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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Balogh's final entry in the Huxtable family saga focuses on enigmatic cousin Constantine, long the most maligned of the Huxtables. Hannah, widowed duchess of Dunbarton, has set her sights on Constantine as the ideal lover—a handsome man of experience that she can seduce and set aside once she is done with him. Constantine, meanwhile, is thrilled by Hannah's beauty, but scornful of her reputation, and though the intention is just to have a little fun, they fall in love. Balogh has saved the best for last; Constantine—dark, wicked, and cryptic—has a perfect foil in Hannah, and their encounters are steamy, their romance believable. Though series fans will be disappointed to see it come to a close, they couldn't ask for a better way to go out. (June)

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Starred Review One year after her husband's death, Hannah Reid, Duchess of Dunbarton, decides it's time to take a lover. Of course, being Hannah, she has already chosen her paramour: tall, dark, and sinfully sexy Constantine Huxtable. Hannah may have already decided they were meant to be together, but Con is a man used to making up his own mind. At first Con is amused by Hannah's blatant campaign of seduction. Then he becomes intrigued by the enigmatic beauty. Finally, because he always takes a lover during London's social season, he begins to ask himself why shouldn't it be Hannah? Although Hannah and Con might have agreed to become lovers, neither one expected to fall in love, which, of course, greatly complicates their secret affair. The exquisitely crafted chemistry that develops between Hannah and Con is pure passion deftly leavened with tart wit, which ensures that *A Secret Affair*, the concluding volume in Balogh's Regency historical Huxtable series, is a sweetly romantic, deliciously sexy triumph. --John Charles

Review

"Poignant, thought-provoking, deliciously sensual, and completely enthralling."—*Library Journal*

"Mary Balogh has masterfully woven a romantic tale of the importance of family, of compassion, and of love and forgiveness."—*Fresh Fiction*

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