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What governess would refuse a duke? Exuberant, opinionated, irrepressible Leah Shaw, that's who. Since her arrival at Renforth Hall, the Duke of Northam's young son has thrived. Leah, intent on traveling abroad, insists she will stay for one year only. Marriage would change everything—if only Hayden Latimer, the duke, knew how to woo a woman who wants nothing to do with matrimony.

All the duke's wealth could not buy Leah the one thing she cherishes most: her independence. But if an overprotective father can give his son room to grow, can she learn to put down roots? For it's every woman's prerogative to change her mind...when her heart is guiding her toward love.

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Carole Jarvis says

Deborah Hale's latest in the Glass Slipper Brides series, *The Duke's Marriage Mission*, is a delightful Regency romance. Inspirational theme that focuses on a child with disabilities. Recommended.

See my review at:

<http://booksmusicandlife.blogspot.com...>

Melissa says

I really liked this book about a crippled boy, his father, and his governess. When a duke's sister engages a governess without his knowledge for his young crippled son, Hayden is extremely upset. He immediately wants to send Leah away, especially when she threatens to disrupt his son Kit's protective cocoon. But, the boy has other ideas. Kit enjoys learning and a little freedom for the first time ever and doesn't want to give this up. Hayden allows a temporary trial to see if things will work. Leah, who never wants to stay more than a year in one place and has dreams of touring the Continent decides to endure the father's protectiveness to help the boy. This was an enjoyable story about a father who learns to let go not only of his fears for his son, but his heart as well.

Penny Richards says

Dob Hale never disappoints. Having two children with disabilities in my family made this an especially poignant read for me. These children are so much more than what's on the outside. Kudos to Leah for sticking to her guns!

Roxanne says

I started and finished this book in one literally. Deborah Hale is an intriguing writer whose stories touch the heart and soul. I almost felt like I had gone back in time and was watching the love story unfold. A young governess comes to help tutor a bedridden child. The heroine hopes to help her pupil realize what wonderful things are to be experienced in life. Of course, she clashes with the boy's dashing father - the Duke. Over time, however, the duke and the governess come to an understanding that something must be done to lift the child's spirits. What happens next? Well, I can't tell you -you have to read it...to find out.

Melody says

I am thoroughly enjoying this series. The spunk of this heroine was endearing, and I was happy with the pace it took to tell the story, and the satisfying ending. Wonderfully done. :)

June says

What a great story about fears and overcoming them.

Leah has spent years going from job to job to avoid making connections and being tied down. She's always seen freedom as the ability to get away. If she only works for a year, so won't make connections that will need to be severed.

Lord Northam is convinced that keeping his son protected, not only from dangers but also from knowledge, will give him a long, happy life.

When Leah comes along and starts messing with his happy plan, all his carefully implemented plans are questioned not only by Leah, but by his son also.

Suzanne says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review

I really enjoyed reading this book. It's a simple love story that involves a woman who is scared of making connections with a man and the man is too over protective of his disabled son to focus on love. However, they both end up falling for each other and the reader sees the ups and downs of their slowly budding relationship.

Heather Snyder says

Leah Shaw is a spunky governess who has entered the doors of Renforth Hall. Unknown to the Duke, she has come to care for his sick child, Christopher Latimer, Lord Renforth—Master Kit to Miss Shaw. Almost immediately, Leah and Master Kit become friends and soon thereafter she longs to widen his world. At present, all he has ever known are the four walls of his nursery. Of course, Leah Shaw is in for a big surprise when she meets Hayden Latimer, Duke of Northam.

Upon first acquaintance, the Duke does not know who Leah Shaw is or why she is here talking to his son. He did not send word for a governess to come and take of Kit. He fears that Kit could get seriously hurt, and Kit does not need to be disillusioned by this young woman. His son must understand that his life is and always will be very different than other children his age.

Of course, Leah does not agree with these statements. She wants to build a bridge for Kit, so that he can explore the world and Renforth Hall. She also hopes to bring the Duke and his son closer together. The tension that resides in Renforth Hall has held the Duke for too long.

Can Leah succeed in helping Kit while also helping his father? Will the Duke relent and allow the young governess to teach his son?

Deborah Hale's novel, *The Duke's Marriage Mission*, proves to be an excellent read—especially for those

who love period pieces.

This text is set in Somerset, England during the Regency era.

Harlequin Historical says

Miniseries: Glass Slipper Brides

Gail says

Lovely little story. It's an inspirational romance but the inspiration part is almost completely in the atmosphere of this sweet romance. The heroine is a governess with dreams of traveling the great sights of Europe. The hero is a duke with an invalid son who has wrapped his whole life up in taking care of the boy. The heroine comes to take over the boy's education but the first encounter does not go well. And things--well, they don't exactly take off. They move almost excruciatingly slowly. But the story develops from there, and it's an entertaining, enjoyable story. I liked it quite a bit.

shay says

It was alright. I liked the the governess sticking up for the duke's son, while at the same time not usurping the father. She was able to creatively find ways to bring the boy more freedom and show the father changes could be made.

I did find it completely unbelievable that she didn't know why at times the servants didn't associate with her. That was simply how it was for governesses during that time. They didn't fit into either world and were often very lonely.

When I started this book I had no idea it was fourth in a series. There was nothing in the description of the eBook to suggest so and this is the first time I've read this author. I didn't feel it made much of a difference or make it hard to follow anyway.

I think it was just OK. I didn't feel much for the characters so I don't think I'll make a hurry to read her other books.

? Briansgirl (Book Sale Queen)? says

It was nice reading a story where characters have imperfections. In this case, in this historical novel, the child is paralyzed from the waist down. Even the hero (over protective) and heroine (values her freedom) aren't perfect. Lovely story.

Janis Kay says

As I got into the first 100 pages, I realized this had an uncanny resemblance to one of my favorite childhood stories *The Secret Garden*. [If you haven't seen the BBC movie adaptaion, do so ASAP. You won't regret it.] By the time it became blatantly obvious, I was thoroughly impressed by how Ms. Hale engineered the character roles. Colin's personality was 'split' btwn his fear of progress and want for a normal childhood into a father-and-son... idk if Mary would've had an easier or harder time, but the temper's there lol. All-in-all, good read.

Hilary says

It took me two tries several years apart to finally finish this book.

Harlequin Books says

"A delightful addition to the Glass Slipper Brides series, this story has an intelligent, forceful, yet patient heroine." RT Book Reviews, rated 4 stars

Miniseries: Glass Slipper Brides

Heart-touching to the extreme! Ms. Hale will definitely catch your heart with this one. I enjoyed watching each character develop and extend themselves. Lovely story. ~ Kim
