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Description:

Whoever said eavesdroppers never hear anything good was never privy to the titillating conversation Spenser Heatherington, Lord Beecham, overhears at a party. But then, there's nothing retiring or at all usual about Helen Mayberry, daughter of eccentric Lord Prith. Helen is a statuesque blue-eyed, blond Aphrodite who owns her own inn and has read everything academic and otherwise on the art of discipline. An inveterate womanizer, Heatherington determines--based on a conversation he wasn't supposed to hear--that he would love to teach Helen what he knows about the subject and maybe learn something new in the process. When Helen tells Heatherington that she wants him for her partner, he wholeheartedly agrees but is dismayed when she further explains that she needs his skill to help locate a mythical golden lamp rumored to make its possessor all-powerful. But both are overwhelmed by their responses to each other--a passion that cannot be denied--in the middle of a fox hunt, in a rundown shack, on the floor of her father's study.... Marked by *The New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Coulter's trademark wit and sensuality, *The Courtship* is a keeper! --

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Alison Trinkle

From Publishers Weekly Set in Regency England (though not a Regency romance), Coulter's latest historical novel describes, with delectable humor and sexuality, the romance between the beautiful Lady Helen and the Spenser Heatherington, Lord Beecham. A libertine, Spenser has vowed that he won't marry and produce an heir until just before he's ready to meet his maker. But his resolve wavers when he meets Helen, an inn-keeper who enchants every man she meets. At first, Helen would rather have Spenser as her partner than her lover, but she soon changes her mind. Helen's powerful discipline not only engenders great enjoyment for her and Lord Beecham in the bedroom, but in less steamy situations provides levity for the reader. In addition, a mystery subplot-concerning what might have happened to Aladdin's Lamp had the Knights Templar brought it back to England during the realm of Edward I--is intermixed with the love story. The novel reintroduces several beloved characters from Coulter's The Sherbrooke Bride and The Hellion Bride, who add to the droll good times. Coulter's romances may sometimes miss the mark, but she's in top form here, with a good-guy hero in pursuit of a worthy heroine. Readers will wish them years of delightful torment, silk cravats and all. (Jan.)

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