

MARY KINGSWOOD BOOKS READING ORDER

Are you new to Mary Kingswood's books? Or perhaps you've read a few and wanted to start a more systematic read. This is the definitive reading list of all books to date, in the optimum reading order. All books are available as ebook for Kindle, to borrow in Kindle Unlimited or in paperback. Most are available in audio. Every series has at least one **FREE** novella – sign up to my mailing list at marykingswood.co.uk to receive all of them (also available to buy in paperback).

The Daughters of Allamont Hall series

Featuring the six unmarried daughters of Mr William Allamont of Allamont Hall. When their father dies unexpectedly, his will includes surprisingly generous dowries for the sisters, but only on condition that they marry in the proper order, the eldest first.

Book 1: Amy The shy eldest sister.

Book 2: Belle The plain, bookish sister.

Book 3: Connie The volatile, romantic sister.

Book 4: Dulcie The sharp-tongued sister.

Book 4.5: Mary The jilted cousin (**FREE** novella).

Book 5: Grace The hoyden.

Book 6: Hope The youngest sister.

Sons of the Marquess series

Featuring the five unmarried brothers of the Ninth Marquess of Carrbridge. With the family's fortunes in disarray, the expensive lifestyle has to go, and each brother has to find a career or make a marriage of convenience to a wealthy heiress. But love has a strange way of appearing when it's least expected...

Book 0: The Earl of Deveron: The unexpected heir (**FREE** prequel novella).

Book 1: Lord Reginald The perfect gentleman.

Book 2: Lord Humphrey The gamester.

Book 3: Lord Augustus The horse-mad brother.

Book 4: Lord Montague The pious clergyman.

Book 5: Lord Gilbert The wild rakish brother.

The Sisters of Woodside Mysteries series

When Mr Edmund Winterton of Woodside dies, his daughters find themselves penniless and homeless. What can they do? Unless they wish to live on charity, they will have to find genteel employment for themselves. Book 0 takes place 5 years before books 1-4, and book 5 ten years later.

Book 0: The Betrothed: Rosamund, the eldest daughter (**FREE** prequel novella).

Book 1: The Governess: Annabelle, the clever daughter.

Book 2: The Chaperon: Lucy, the chatterbox.

Book 3: The Companion: Margaret, the quiet one.

Book 4: The Seamstress: Fanny, the romantic one.

Book 5: Woodside: the sisters return.

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The Silver Linings Mysteries series

The sinking of the *Brig Minerva* results in many deaths, but for others, the future is suddenly brighter. But it's not always easy to leave the past behind...

Book 0: *The Clerk*: the sinking of the *Minerva* offers a young man a new life (FREE prequel novella).

Book 1: *The Widow*: the wife of the *Minerva*'s captain is free from his cruelty

Book 2: *The Lacemaker*: three sisters inherit a country cottage.

Book 3: *The Apothecary*: a long-forgotten suitor returns, now a rich man, but is he all he seems?

Book 4: *The Painter*: two children are left to the care of a reclusive man.

Book 5: *The Orphan*: a wilful heiress is determined to choose a notorious rake as her guardian.

Book 6: *The Duke*: the heir to the dukedom is reluctant to step into his dead brother's shoes.

The Strangers series

The small village of Great Maeswood is disrupted by the arrival of a succession of strangers who uncover the villagers' secrets, or bring their own secrets with them.

Book 0: *Stranger at the Parsonage*: a new parson arrives (FREE prequel novella).

Book 1: *Stranger at the Dower House*: a widow moves into the long disused Dower House.

Book 2: *Stranger at the Grove*: an estranged brother returns home.

Book 2.5: *The Captain and the Country Cousin*: Captain Edgerton's story (FREE novella).

Book 3: *Stranger at the Villa*: a new physician arrives in the village.

Book 4: *Stranger at the Manor*: a destitute man comes looking for help from his cousin.

Book 5: *Stranger at the Cottage*: an out-of-work governess tries to start a school in the village.

Book 6: *Stranger at the Hall*: the newly discovered heir to the barony arrives to claim his inheritance.

The Mercer's House series

Following the fortunes of the Fletcher family, grown vastly wealthy in the north of England and now seeking to move up in the world by becoming landed gentry. Their goal is to marry the beauty of the family into the nobility, but they find it isn't quite as simple as they'd hoped to leave behind their roots in trade.

Book 0: *The Mercer*: the rich merchant and the poor widow (FREE prequel novella).

Book 1: *A Winter Chase*: the wild daughter and the reluctant clergyman.

Book 2: *A Spring Dance*: the flirtatious son and the prim paid companion.

Book 3: *A Summer Game*: the mischievous daughter and the strait-laced gentleman.

Book 4: *A Michaelmas Truce*: the cross spinster and the even crosser bachelor.

Book 5: *An Autumn Courtship*: the intellectual son and the flighty socialite.

Book 6: *A Christmas Betrothal*: the beautiful daughter, the unhappy son and the lost lover.

Book 7: *The Gentleman Farmer*: what happened afterwards (a novel-length sequel FREE for all readers – no need to sign up for anything)

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The Chaplain's Legacy series (to be published 2024-2025)

An earl's chaplain is viciously murdered in his bed, but the investigation into his death uncovers a dreadful secret – he was never ordained as a clergyman, and the marriages he conducted are not valid. That means the earl and his countess were never married and all their children are illegitimate. The series follows the family as it copes with the change of fortune.

Book 0: *The Chaplain*: a man adrift, dreaming of a home (FREE prequel novella).

Book 1: *Disinheritance*: a man freed, looking for a new purpose in life

Book 2: *Determination*: a man pursued, trying to outwit his adversary

Book 3: *Anger*: a woman alone, wondering if she can revisit the past

Book 4: *Secrecy*: a woman neglected, scheming to secure her own happiness

Book 5: *Loyalty*: a man of dreams, torn between the past and the future

Book 6: *Ambition*: a woman thwarted, set on defying her destiny

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