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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Unexpected plot twists, witty dialogue and an engaging cast of secondary characters contribute to the charm of a new Regency romance by the author of *The Heiress Bride*. The Earl of Chase's illegitimate daughter Josephina Cochran, nicknamed "the Duchess" by her antagonistic cousin Marcus Wyndham because of her precocious self-possession, unexpectedly becomes both legitimate and an heiress upon her father's death. His nephew Marcus receives the title but little else; Josephina inherits most of the money but will lose it all unless she weds her obnoxious cousin. The two protagonists are quite predictable, although Josephina at one point embarks on a course of action completely out of character, but Coulter surrounds them with memorable eccentrics, and the action never slows. Attempted murders, hidden treasure and a special secret of Josephina's known only to her faithful manservant Badger all ensure that this first volume in a planned trilogy creates plenty of situations for subsequent novels to explore. Doubleday Book Club main selection; Literary Guild alternate.

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From Booklist

The earl of Chase finds a way, despite the strictures of entailment and primogeniture, to leave nearly his entire inheritance to his illegitimate daughter, Josephina. The will leaves his nephew Marcus all of the entailed lands and residences with an allowance of only 200 pounds per year; Josephina inherits almost everything else. If the two marry, the estate can run smoothly. However, the earl's will also stipulates that if the pair do not marry, the estate will be passed on to distant American relations. The "colonials" hear the news and dash over; meanwhile, Josephina has traveled to Paris (where the earl is helping to restore a monarchy to France) and maneuvers her cousin Marcus into marriage. Their return home is tumultuous because of the interloping Americans, who wish to break up the marriage and search for buried treasure--the Wyndham legacy. Lots of wordplay and other frolicking fill the pages of Coulter's pleasant, sure-to-be-popular historical fiction. *Denise Perry Donavin*

From Kirkus Reviews

For Coulter's sizable following (*The Heiress Bride*, etc. etc.): a blast-off for a new Regency trilogy involving romance and a trace of mystery. Josephina, dubbed "Duchess" at an early age because of her cool aloofness--the result of learning, at the age of nine, that she's a bastard--is the by-blow of the Earl of Chase and a lovely mother ensconced in a nearby cottage. Duchess is raised in Chase Park and, after the deaths of her mother and the Earl, spirits herself off with a huge servant named Badger to the cottage, where she supports herself in a mysterious fashion. Meanwhile, the new Earl, Marcus Wyndham, learns--to his horror--that Duchess's father, who married her mother at last, has left all to his daughter, who now has the problem of restoring the inheritance and pride to handsome Marcus. The answer, of course, is to trick him into marriage--and bed. While this venerable and favorite feature of the romantic novel--spouse-seduction--is oozing on, a group of cousins troop in from the Colonies, including vigorous widower Trevor, who, like others in the family, is intrigued by rumors of a buried treasure on the premises. Before that's discovered, though, there'll be some near-fatal attempts on the Duchess's life and an escape from a murderer--who's bound to resurface in future volumes. Coulter seems to have hit a popular vein between the more elegant Regency romances (with period diction) of, say, Patricia Veryan, and the squapiest of the paperback palpitators. A quick circulator. --

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