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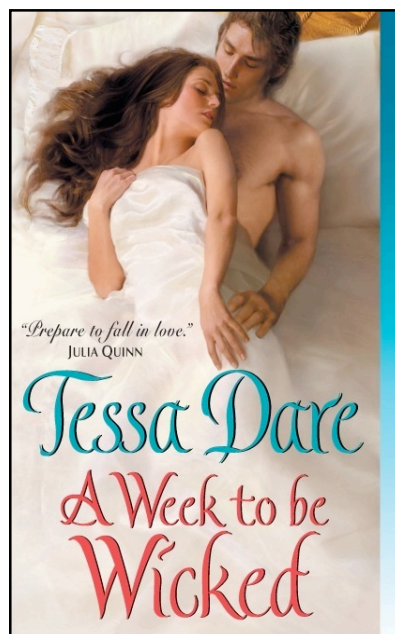
Tessa Dare is the *USA Today* bestselling author of eight historical romance novels and two novellas. She has twice been awarded the *RT Book Reviews* Reviewer's Choice Award, and has twice been a finalist for Romance Writers of America's prestigious RITA® award. Her books have been contracted for translation in ten languages. Recently, *Booklist* magazine named her one of the "new stars of historical romance."

Mixing wit, sensuality, and emotion, Tessa strives to write Regency-set romance novels that feel relatable to modern readers. With her "Spindle Cove" series, she's had great fun creating a fictional seaside community populated by women who defy the conventions of their time—engaging in such unladylike pursuits as medicine, geology, and artillery. And she's had even more fun dreaming up the strong-willed, unsuspecting men who find their hearts ensnared by these unlikely heroines.

The first Spindle Cove book, *A Night to Surrender*, received critical acclaim, including starred reviews from *Publisher's Weekly* and *Booklist*. The digital-only release *Once Upon a Winter's Eve: A Spindle Cove Novella* spent four weeks on the *USA Today* bestseller list. The next Spindle Cove installment, *A Week to be Wicked*, will be available March 27, 2012 from Avon Books.

A librarian by training and a booklover at heart, Tessa takes great pride and pleasure in continuing to work part-part-time at her local public library. She makes her home in Southern California, where she shares a cozy, cluttered bungalow with her husband, their two children, and a big brown dog.

To learn more about Tessa and her books, please visit her website: www.TessaDare.com



A WEEK TO BE WICKED

Coming March 27, 2012, from Avon Books
ISBN-10: 0062049879 ♦ ISBN-13: 978-0062049872

***When a devilish lord and a bluestocking set off on the road to ruin...
Time is not on their side.***

Minerva Highwood, one of Spindle Cove's confirmed spinsters, needs to be in Scotland. Colin Sandhurst, Lord Payne, a rake of the first order, needs to be...anywhere but Spindle Cove.

These unlikely partners have one week
To fake an elopement
To convince family and friends they're in "love"
To outrun armed robbers
To survive their worst nightmares
To travel four hundred miles without killing each other
All while sharing a very small carriage by day and an even smaller bed by night.

What they don't have time for is their growing attraction. Much less wild passion. And heaven forbid they spend precious hours baring their hearts and souls.

Suddenly one week seems like exactly enough time to find a world of trouble.
And maybe...just maybe...everlasting love.

PRAISE FOR SPINDLE COVE

Starred Review from *Publishers Weekly* (*A Week to be Wicked*):

"Delightful... Lust, love, and witty repartee are perfectly balanced in this seamlessly plotted romance."

Starred Review from *Booklist* (*A Night to Surrender*):

"Graced with a cast of wonderfully quirky secondary characters, gifted with a wildly creative plot, and sparked with equal measures of insouciant wit and sexy romance... An absolute treasure."

Top Pick! from *RT Book Reviews* magazine (*A Night to Surrender*):

"Since her 2009 debut, Dare has struck just the right chord with readers. Her light yet fascinating plots, disarming characters, sense of humor and sensuality enthrall. Dare dares to create memorable and unique stories that are sure to remain reader favorites for years."

FROM *A WEEK TO BE WICKED*.

“I don’t believe you.”

“You should. Others would.”

“You’ve been mercilessly teasing me for months now. No one would forget that.”

“All part of the infatuation. Don’t you know? A man might engage in flirtation with disinterest, even disdain. But he never teases without affection.”

He placed his hands on her shoulders. His gaze swept her body from boots to unbound hair. “I could have them all believing I’m consumed by a savage, visceral passion for this enchantress with raven’s-wing hair and sultry lips. That I admire her fierce loyalty to her sisters, and her brave, resourceful spirit. That I’m driven wild by hints of a deep, hidden passion that escape her sometimes, when she ventures out of her shell. ”

His strong hands moved to frame her face. His Bristol-diamond eyes held hers. “That I see in her a rare, wild beauty that’s been overlooked, somehow, by other men. And I want it. Desperately. All for myself. Oh, I could have them believing it all.”

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