

**Chapter 1 : Provocative in Pearls by Madeline Hunter**

*"Provocative in Pearls" (Historical, Jove, pages, \$), by Madeline Hunter: The second book in Madeline Hunter's Rarest Blooms' Regency series finds Grayson Bridlington, the Earl of Hawkeswell, trying to have his young wife, Verity Thompson, declared dead by the government.*

Excerpt from Provocative in Pearls The boots stopped nearby and Verity had to acknowledge him. He had wonderful eyes, as all the women noticed. Had those eyes been dull or shallow, the color would not mesmerize, but they reflected so much instead. Intelligence and confidence and, on better days, humor. There also showed a touch of the arrogance that was natural to a man of his birth and appearance. She was a normal woman, and not immune to those eyes and that face. Such as she did not marry such as he. Not because she was not worthy, and not because she had already chosen a different kind of man and a different future. Any chance of happiness would be doomed because they had known two different worlds, two different Englands, and had almost no points in common and no similar sympathies. The only thing about him that had been familiar to her had been the mastery in his manner. Her father had been like that. Her intuitions about that power had not been good, and his presence had made her want to shrink. She had taken an odd sort of comfort in his face, however. Handsome, to be sure, but not pretty. Not smooth and almost feminine like some elegant lords. It was a thoroughly masculine handsomeness, the kind that might be seen over a forge or in a stable. The strong bones came together with a perfection that seemed more accidental than carefully bred, and the insinuation of disdain was not there the way it could be in other, softer faces. Also of you, if you have accepted the plan. If a few days in Essex will ease your distress, we can wait on returning to London. She was not sure that was a good thing. If he was too kind, it would all be harder. The public curiosity will not be pleasant, and I do not mind putting it off. I wonder if I can make a request about this house visit, however. Since it will be brief, perhaps you will indulge me for these few days. No doubt he thought he had already agreed to indulge her more than required. Perhaps we can use this time to learn what we have in each other, so. I do not mind delaying those rights for a few days as you ask. After waiting two years, it is a small matter. If you think that you are going to convince me to seek an annulment, however, that will not happen. To think he knew now how he would feel in four days on such an important matter. Once he knew her better, and once he heard her proposal about the money, he would surely be of a different mind. There would be no point in running away with him so close on her trail. Besides, she had things to do, and she could not do them if she went into hiding again. He stepped closer and looked down at her. His proximity emphasized his strength and her disadvantage in ways that she felt viscerally. I will not expect my marital rights if you willingly accept three kisses a day. It would be much better if they did not do that. I do not want to kiss in front of Audrianna. She thought that was a good sign. It was the first smile of the day too. She had to admit that he had a nice smile, one that brought lights to his eyes and made his face much friendlier. I do not know why you want them so soon, and every day, however. So that was how it was going to be. While she won him over to the idea of not fighting an annulment, he would try to win her over to the idea of her inevitable fate in his bed. If so, I should pack my belongings. It will not take long. He and I will go to an inn tonight, and bring his carriage in the morning. He did not leave as she expected, but stood there, two feet away, watching her. You can spare one today, I am sure. This has not been a reunion designed to put me in good humor, and you are smart enough to know that I did not have to agree to this plan, and could have much more than a kiss if I chose. A shiver of an old fear flexed through her before she could stop it. It would probably always be thus. She suppressed both the fear and the rebellion that usually accompanied it now. He had given her no real cause to react this way. It had not been a reunion to please a man, or a discovery that flattered this one. Yet he had been more amenable to this house visit than he had to be. One kiss today is the least I can do to thank you for the restraint you have promised to show. He moved very close to her and, with firm fingers, tilted her chin up. The contact felt strange, and a little dangerous. She was not accustomed to being touched by a man, skin on skin, even in this simple way. He gazed so deeply that she grew uncomfortable. She closed her eyes, braced herself, and prepared to step back after the briefest touch of their lips. A deep sorrow twisted her heart. Why do you

ask? He tilted his head and touched his lips to hers. She had no specific memory of the physical parts of that girlish first kiss, other than it had made her want to giggle. Certainly it did not prepare her for the oddness of this intimacy, and the way he suddenly dominated her senses. There was firmness in his mouth despite the velvet pads of his lips, and control in that hand beneath her chin even as it held her gently. She became aware of how little space separated their bodies, and how his scent encompassed her along with something else that came from him, something invisible but almost tangible. There was too much of his presence in that kiss, and much of it came from within rather than from his physical existence. She did not suffer it long. She allowed little more than a mere brushing that created an odd tingle, and a slight pressure that she resisted. She stepped back quickly, freeing herself from that careful hand. He looked at her with deep consideration for a moment, then turned away.

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Buy This Book The impoverished peer who must marry for money is a well-known character in romance land. So is the woman whose father is a wealthy cit. She knew that she would eventually marry and her husband would take over the business, but she wanted some say in the matter. However, before Verity reached her majority, her father died suddenly, leaving her in the care of her greedy cousin who arranged to marry her off to Grayson, Earl of Hawkeswell who needs money in the worst way. When she discovered that her cousin lied to her, Verity ran away on her wedding day, and made it appear she has drowned. Hawkswell has been living in a legal limbo since Verity disappeared. He cannot touch her funds, cannot seek an annulment, and has been living his life as an object of gossip. One day quite by chance, he discovers Verity living quietly with several other women and is happy that at last things will be set straight. He plans to make her his wife in fact as well as in law. Except Verity is no longer the meek girl she once was. She is fiercely independent and adamant that she will seek an annulment as soon as possible. Hawkeswell is equally adamant that they will stay together and plans to seduce her, demanding three kisses a day. *Provocative in Pearls* is a wonderful book. After a bit of a slow start, the story kicks in and from then on I was engrossed in it. It was such a treat to read a book with intelligent characters who were realistic and of their time. Verity is intelligent and independent but not, thank heavens, feisty. Hawkswell is autocratic and quite His Lordship, but not cruel or vicious. I was very engaged in their story and loved the both of them. Madeline Hunter also excels in filling the background with supporting characters who are alive and vivid and not a bit wallpapery. Since this is the second book in a quartet, I am sure we will meet some of them in the other two books. As soon as I finished *Provocative in Pearls*, I went to the bookstore and bought the first book *Ravishing in Red*, and I will definitely read the rest of the series. Intelligent characters, an engrossing story, and an elegant writing style – this series has it all. Buy *Provocative in Pearls*:

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