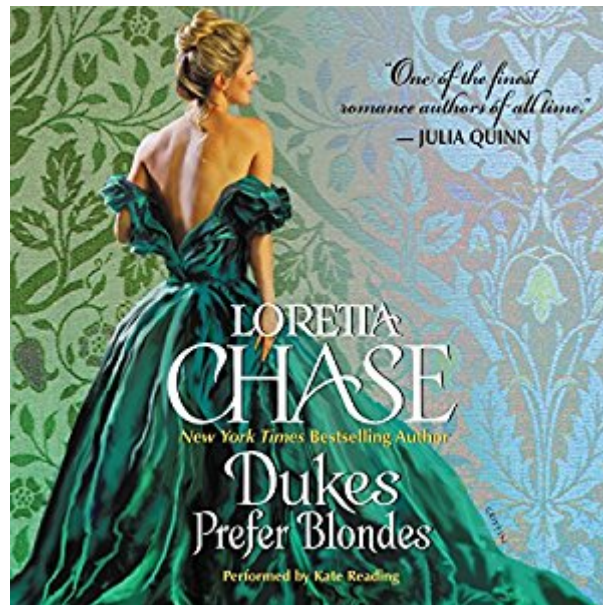


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# Dukes Prefer Blondes



## Synopsis

Biweekly marriage proposals from men who can't see beyond her (admittedly breathtaking) looks are starting to get on Lady Clara Fairfax's nerves. Desperate to be something more than ornamental, she escapes to her favorite charity. When a child is in trouble, she turns to tall, dark, and annoying barrister Oliver Radford. Though he's unexpectedly found himself in line to inherit a dukedom, Radford's never been part of fashionable society, and the blonde beauty, though not entirely bereft of brains, isn't part of his plans. But Clara overwhelms even his infallible logic, and when wedlock looms, all he can do is try not to lose his head over her. It's an inconvenient marriage by ordinary standards, but these two are far from ordinary. Can the town's most adored heiress and London's most difficult bachelor fall victim to their own unruly desires?

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## Customer Reviews

"To begin with, he was obnoxious."FINAL DECISION: Simply adorable with a hero and heroine who are clever and witty to one another. The banter is high in this one. A social mismatched between an aristocratic heiress and a barrister is filled with laughter and a serious romance that is a keeper.THE STORY: Lady Clara Fairfax is slowly being smothered by her role in society. She keeps getting marriage proposals from men who don't interest her. She has begun to want more. When she sees a young seamstress in training upset because her brother has disappeared, Clara becomes determined to help. Clara ends up seeking legal help and meets Mr. Oliver "Raven" Radford, a barrister who also is in line of become a duke unless his cousin straightens out his own life. Raven is brilliant and steps on people's toes. As the two join forces to help the young boy, they also bicker

and argue into a sens of respect and then something more. But can a man who wants nothing to do with the aristocracy and a woman bred for nothing else ever have a future together? OPINION: This was a book that snuck up on me. The pages went by and when the book ended, I realized that I adored it and went back to re-read my favorite parts. The fact that I wanted to re-read so quickly is a good sign that this book will be on my keeper shelf for years to come. Clara and Raven make such a terrific bickering couple. No one does bickering love better than Loretta Chase. The main characters argue and push against one another and seem to be entirely wrong for one another until the moment when it becomes clear that there could never be anyone better. This is a cross-social love story where it turns out that both social positions are necessary to the success of the romance.

Clara and Oliver Radford/Raven are my new favorite fictional couple!! loved everything about this book--such lovely, witty writing; fantastic banter between the hero and heroine; Raven's complete lack of social skills and somehow endearing obnoxiousness; the description of Clara's outfits--did I mention the hero and heroine are my most favorite couple ever? ;)Gah! I just want to bask in the warm glow this book has left me with. I'm afraid to start reading something else because it might not be as awesome. (But I will--because, books. I'll be brave and take one for the team.)I'd only read the first book in this series ( Silk Is for Seduction ) up until this point, and therefore missed most of the previous Clara parts. Clearly, I'm going to have to go back and read the rest; it won't be quite the same without Oliver Radford, but just knowing he's in her future will be enough. (Plus, the Noirot sisters are such fun. I've had the other two books on my TBR for ages...there's no excuse, really.)I highlighted so many favorite parts in this book, but won't put them all here so that other readers can have the joy of discovery for themselves. I'll just put in two that really show the two things I love most about this book; first, the quick wit:He was a man, an attractive man if one overlooked the obnoxiousness. But women had to overlook men's personality flaws, else nobody would ever wed and/or reproduce and the human race would come to an end.(LOL, preach it, sister!)...and the second, the lovely romance under all the bluster and banter:She laughed.And sunshine broke out in the shadowy bedroom.His heart soared with a happiness so rare he wasn't sure happiness was the name for it.

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