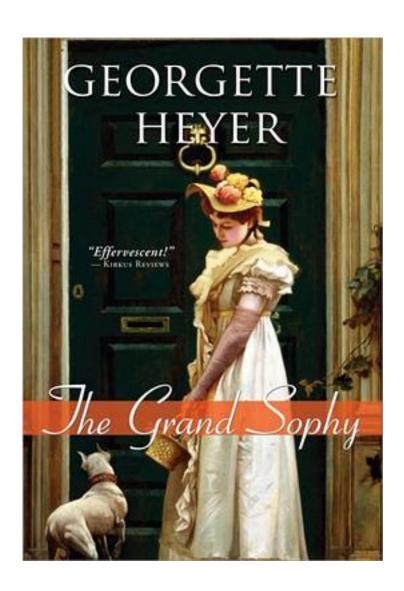
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"Sophy sets everything right for her desperate family in one of Georgette Heyer's most popular Regency romances." When Lady Ombersley agrees to take in her young niece, no one expects Sophy, who sweeps in and immediately takes the ton by storm. Sophy discovers that her aunt's family is in desperate need of her talent for setting everything right: Ceclia is in love with a poet, Charles has tyrannical tendencies that are being aggravated by his grim fiancee, her uncle is of no use at all, and the younger children are in desperate need of some fun and freedom. By the time she's done, Sophy has commandeered Charles's horses, his household, and finally, his heart.

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Heyer出生于1902年的一个中产阶级家庭,母亲是个音乐家,精通大提琴和钢琴,而父亲George

Heyer虽然是一名伦敦大学国王学院的教师,但却衷于写作,经常向英国著名文学杂志《格兰塔》(The

Grenta)投稿,也总是鼓励他的三个孩子们多阅读。也正是因为父亲的影响Heyer阅读了大量图书,还经常和后来同为作家的朋友们交流。

1919年,Heyer为了帮她生病卧床的弟弟Boris打发时间而编了一个故事,不仅吸引了她的弟弟,还让她的父亲也十分惊喜。在父亲的帮助下,Heyer将这个故事改编成了她的第一部小说、也是第一部历史罗曼史小说《黑蛾》(The Black Moth),于1921年出版。

1925年,Heyer嫁给了George Ronald Rougier,一位采矿工程师。1926年,她的第五本书《爱与恨的抉择》(These Old Shades)出版。在毫无宣传推广的情况下,这本书的精装版(Hardcover)立刻登顶畅销榜首。也正是因为这个原因,Heyer此后从不为她的作品做宣传。后来,Heyer以《爱与恨的抉择》主角的后代为主角创作了三部续集:《魔鬼之后》(Devil's Cub)、《摄政公子》(Regency Buck)和《狼藉之师》(An Infamous Army)。其中,《摄政公子》是其第一部背景设定在摄政年代(1811-1820)的小说,奠定了摄政罗曼史这个上世纪风靡一时的小说类别的诞生。

Heyer在文坛从上世纪二十年代一直活跃到七十年代去世,创作了不亚于五十部囊括历史罗曼史、侦探、历史正剧题材小说。虽然她已去世四十余年,其小说从未离开公众视线,多次再版、改版(Jane Austen去世后作品断版了近二十年),即使说有的小说被代代相传也并不为过(Goodreads[外国豆瓣读书]上真实事例)。

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"No,I don't think I shall be disappointed," said Mr. Rivenhall, with a sudden and rueful grin, "Shocked, maddened, and stunned perhaps, but not disappointed! Come, Tina!"查尔斯和苏菲实在登对!
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