, occasions when that lady had not hesitated to show her disapproval of him. Mainly by ignoring his existence. Which is going to make it difficult for Darius to get close enough to her to seduce her into revealing whether or not she is the guilty lady. Beatrix is puzzled "and more than a little disturbed" when Darius Strong, the exceedingly handsome and scandalous Duke of Wolferton, begins to show her marked attention. As a widow aged seven and twenty, and possessing no great beauty, his interest is mystifying to say the least. Much as she tries to fight her growing attraction to Wolf she is failing miserably, as each meeting between the two of them draws her ever nearer to forgetting all propriety and simply giving in to his seduction. Except her surrender means revealing the secret she has taken such pains to hide. To Darius's surprise he finds himself becoming intrigued by Beatrix. Not only intrigued but he desires her more deeply than any other woman he has ever met. So much so that he finds himself hoping she is not the lady they are seeking. Is Beatrix guilty of treason, and if not what will her reaction be to Wolf when she discovers the truth behind his single-minded pursuit of her? Books by Carole Mortimer Regency Sinners Series: Wicked Torment (Regency Sinners 1) Wicked Surrender (Regency Sinners 2) Coming very soon. More books to come in this series Regency Unlaced Series: The Duke's Mistress (Regency Unlaced 1) Claimed by the Marquis (Regency Unlaced 2) Taken by the Earl (Regency Unlaced 3) Pursued by the Viscount (Regency Unlaced 4) Desired by a Lord (Regency Unlaced 5) Captured by a Gentleman (Regency Unlaced 6) Pleasured by a Duke (Regency Unlaced 7) Seduced by a Marquis (Regency Unlaced 8) Tamed by the Earl (Regency Unlaced 9) This series is now complete Contemporary Knight Security Series " spin-off to Alpha Series: Resisting Alexandre (Knight Security 0.5) Defying Asher (Knight Security 1) Challenging Gabriel (Knight Security 2) Capturing Caleb (Knight Security 3) Tempting Zander (Knight Security 4) Enticing Ian (Knight Security 5) Available for pre-order Ethan

(Knight Security 6) Coming soon More books to come in this series. Contemporary Alpha Series: Christmas Alpha (Alpha 1) Dark Alpha (Alpha 2) Shadow Alpha (Alpha 3) Author's 200th Book Midnight Alpha (Alpha 4) Renegade Alpha (Alpha 5) Warrior Alpha (Alpha 6) Rogue Alpha (Alpha 7) Savage Alpha (Alpha 8) This series is now complete. Carole Mortimer has written over 220 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. She was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, for her "outstanding service to literature".

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## Customer Reviews

Darius and Bea are both wonderfully developed, as well as having an interesting set of secondary characters. The story and chemistry were both spot on and there is plenty of tension and heat. A bit of a short time frame, but if not mentioned as days it would not be noticeable as there is plenty of discourse and development of lust to love for you and them to be swept up by emotion.

This is the best novel of the Regency genre that I have read to date. Carole Mortimer captures the

atmosphere of the period well. The characters she had created are believable for the most part. At time artistic license takes over and keeps the reader engrossed.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. A fresh plot and very sensual. I look forward to reading the rest of this series.

I love Carole Mortimer's writing and this book kept up with the fantastic stories, Would highly recommend it!!

While I loved the chemistry between Darius and Bea, I didn't think it needed anymore Main characters. The jumping back and forth was off putting and makes me reconsider reading the entire series.

When Darius Strong, the Duke of Wolferton, is given the task of discovering whether Lady Beatrix Hanwell is a traitor to the Crown, he isn't the least bit interested in seducing the information from her. However, he knows his duty and sets out for her country house party to do just that... Bea knows she's no beauty, and is therefore shocked when the handsome Duke shows an interest in her. As her attraction to him grows, she throws caution to the wind and decides to revel in the passion between them... But what happens when the seducer becomes the seduced and Darius's true reason for pursuing Bea is revealed? And what will become of them both when the secret she's been hiding for years is finally out in the open? **WICKED TORMENT** is book 1 in Carole Mortimer's "Regency Sinners" series and takes place in 1815 England. Its an erotic historical romance with explicit language and sex, and I do mean explicit. I didn't think anything could surprise me anymore, but have to admit my mouth dropped open a time or two while reading this. Darius was arrogant and dominating and Bea was a total sweetheart. I was actually shocked at how sweet and lovely their romance turned out to be. Some of the sex scenes are definitely over the top and hard to believe, but I got over it. Bea's secret was completely unexpected, and while the epilogue was predictable, it still put a smile on my face. In the end I really enjoyed it and look forward to the next one.

**FINAL DECISION:** Very sexy and sex filled novella introduction to a new series. Although the relationship develops really quickly, I enjoyed the interaction between these two characters.  
**THE STORY:** Darius Strong, Duke of Wolferton, has come to investigate Lady Beatrix Hanwell as a possible French spy. He was unhappy to have chosen her from the hat of names because he knows

that he will likely have to seduce her and Beatrix is plain and ordinary. Bea has no illusions about her attributes and that is why she is shocked when Darius invites himself to her house party. She is even more shocked when he announces his intention to seduce her. An unhappy marriage left Bea determined to be alone, but Darius tempts the widow.

**OPINION:** This series has an intriguing premise. Eight men matched by drawing names from a hat with eight women -- one of whom is a traitor. Each of the men must do whatever it takes to determine the guilt or innocence of the woman he is charged with investigating. In this novella, we are introduced to Darius and Bea. These two have no history and Darius is incredibly dismissive of Bea because of her looks. Of course, his pretense of being interested in Bea quickly turns to intense desire. They also end up having past abuse in common. I really enjoyed their interactions as Bea struggles with her intense attraction to Darius but wants to maintain her independence after her miserable marriage. Bea is opinionated and unwilling to submit to Darius's demands. She meets him as an equal. This book is packed with sexual exploits but I enjoyed the banter between Bea and Darius the most. Bea is no shrinking violet and although Darius is a dominant alpha male, Bea makes sure that she meets him as an equal. I enjoyed this novella and look forward to the rest of the series.

**WORTH MENTIONING:** This book is hot, hot, hot and edges toward erotica. It is short novella with many sexual encounters between the hero and heroine.

**CONNECTED BOOKS:** *WICKED TORMENT* is the first book in the Regency Sinners series. The overarching story is about 8 men investigating 8 women one of whom is a spy for Napoleon. So the stories are independent of one another with one overarching story.

**STAR RATING:** I give this book 4 stars.

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