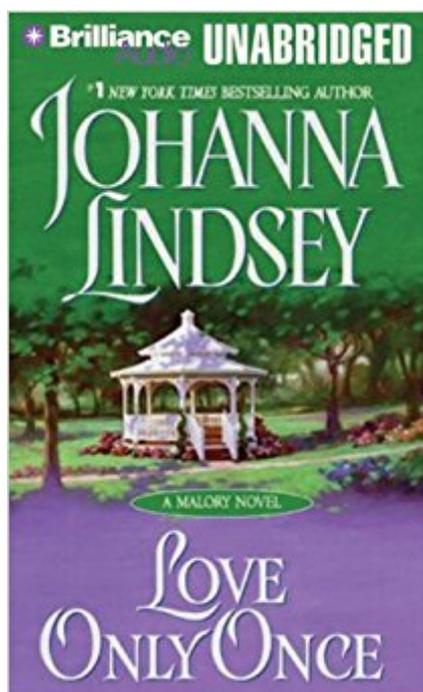


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# Love Only Once (Malory Family Series)



## Synopsis

The exquisite niece of Lord Edward and Lady Charlotte Malory, Regina Ashton is outraged over her abduction by the arrogant, devilishly handsome Nicholas Eden - and is determined to make the rogue pay with his heart. A golden-haired seducer, Nicholas has been hardened by a painful secret in his past. And now that he has besmirched Reggie's good name, the hot-tempered lady has vowed to wed him. Her fiery beauty stirs Nicholas as no woman ever has - and the rake arouses Reggie's passion to an unendurable level. Such uncontrolled desires can lead only to dangerous misunderstandings and, perhaps, to a love that can live only once in a lifetime.

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## Customer Reviews

"Creates fairy tales that come true!"-- "Romantic Times --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Johanna Lindsey is one of the most popular authors of romantic fiction, with over sixty million copies of her novels sold. World renowned for her novels of "first-rate romance" (New York Daily News), Lindsey is the author of forty-three previous bestselling novels, many of which have been #1 New York Times bestsellers. Lindsey lives in Maine with her family.

I actually liked this book because the heroine was fabulous. She was innocent without being too naive. I also loved how much she loves her family. I liked the love interest though his stubbornness

started to get a little old by the end of the book. The author did a great job describing the people, places and clothing and it helped bring the book to life. For the first in a series, she also gave enough of teasers to really keep you wanting to read more of this endearing family. The narrator did not bother as much as other reviewers but her attempts to differentiate the characters by accents did get a little annoying. I will see if it bothers me in the next book.

I like many of Lindsey's books, from American historical to Regency. When I first read this book, it was so unlike the others though. Nothing can match the wit & humor of the Malloy family. This is the first one & I loved it. Along with the next two. I've read them each many times over the years. The rest of the series gets tiresome, as the storylines, in my opinion, get lazy. I haven't even bothered to read all of them, but the first 3 in this series are some of the best ever written.

I love historical romance and I hate giving below a three but this was an unorganized mess in a lot of ways. And I have loved Johanna Lindsay books in the past. This was an early effort from the 80s and so that must be why. The hero was a jerk the entire time and showed no redeeming qualities. He consistently got drunk at every turn, never recovered from his jealous outbursts and tricked her into sex every time they had it. He never changed. Meanwhile the heroine was perfect in every way and has all manner of doting uncles, even one who shows up randomly in the middle of the book as a pirate-though he came on land for his appearances. It was just too much.

I thoroughly enjoyed Regina and Nicholas' love story. I did become a bit frustrated with all their bickering. They were at odds throughout most of the book. Nonetheless, I did love getting to know the Mallory characters again. I've listened to many of the other books in this series, but I had missed this one for some reason. My personal favorite of the Mallory family is James' story. He is a marvelous character and he is introduced in this book. Happy reading!

Interesting, although exploited zillion of times before, plot, likeable characters, but ... sloppy writing. The author has a problem with time lines. Nothing a good editor should not be able to fix, but there you go... the heroine got pregnant and almost immediately knew about it (sic!). We are talking about 1817, no? Even in today's world, when we know a lot about conception, someone will have to wait about 2 weeks for the next period to start and perhaps become suspicious 2-4 weeks after that, if/when the period is late. Hard to find a good excuse.

It's been a couple of years since I've read the Malory Series. In fact, I believe this series was among the first that I decided to read when I began reading historical romance novels after a 20 year absence from the genre. And, believe me, most of the "acceptable" historical romance novels in this day and age do not include some of the rakehell behavior the hero of this story (if you care to give him that title) Nicholas, Lord Monteith, finds acceptable in his every day life. \*\*\*SPOILERS\*\*\*Yes, Nicholas thinks it's okay to debauch virgins - in fact, apparently three so far. That wouldn't include sleeping with anyone and everyone he can get his hands on among the society ladies. But, he is kinda picky - tires easily of these women and after two or three weeks moves on to more interesting fare. When one of his amours decides to jilt him before he can jilt her, he decides it would be fun to kidnap her and lock her up for a few hours. Problem is, he mistakenly kidnaps Regan of the Malory Clan who is feisty enough to simply wait and see the look of surprise on his face when he returns home. He does, they joke around a bit and he returns her back to the family fold, albeit both are strongly attracted to one another. But... alas his former paramour outs Nicholas and Regan by bragging that he still wants her so much, he attempted to kidnap her and got Regan instead which leaves the Malory Clan hungering for blood. Anthony Malory wants to "meet" him and shoot him in his private parts. James Malory, black sheep of the family, unaware of the situation with Nicholas and Regan is out for Nicholas' blood for other reasons - apparently Nicholas sank one of James', aka the "pirate" Black Hawke ships. Regan, tired of the marriage mart game and being strongly attracted to Nicholas, seeing in him the same traits as two of her uncles - Anthony and James - has a hankering to marry Nicholas. After this, get ready for a loooooooooooooooooooooooooooooong misunderstanding which is compounded by small misunderstandings throughout the book. Ugh!! Double Ugh!! One thing I did like about Regan was her positive spirit when she was horribly mistreated. One thing I did not like is that she didn't make Nicholas pay for his continual ill treatment of her - not even a little bit - just sassy talking.

The book had me hooked from the beginning but when I found it had quite a few missing pages I tried calling for help all i got is them trying to sell me for things when all I want is help on how to retrieve missing pages very frustrating

The emotional maturity of the lead characters is for the most part frustrating, however Johanna Lindsay's skilled writing kept my interest. It could have Bennett better but it was worth it. The Malory family dynamic sold the story

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