

A romantic couple is shown in a close embrace. The woman, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a vibrant red, off-the-shoulder dress with a lace bodice. She has her eyes closed and a soft expression. The man, on the right, is shirtless and has dark hair; he is leaning in to kiss her on the cheek. He is holding a white shirt. The background is a deep blue with a subtle, repeating floral or damask pattern. The overall mood is intimate and sensual.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERIn this poignant novel of longing and salvation, a hopeful widow and a resilient war hero discover the promise of love's magic and new beginnings. After surviving the Napoleonic Wars, Sir Benedict Harper is struggling to move on, his body and spirit in need of a healing touch.

Never does Ben imagine that hope will come in the form of a beautiful woman who has seen her own share of suffering. After the lingering death of her husband, Samantha McKay is at the mercy of her oppressive in-laws—until she plots an escape to distant Wales to claim a house she has inherited.

Being a gentleman, Ben insists that he escort her on the fateful journey. Ben wants Samantha as much as she wants him, but he is cautious. What can a wounded soul offer any woman?

Samantha is ready to go where fate takes her, to leave behind polite society and even propriety in her desire for this handsome, honorable soldier. But dare she offer her bruised heart as well as her body?

The answers to both their questions may be found in an unlikely place: in each other's arms. Includes Mary Balogh's charming short story, "The Suitor." Praise for *The Escape* "Bestseller [Mary] Balogh delivers an outstanding third installment of her *Survivors' Club* series.

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rendered love story of two wounded and lost souls who find each other and together discover strength and love.

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