



# The Ransome Trilogy

July 1814. The war with France is over, but the battle of hearts has just begun.

The Ransome Trilogy combines the wit, romance, and social commentary of Jane Austen with the sea-faring adventure of *Horatio Hornblower*.

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**Julia Witherington** swore she would never forgive the man who made her fall in love with him – then walked away. Royal Navy Captain **William Ransome** believes *not* marrying Julia was the honorable thing to do. When Julia is forced to forge an arrangement to marry William, she must set aside her prejudice and learn what love and honor really mean.



**Ned Cochrane** knows he is in no position to take a wife, especially his captain's younger sister. **Charlotte Ransome** is

determined to follow her heart – all the way to Jamaica and her secret fiancé. Her rash decision will put Charlotte in danger of more than just losing her heart to Ned Cochrane. Will Ned be able to reach her in time?

*From the ballrooms of Portsmouth across the Atlantic to the hunt for pirates in the Caribbean, it's not just the seas that are tumultuous in this historical romance trilogy!*

## Historical Romance with a Sense of Humor



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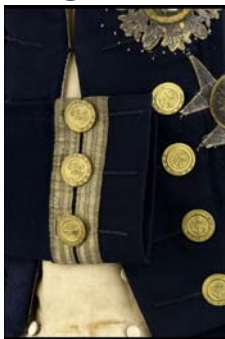
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## Ransome's Honor



**Julia Witherington** gave her heart away at seventeen, only to have it broken. She swore she would never forgive the man who disappointed her nor fall in love again, especially after watching her mother slowly fade away and eventually die while pining for her navy-officer husband.

Royal Navy Captain **William Ransome** believes he did the honorable thing by walking away from Julia Witherington twelve years ago. Now, he's convinced himself marriage is just a distraction, something that pulls men's hearts away from their duty to King and country. But that hasn't kept him from thinking Julia Witherington would make a perfect wife.

Forced by a conniving aunt and wastrel cousin into forging an arrangement to marry William Ransome to protect her inheritance – and return to Jamaica – Julia must set aside her prejudice and learn what love and honor really are.

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## Ransome's Crossing

To get to her secret fiancé in Jamaica, **Charlotte Ransome** disguises herself as a midshipman and joins the crew of one of the ships in the convoy led by her brother William. First Lieutenant **Ned Cochrane** has only known his captain's younger sister for a brief time, but is sure she's the wife he's been praying for – except he's about to leave for the Caribbean for at least one year.

An attack on the convoy gains Ned the promotion to commander he has long dreaded – especially once he discovers one of his midshipmen is actually Charlotte Ransome in disguise. After seeking Julia's advice, Ned decides to keep Charlotte's secret . . . and hopes to win her love.

Charlotte will soon discover that losing her heart to Ned is not the greatest danger she'll face on this Atlantic crossing.



## Ransome's Quest



The pirate **El Salvador** has haunted the waters of the Caribbean for almost ten years. When he snatched Charlotte Ransome, it was a case of mistaken identity. Now Charlotte's brother, whose reputation in battle is the stuff of legend, is searching for him with a dogged determination.

But another rumor has reached El Salvador's ears: Julia Ransome has been kidnapped by the man feared by all other pirates – the pirate known only as Shaw. The violent and blood-thirsty savage from whom El Salvador was trying to protect her.

When word reaches William of Julia's disappearance, his heart is torn – he cannot abandon the search for his sister, yet he must also rescue Julia. Ned Cochrane offers a solution: Ned will continue the search for Charlotte while William goes after Julia.

William's quest will lead him to a greater understanding of faith and love as he must accept help from an untrustworthy source and have faith that Julia's life is in God's hands.

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## The Research

Kaye's love of the Regency era started with Jane Austen. Her undergraduate literary thesis was entitled "Wealth and Social Status as a Theme in *Pride and Prejudice*," and much of her final semester of undergraduate school was spent studying Austen's novels. Her minor in history has given her a love – a thirst – for conducting in-depth, accurate research from original source materials as well as historical, academic, and literary criticism sources.

