

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-United States, 2021-April 27 — /ToStories/ — Fiction author Patricia M. Muhammad discusses her debut historical romance novel, Love Captured.

The tapping of hard-heeled shoes and the scraping of hems against newly polished floors. Bows and curtsies are expected and a gloved hand offered only when a gentleman properly presents himself. Rehearsed dances and nuanced etiquette hide the watchful eyes of potential suitors, damsels and maidens. Their spotlight are the decadent chandeliers and lit candles set throughout the grand ballroom. None have the highest of expectations other than members of the Crown. They watch as the ennobled amuse themselves all the while providing entertainment for the king and queen. This has all the makings of a historical romance novel. Not all are the same, but many have similarities. From amongst all of these patricians lies a story of one gentleman and one maiden whose affection for one another has yet to be discovered, until...

Perhaps we should backtrack a bit further in time. We have already entered the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but how this young lady set on a mission given to her by her dying mother deserves appropriate attention. So we begin the story with a maiden across the pond named Emmeline. We follow the protagonist from her sheltered roots of a plantation mansion in the North Carolina colony, then as a stowaway across the tumultuous tides of the Atlantic Ocean to her arrival at the shantytown of Liverpool, England. The purpose of her visit she keeps secret, yet it is inevitable that she has to rely on someone--eventually she does. From the kindness of strangers who give her food and scraps of shelter to her enlistment of a benevolent society to help her uncover the truth about her heritage. Emmeline seeks her own 'freedom', but has to ensure her efforts aren't thwarted, even by a handsome duke, John, who attempts to befriend her. The courtier is sheltered in his own way and seeks after an answer to chart his own path and define himself, free from the influence of his mother and father. They realize that what they searched for was each another. The duke has invited Emmeline to accompany him to a gathering at the grand house of his mother and father. Remember the tapping of shoes? Yes there is dance—as well as envious maidens. They wonder how she captured the eye of such an esteemed duke. For this maiden, no effort needed to be had. A heart sincere and with intentions true, it was easy for this handsome aristocrat to have eyes only for her—even though she was reluctant. Time became their companion and mutual affection their lavish adornment. Emmeline and John solidify their relationship despite the obstacle of her heritage and the envy of unqualified maidens who seek to ruin their newfound happiness. The result is what she had been looking for all along without knowing, a beautiful marriage and the resolution which initiated her journey into England.

Love Captured is one of five historical romance novels Patricia has written and published. Love Captured may be purchased as an ebook from these online retailers:

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