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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Fraught with all the misunderstandings and misadventures typical of a Regency-era romance, this heartwarming sequel to Balogh's debut hardcover, *More Than a Mistress*, is a fun but familiar tale that fans of the period will savor. When Lord Ferdinand Dudley visits the small village of Trellick to examine Pinewood Manor, a small estate he won in a card game, he is surprised to find that the property hasn't been neglected or abandoned. Viola Thornhill, the "country lass" whom Ferdinand had met during the town's May Day celebration, has settled in Pinewood, and she has no intention of surrendering her home to a gambling London dandy. Viola insists that the late Earl of Bamber left her the estate, and she determines to stay put until Ferdinand produces a copy of the earl's will that proves her wrong. Meanwhile, Viola tries everything possible to make Ferdinand's first country experience unbearable including setting the villagers upon him with complaints and having a cockerel wake him before sunrise. Ferdinand takes everything in stride, however, and he slowly begins to realize that he doesn't want Viola to leave; he's falling in love with

her. Viola harbors feelings for Ferdinand as well, but her checkered past keeps her from entertaining hopes of a future with him. Although Ferdinand and Viola seem like mere stereotypes at first, it becomes clear midway through that Ferdinand is not the rake he appears to be and that Viola is no innocent country lass. Balogh's prose is simple and straightforward, and few of the novel's twists and turns are uncharted. Nevertheless, her charismatic characters and swift pacing will keep romance enthusiasts riveted to the page.

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From Library Journal Told by a gypsy to "beware of a tall, dark, handsome stranger," Lady Viola Thornhill is stunned when the charming man she danced with and kissed at the May Day celebration arrives at her home the next day, claiming to be Lord Ferdinand Dudley and telling her that Pinewood is now his and that she must leave. Not one to give up without a fight, Viola refuses to leave and then Ferdinand moves in. A pair of strong, equally determined protagonists clash exquisitely in this lively, passionate sequel to *More Than a Mistress* (LJ 8/00). Balogh is a noted writer of historical romances that feature strong, unconventional heroines and often test the limits of the genre; she lives in Canada.

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