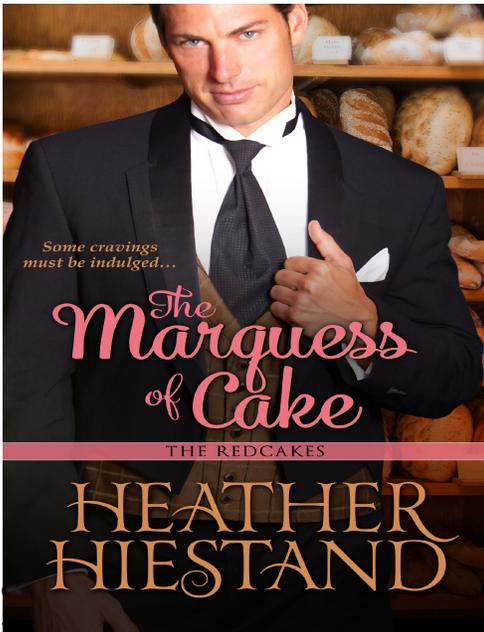


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No-Calorie Victorian Cake!

It's time to gear up for Heather's major publisher debut, *Marquess of Cake!* Pre-orders are available now for Kindle or Nook, and the book will be released July 4. This is the start of Heather's Victorian-set Redcakes series, set around a popular London bakery. Four books and a novella are scheduled, with two releases in 2013 and three in 2014. For you book reviewers out there, the book is available on Netgalley, and the first reviews have been uniformly positive. Heather has a contest going overall, as well as some prizes available on her blog tour. Here's the main contest link:

[Heather-HiestandAnh-Leod contest link](#)

As always, if you already have a prize, she will substitute. Remember, there aren't any calories if you just read about it!

In other news, Heather is attempting to balance the end of the school year and childcare duties with her writing career. Anyone have any suggestions on how to keep a preschooler entertained? And Eilis is busy not only writing but copy editing. Yes, did you know she is a professional copy editor with 35 years' experience? She does take private clients, so contact us if you need assistance. In her free time, she's been dreaming of her Sonika universe again. The first book, *Introducing Sonika*, is still available, so check it out! [Introducing-Sonika-ebook](#)

Join us at our two chats coming soon, on June 11 and June 18. The first one takes place on Facebook and the second at romance site Coffee Time Romance. Details can be found on this newsletter's page 2.

Have you had a chance to read Heather and Eilis' first collaboration, *Wear Black*? We're excited to have our first two reviews on Amazon, and they loved our vampire steampunk fantasy! We always appreciate hearing from our readers, so let us know what you are thinking. Should Lucas and Nellie get together or stay mortal (or immortal) enemies?

ON SALE NOW

HEATHER HIESTAND

- *Holiday In The Heart*
- *Cards Never Lie*
- *One Juror Down*
- *Gunshot Grange*
- *Two On The Hunt*
- *In Flight*
- *Looking Forward, Looking Back And Other Stories*
- *The Bachelor*
- "Victoriana Adventure"
- "Captain Andrew's Flying Christmas"
- "Captain Fenna's Dirigible Valentine"
- "Captain Gravenor's Airship Equinox"
- *Wear Black*
- *Marquess of Cake*

EILIS FLYNN

- *The Sleeper Awakes*
- *Festival of Stars*
- *Introducing Sonika*
- *Echoes of Passion*
- *The Riddle of Ryu*
- *Static Shock*
- *Wear Black*
- "30-Day Guarantee"

Nonfiction articles:

- "Snappy Comebacks" (*RWR* 11/08)
- "Two Worlds, United By Anime" (*Japanification of Children's Popular Culture*, Scarecrow Press)

ANH LEOD

- "Lucky Number Seven" (digital, print) in *Even Naughtier Nuptials*
- "Aphrodite's Necklace"
- "Bijou's Bonds"
- *Recreating John Doe* (digital, print)
- *Claudia's Pleasure*
- *Cherokee's Playmates*
- "Ex Factor" (in the anthology *Some Like It Sweet*)
- "Playing Lycan Games"
- *Holly's Pledge*
- "Aphrodite's Tattoo"
- "Christmas a Go-Go"
- *Fire Wolf*
- *Clockwork Captive*

Wait, there's more!

UPCOMING RELEASES

- December 2013: *A Taste of Scandal* by Heather
- Late 2013: "Halloween for A Heroine," a Sonika short by Eilis
- Late 2013: "Christmas in the Rain," a Sonika short by Eilis
- 2014: *Dreaming Beauty* by Eilis
- 2014: *His Wicked Smile* by Heather

APPEARANCES

- Red Hot Readers Chat on Facebook with Heather and Eilis, June 11!
- Coffee Time Chat with Heather, Eilis, Jacquie Rogers, and Delle Jacobs, June 18!
- Emerald City Writers' Conference, October 18-21!

Check the next page for the rest of Heather's promo tour!

Finally, lots of “sekrit” projects in the works right now, both individually and in collaboration. 2013 and 2014 are shaping up to be fun and creative years!

Marquess of Cake

Coffee...tea...or a pastry chef sweeter than any confection... Scotch trifle fit for Queen Victoria, scones with clotted cream. Alys Redcake knows the way to a man's heart. Yet she is unaware that with each morsel—and flash of ankle—she is seducing the handsome marquess frequenting her father's tea shop. Unmarried at 26, Alys's first love is the family business. But thoughts of the gentleman's touch are driving her to distraction...

With his weakness for sugar, the Marquess of Hatbrook can imagine no more desirable woman than one scented with cake and spice. Mistaking Alys for a mere waitress, he has no doubt she would make a most delicious mistress. And when he finds himself in need of an heir, he plans to make her his convenient bride. Yet as they satisfy their craving for one another, business and pleasure suddenly collide. Will Hatbrook's passion for sweets—and for Alys—be his heart's undoing?

Here's an excerpt:

“Gentlemen?” asked a waitress in a businesslike tone. “What may I bring you today?”

Michael considered her. The young woman with elfin features didn't look familiar, but she smelled delicious. With a start, he realized she'd been the cake-scented girl who jostled him just a few moments ago outside. He wondered why she'd prefer waiting tables to a trip to the country.

He forced his eyes from the avowed city girl's generous curves, which were ornamental indeed. He couldn't get that blasted Scotch trifle out of his head. The memory of that heather-honey flavor of the Drambuie in the sponge, reminding him of simpler times, had his mouth watering anew.

“A dish of the special holiday trifle, if you will, and coffee.”

“I'm so sorry, sir. We're all out.” The cakie's voice didn't change tone as she delivered this tragic news.

Theo said, mischief dancing in his eyes. “You can't refuse trifle to the Marquess of Hatbrook.”

A woman at the next table gasped and nudged her neighbor, whispering, “A marquess, that is!”

The cakie swallowed sharply, but then her pointed chin went up. “I'm sorry, your lordship, but it's all gone to Buckingham Palace for a celebration.”

“Buck House,” whispered the other gossip at the next table. “How fancy!”

“Very tiresome,” Michael said, enjoying the cakie's show of spirit. An attractive girl with heat in her eyes was as welcome as Scotch trifle. He wondered if she ever put those rosy lips to use in other passionate endeavors. “Instead, I'll have a plate of scones with honey.”

“Would you like some Drambuie with that?”

A gasp went up from the other table. “Did she just offer his lordship spirits? I thought this was a respectable place?”

The cakie flushed scarlet, but her chin stayed up. Her gaze had regained the besieged fire he saw outside.

“That won't be necessary.”

“Yes, your lordship.”

Her clipped tone had him glancing at her again. Those eyes were as dark as Theo's, but the high color and pursed full lips told him of her pique. Though a cap covered most of her hair, he could see, not surprisingly given her temper, that her hair was a carrot red, though smooth and shiny at the part. All together, a young woman with spark, and he wondered again why she would want to spend her days here. Of course, times were hard, and poverty sent many girls into the workforce.

Her clipped tone had him glancing at her. Since the girls wore black dresses of a conservative cut with white aprons, they offered no hint of individuality, though he thought this particular girl was the least subservient cakie he'd ever run across.

The girl's gaze captured his and he realized he'd been staring.

Her forehead and cheeks flushed crimson. “I-I'll get your order for you, your lordship.”

She darted away, skirts fluttering, offering a glimpse of trim ankle. Fetching, very fetching indeed. He wondered what she'd look like in a ball gown under gaslight, with her hair aglow and her pale skin enhanced by golden glamour.

Coming Up Next...

What else do we have planned? Heather has lots of Victorian goodies (the nonfattening kind) she's working on, and Eillis has Sonika short stories prepared for the holiday seasons toward the end of the year. There's more to look forward to in the coming months, so keep a lookout for upcoming editions of this newsletter!

And before we go, we've got to ask. Is there anything in particular you're looking forward to for us to write about? If there is, tell us! It helps us figure out what to do next.

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Heather's Promotion Tour!

June 11: Red Hot Readers chat, 6am-6pm PT

www.facebook.com/groups/rhrbookclubevents

June 18: Coffee Time Romance chat, 6 pm PT

www.coffeetimeromance.com/Chat.htm#

July 4: <http://englishhistoryauthors.blogspot.com>

July 5: <http://www.romancejunkies.com/rjblog>

July 6: <http://rrahnovelthoughts.com>

July 7: www.demonloversbooksandmore.com

July 8: www.wildwomenauthorsx2.blogspot.com

July 9: <http://maggieandering.blogspot.com/>

July 10: www.cocktailsandbooks.com

July 11: TRS release party: trsparties.com/

July 12: <http://www.books-n-kisses.com/>

July 18: TRS

July 19: <http://www.laurel-odonnell.com/category>

July 24: <http://smexybooks.com>

July 26: <http://www.delightedreader.com/>