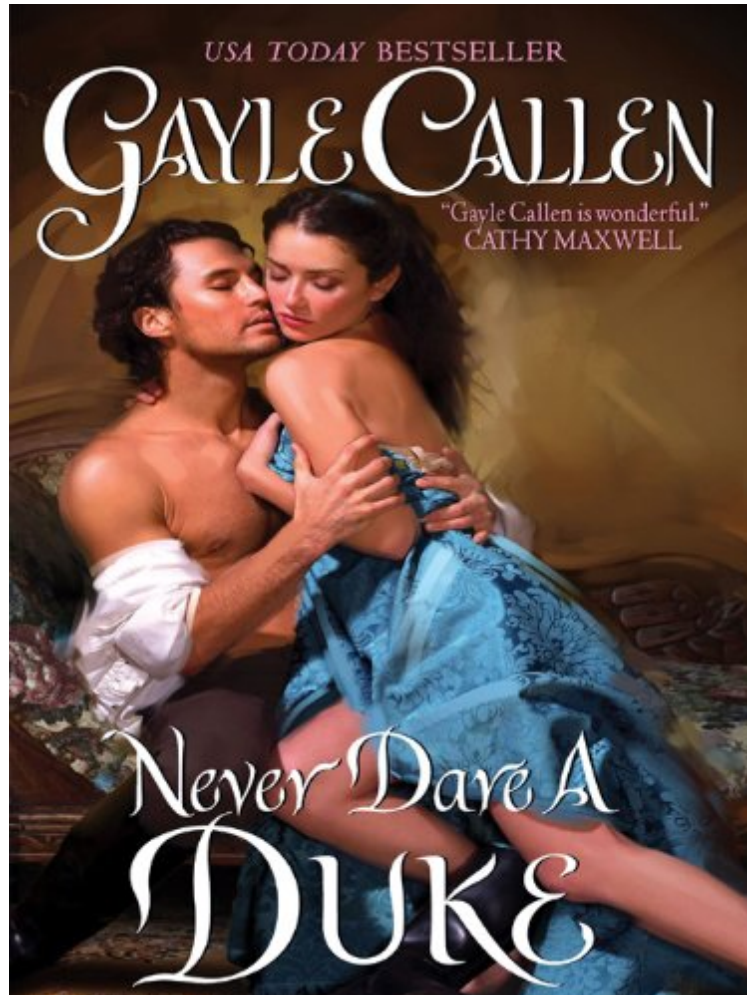


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Duke meets journalistVon Helen Hancox'Never Dare a Duke' is an enjoyable, lighthearted read with appealing, if fallible, hero and heroine. Our heroine is a budding journalist in a time when women weren't really supposed to work. Her father owns a newspaper which is struggling financially and Abigail Shaw has hit upon the idea of revealing the deep, dark secrets of that mysterious man, Christopher Cabot, the Duke of Madingley. Of course he's known as an upright, honourable man - but surely he has some skeletons in the closet? When Abigail's friend Gwendoline gets an invitation to a houseparty thrown by the Duke's mother, Abigail goes along as well in order to investigate the Duke so that she can dish the dirt.Right from the start of her time at the duke's house Abigail is unsuccessful at being unobtrusive. For

some reason the duke has noticed her - and she's certainly noticed him! He is being pursued by two determined young women who want to become duchesses and so Abby dares the duke to pretend to be courting her so that the other women give up. The duke takes her up on the dare, but might a pretend romance turn into something more real? Is there a deep and dark secret in the duke's past? Will Abby be able to write an exposé on him? The pacing in this book was very good, despite the fact that there wasn't very much action. The romance seemed believable as we see how well matched the duke and Abby are, despite the huge gulf in their social situations. Abby's character was well written in that, despite her rather unpleasant actions at times, it was always clear that she was goodhearted, if a little naive at times. Historical accuracy and dialogue seemed reasonable in this book and the side characters were also well written. It's a good read! Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 2009

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**Synopsis** Christopher Cabot is the perfect duke. His family's penchant for scandal has proven to him the need to suppress his recklessness and instead focus on leading an exemplary life. But the unexpected appearance of a meddling yet beautiful woman at his house party may undo all his hard work - especially if she succeeds in uncovering his one secret. Miss Abigail Shaw is desperate to save her father's newspaper, and what better way than to uncover the secrets of the scandalous Cabot family? Besides, no man can be that perfect. So Abigail risks everything and sneaks into his house party...and finds herself far more intrigued by the man himself than any mystery.