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Hi there!

Easter seems to have derailed my timings this month and so just a short update after all the activity of March:

- *The Ambition & Destiny Series*: Update
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- Fact or Fiction: Were drugs like morphine and cocaine so commonly used?

The Ambition & Destiny Series: Update



Thank you...

to everyone who made the launch of Part 4 of the series: *Only One Winner*, a success. Since publication, all books have been sitting in or around the top twenty of several Amazon categories and the free giveaway of *Hooks & Eyes* generated a lot of extra interest. I'm hoping now I can maintain the momentum to give me a good platform for the arrival of Part 5.

***Only One Winner* Paperback**

For those of you who prefer paperbacks to ebooks, rest assured the paperback is on its way. I'll be working on it next week and hope to have it available for early May.

Part 5: The Finale

Drafting Part 5 of the series has been my major focus this month. I'm working through the first draft, filling in gaps and tweaking the story

before I send it to my editor at the end of this month. I'm still aiming for a July publication, but I'll keep you updated.

For further details of any of the books in the series

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Recent Blog Posts

To coincide with the publication of *Only One Winner*, I posted a new article on my blog [From Story to Book: Nearly There!](#)

I also did an [Author Interview](#) with Cheryl Holloway, a fellow author.

Copies of both posts can be [found here](#).

Other books you may be interested in:

Rescued by an Earl by Rose Pearson

Book 3 of Rose Pearson's series of Standalone Regency Romance Stories, *The Duke's Daughters*.

Jacintha Seaworth is wise, complex and watchful. A beautiful woman, she nevertheless prefers to sit out from the dances, preferring to watch people and their interactions.

She really couldn't have chosen a childhood friend more different from her than Henry Musgrave, brother to family friend Claudia, and quite a social ladies' man.

Now that Jacintha is the next daughter in line to fulfill her father's wishes of seeing all of his daughters married before his illness takes him, it's time for her to grow up and actually evaluate her feelings for Henry.

It's true that Alexander Slate, naval captain and Earl of Highbury, is a much more suitable match, but Jacintha will never be able to deny that there is something there inside of her for Henry. For all his shortcomings, maybe, just maybe, he could become a changed man.

If only the path to love for at least one of the Seaworth daughters could be free of doubt or worry. Somehow, it doesn't even look like sweet and kind-hearted Jacintha will be spared a dramatic and harrowing road to love.

A story of unexpected love against all odds in the world of Regency-era



England. "Rescued by an Earl" is the third book of the Duke's Daughters Series by Rose Pearson. Each book can be treated as its own standalone romance story, and cliffhanger endings are always strictly avoided.

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Hearts and Ever Afters: Regency Romance Collection

by Joyce Alec

Five heartwarming Regency romances filled with mystery, intrigue, surprising twists, and of course, love!

An Earl's Agreement

An arranged marriage turns dangerous when he will stop at nothing to make her his bride! Will her hero prevail?

Married to a Marquess

After her wedding day, Alice never saw her husband again. She must now take charge of her own life if she is to ever know happiness!

A Viscount's Second Chance

Henry is thrilled to have a second chance at love, but he risks losing Eleanor again when a scandal threatens to tear them apart!

A Duke for Christmas

Isabella did not want to end up on Charles' doorstep, but it might be exactly what both of them need... A clean, Regency romance to warm your heart.

Unexpected Earl

Catherine is enamored with Lord Kerr and plans to marry him, but Lord Linton will do all he can to stop the union.

Inspirational romances that will warm your heart! If you love clean and wholesome, Regency-era romances with a strong woman heroine, you will love the Hearts and Ever Afters Regency Romance Collection!

Authors Note: These are clean, stand-alone romances. Each book in the series is approximately 130 pages. Bonus content included in the eBook version of the collection. For further details [Click Here](#)



Fact or Fiction:

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series was inspired by a true story, and readers often ask whether certain storylines are based on real-life events.

If you have a question please let me know by replying to this email.

Were drugs like morphine and cocaine so commonly used?

The short answer is yes!

It's difficult to understand today how such dangerous and addictive drugs could be used routinely but it must be remembered that in the [Victorian Era](#) there were very few treatment options available.

Ailments such as headaches, toothaches and diarrhoea, were commonplace and morphine was a popular treatment (often in the form of [laudanum](#)) because it worked. It was even used in cough medicine. The addictive nature of the drug only became known in the latter part of the 19th century, and it wasn't until the early 20th century that its use became restricted.

Cocaine came later (early use started in the 1880's). As described in *When Time Runs Out* it was sometimes given in combination with wine (coca wine or Vin Mariani), and at the time was considered a miracle cure. As with morphine, it was only later that the addictive nature of the drug became known.

If you'd like further information on laudanum, there's a post on my [website](#) that may be of interest. A post on cocaine is planned for the next couple of months.

[Click here for further details.](#)

Next month: Did William really have learning difficulties?

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