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In To Desire a Wicked Duke . . .

**NYT Bestselling Author Nicole Jordan Proves
All's Fair in Love & The Courtship Wars**

Salt Lake City, UT – Two years after losing her beloved fiancé to war, Tess Blanchard is ready to risk love again. Thus she's aghast when a threatening scandal forces her to wed her longtime nemesis in **Nicole Jordan's The Courtship Wars finale, *To Desire a Wicked Duke* (Ballantine Books, March 2011)**. Despite his enticing seductive skills, Ian Sutherland, Duke of Rotham is the last man Tess could ever imagine loving. But when a lady is compromised, there's only one thing to do: Marry the rake. Yet that doesn't mean she has to succumb to the marriage bed.

Having long desired Tess, Ian is exasperated by her resistance. When their spirited rivalry leads to glorious, pleasure-filled nights, Ian's agenda to win over his new bride is complicated by a mysterious ghost who haunts his castle and Tess's vexing insistence that he play matchmaker to her friends.

To Desire a Wicked Duke's battle of wit, wills, and seduction are classic Nicole Jordan storytelling that sent her first five Courtship Wars novels to berths on the prestigious *New York Times* bestseller list.

As for the story's heroine, Tess will find sympathy from any woman who is determined to have a life for herself, as well as a marriage based on love.

"Now most of us expect to marry for love," observed Jordan, a civil-engineer-turned-romance novelist. "In Regency times, this was more the exception than the rule, especially for members of the nobility. One can only imagine Tess' dismay at thinking she was resigned to a loveless marriage."

Readers can get better acquainted with Tess and Ian by visiting Jordan's website, www.NicoleJordanAuthor.com. In Jordan's Character Gallery, Tess and Ian swap views on the subject of love and marriage. Visitors can also enter Jordan's reader contests, read story excerpts, and meet more series characters.

The author of more than two dozen historical novels, with more than 5 million books in print, Jordan calls the Rocky Mountains of Utah home, where she lives with her real life hero (her husband) and her beloved horses.

To Desire a Wicked Duke

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