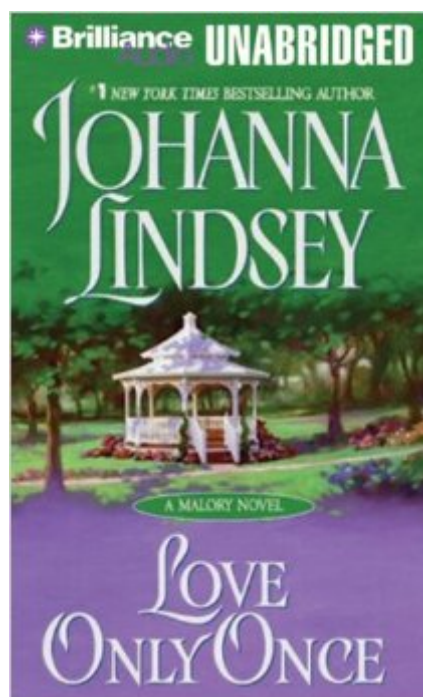


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Synopsis

The exquisite niece of Lord Edward and Lady Charlotte Malory, Regina Ashton is outraged over her abduction by the arrogant, devilishly handsome Nicholas Eden - and is determined to make the rogue pay with his heart. A golden-haired seducer, Nicholas has been hardened by a painful secret in his past. And now that he has besmirched Reggie's good name, the hot-tempered lady has vowed to wed him. Her fiery beauty stirs Nicholas as no woman ever has - and the rake arouses Reggie's passion to an unendurable level. Such uncontrolled desires can lead only to dangerous misunderstandings and, perhaps, to a love that can live only once in a lifetime.

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Customer Reviews

Love Only Once is the first in a series of books written about the Malory family. It's the story of Regina Ashton, beloved niece of the Malory brothers, whose only sister died when Regina was just a baby, leaving her in their care. Regina and her uncles want her to find a husband, but she can't seem to find anyone that will please everyone. She's seen hundreds of men, so many that society has deemed her a cold fish, thinking she must be entirely cold-hearted and self-centered. That's not the case at all, it's just nearly impossible to please four overprotective men. Viscount Nicholas Eden, a rakehell who has refused to ever marry owing to a secret in his past, is completely bored with his current mistress, Selena Eddington. He's started treating her badly and she's decided that it would be prudent to end things with him now, hoping to provoke a jealous reaction from him. Finding herself in desperate need to talk to her uncle Tony, hoping he'll be able to convince her uncles that

she's fed up with looking for a husband, Regina borrows Selena Eddington's conveyance. Having had too much to drink, Nicholas spots his former paramour's carriage outside Anthony Malory's home and decides to play a nasty trick on her and keep her from attending the party of the season. After her discussion with Tony, Regina bundles herself up in her cape and steps outside, only to be swept up on horseback by Nicholas, who thinks he's kidnapped Selena! Once home, Nicholas dumps Regina, who he still believes to be Selena, in one of his guest rooms, locks the door and leaves for the party himself. Only minutes after arriving at the party, Nicholas realizes his mistake and hurries home to see who he's actually abducted.

If this book were any more unbelievable it might actually be fantasy and not romance. I was so upset with the hero in this book. Some women call him a cad I think a better word to describe him is an asshole. He was horrible! Nicholas Eden is hiding a secret, he is the illegitimate son of an Earl and the only person who knows that is his evil step-mother whose only existence is to make his life miserable. She holds the fact that she knows his secret over his head and threatens to expose him. So when he mistakenly compromises Regina by kidnapping her thereby ruining her, of course he can't marry her in good conscience because he doesn't want to attach the stigma of his bastardy to her name. No, let her be a fallen woman instead. Unfortunately for him, her uncles force him into the marriage at which point he changes his strategy, he is going to make her leave him. That is a great plan, of course he seduces her in the process and takes her virginity, all while trying to make her leave him, consequently getting her with child. This fact of course makes it impossible for Regina to call off the marriage no matter how terrible he is being and they are married. He of course never learns of that fact that she is carrying his child because he leaves her as soon as they are married dropping her off at the estate where his hateful mother resides and leaves the country. After 7 months away from England he misses his wife and can't stand to be away from her. She however now "hates" him and never wants to see him again, but is comforted by the birth of her son. When he returns he finds out he has a son, much to his shock, and accuses Regina of having a son that isn't his.

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