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Harriet did her share of both; and nearly destroyed her life with mountainous debts and not one but two illegitimate pregnancies. Her health continued to decline well into her forties, and her gambling addiction continued. When I picked out this book, I was vaguely familiar with the life of Harriet Spencer's sister, Georgiana, the Duchess of Devonshire.

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He would seldom be at her side and would spend nights at Brooks's playing cards. Sent off to France, the Duchess believed she would die in childbirth. A young Miss Georgiana Spencer with her mother, Margaret Georgiana Spencer.

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She was petted and spoiled by Marie Antoinette; she witnessed the French Revolution and George III's madness. Records of her exile in France were subsequently erased from the family records. However, it is thought more likely that Briscoe may have served as an intermediary between the Duchess of Devonshire and her publisher so that the duchess could keep her anonymity.

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It amazes me how selfish she was.

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And so began the affair that became the last, untold story of enduring love in the Regency period, an open secret within just a tiny circle. Douglass illuminates her novels and poetry, her literary friendships, and the lifelong support of her husband and her publisher, John Murray.

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Even in the last years of her life, she pushed ahead in the field and attempted to help rebuild the Whig party, which had become fragmented; her efforts were to no avail, and the political party would eventually come to dissolve decades after her death. The parents raised Georgiana and her siblings in a happy marriage, which bears no record of there ever having been any extramarital affairs — a rarity in the era. The Second World War has finally ended, but times are still difficult and emotions run high.

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Henrietta Frances Viscountess Duncannon , 1797 Of her younger admirers, her favourite was who succeeded as The 2nd in 1828 , although he then fell in love with her daughter Caroline. She successfully dodged the Prince Regent's amorous advances; quarrelled bitterly with Byron, when her daughter Caroline Lamb embarked on a scandalous affair with him; and travelled through war-torn Europe during the rise and fall of Napoleon. Harriet became addicted to gambling and amassed thousands of pounds of debt that she could not afford to pay.

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