

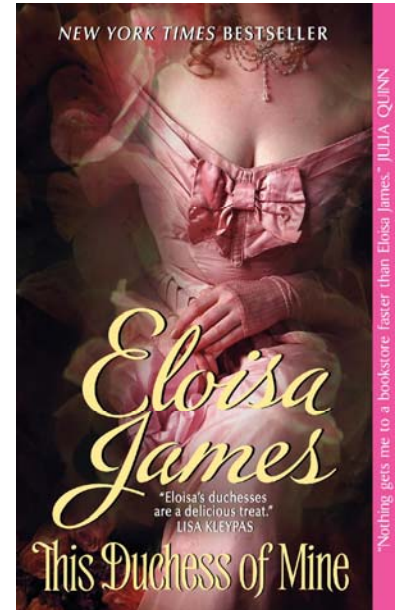


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But what manner of seduction will make a man fall desperately in love...with his own wife?

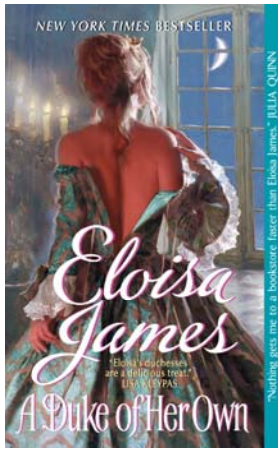


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