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**UNCOVERED: A LIST OF NOBLEMEN'S NAMES – EACH ONE GUILTY OF TREASON** To save his family legacy Rafe Densmore must seize a courtesan's infamous register. No one can ever know how his father betrayed his country! One person stands in Rafe's way – the beautiful Cornelia, Comtesse de Vane. In the card rooms of Paris, Rafe and Cornelia once made an unbeatable... intimate team. Until, convinced of Rafe's desertion, desperate Cornelia married an elderly comte. Now, returning to London an impoverished widow, she'll do anything to possess the register. Even if that means becoming Rafe's partner once again...

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***'I don't need your help.'***

Her tongue slid over the fullness of her bottom lip, sweeping through him as her crisp verbena perfume swept over his senses.

'Oh, I think you do.' He held steady as he leaned in, matching her enticing look with one of his own, refusing to let the student best the master, no matter how tight his dark breeches grew. 'Why else would you invent such a dramatic reason to call on me?'

'You flatter yourself.' Her fingers swept her chest, the little half-moons of her fingernails matching the high curve of her breasts.

'And you can't recover the register without me.' He shifted closer, the wood beneath him creaking and almost covering the slight hitch in her breathing. He laid one hand on top of her knee, the curve of it filling his palm. 'You need me.'

#### **AUTHOR NOTE**

I read a lot of historical non-fiction—for fun and for inspiration. My inspiration for THE COURTESAN'S BOOK OF SECRETS came from a biography of Nell Gwyn, mistress of King Charles II of England. In the biography, the author mentioned a book kept by a servant of Charles II that listed all the women who had slept with the King at Whitehall Palace. The book was destroyed, and with it a number of secrets.

Reading about this book, I began to wonder what might happen if a book of secrets everyone had thought was lost suddenly reappeared, and the secrets in it had the power to destroy titled families. My wondering eventually became Rafe and Cornelia's story. To craft their tale I had to dip into the darker underworld of Regency England. It was a treat to see a slightly seedier side of London, and to help my characters rise above the temptation of cards and blackmail to overcome the threat of the book and find love and success.

I hope you enjoy THE COURTESAN'S BOOK OF SECRETS. It is my fourth Regency story with Mills & Boon® including ENGAGEMENT OF CONVENIENCE, RESCUED FROM RUIN and HERO'S REDEMPTION from Carina Press.

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