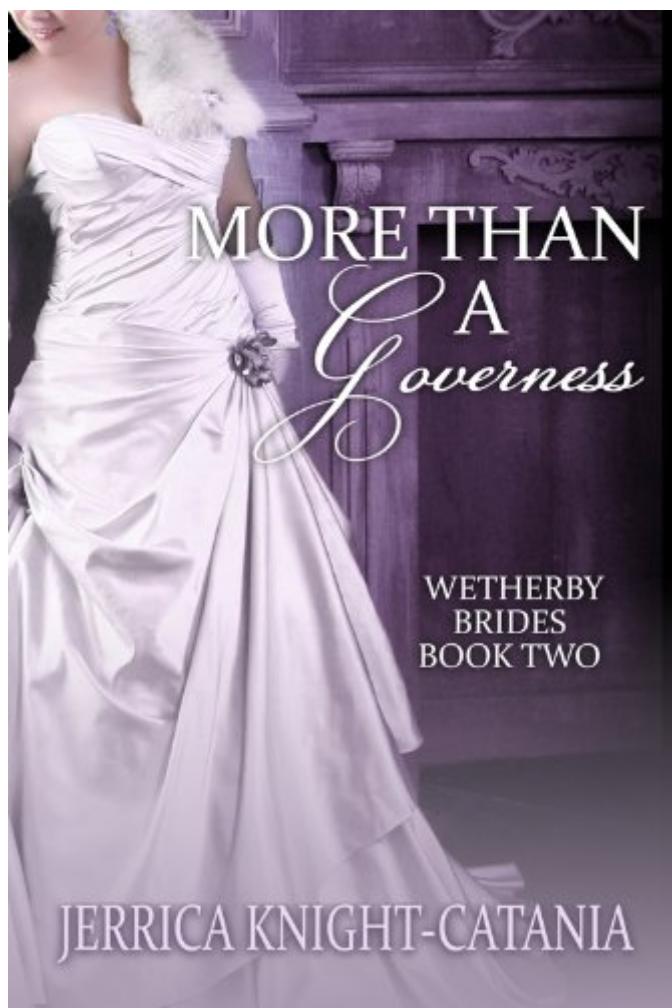


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# More Than A Governess (The Wetherby Brides, Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

The Wetherby Brides, Book 2--Setting: Regency EnglandSensuality: Warm (7)Becky Thorn has been keeping a secret for more than seven years. A secret that, if found out, could destroy her. So before she gets too ensconced in London society, she accepts a position as a governess for a reclusive Viscount and his wife, far away from the ton.Stephen Hastings, the third Viscount Hastings, is nothing short of perturbed when the tart Miss Thorn shows up on his doorstep. He is a man with little time and even less patience, who feels his pushover housekeeper is doing a fine job keeping his wards out of his hair. But Miss Thorn thinks differently and needles her way into becoming his governess, and eventually, the object of his affection.

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## **Customer Reviews**

When the heroine in this book enters the story (immediately, of course), she's already in a

super-adrenilated state. As "Becky", she stays there for a large part of the book. Between fleeing her murderous father, adjusting to life as a servant after being a proper young lady, and falling in love (against her better judgment, of course!), she manages to not only stay alive, but also to succeed. Of course, it helps that she falls in with the people she does. Had she knocked on the door of a more conventional family, there would have been a very different story - perhaps one where she marries the butler, or a doorman. But in this story, when woman meets man and the inevitable chemistry takes over, she has become the sort of woman that (once he realizes that the rules are more a set of guidelines) he not only can marry, but also, the one he MUST marry. Up to this point in the story, while there had been a little tension, the only real danger was that her father would find her. There seemed no way that would fit in, and indeed, one of the places the book failed for me was the introduction of the villain. Obviously, he was needed, but why he was invited to the house party, and why the couple didn't work out their guest list together created a small bump in my enjoyment. It was rapidly overcome by the pace to the final denouement. The ending was pleasant, and summed up the current story nicely, while hinting very lightly that additional stories remain to be told. I like the way this book ties into the series, and I like the fact that by telling this story, the author has made a way to expand the series further. As series progress, I find that the characters become more defined, and layers of complexity are added.....if you read all or most of the books. This series is totally addictive! Congratulations, again, to the author.

My MusingsI recently discovered this series on Kindle Unlimited. After reading/listening to A Gentleman Never Tells, book 1, I immediately purchased More Than a Governess, book 2. I met the heroine in book 1 and had to find out her secrets. Becky Thorn has a huge secret. Her employer treats her more as friend than servant. While she originally started out as a maid, she is now a companion and friend to Phoebe, the Marchioness of Eastleigh. When Becky finds an advertisement for a governess, she decides it is time to move on. When she arrives at the home of Viscount Hastings, she finds out that he has not advertised for a governess, but when the opportunity arises for her to show him how she can benefit his niece and nephew, she convinces him to give her a chance to proof herself. Stephen is immediately drawn to his new governess in a most inappropriate way, but as a moth to a flame, he cannot stay away. As he watches Becky with the children, he has to ask himself, could she be the answer to his niece and nephews problems, but if she is, can he keep his hands off her? Becky has a huge secret and has protected it for seven years. She finds it practically impossible to allow anyone to get close to her. I loved her bravery and ability to land on her feet. Her care and love of the two children pulled on my heartstrings. While a

waif character type for sure, she has plenty of the spunky kid driving her character. I immediately bounded with her character and wanted her to find happiness. Stephen was a more difficult character to grow to love, but by the end of the tale, that happens. Having suffered from the loss of loved ones, it makes sense that he doesn't want to get close to anyone emotionally, but Becky gets under his skin from the start. He has a huge character arch. In the beginning, he has a terrible disposition and doesn't show much interest in his late sister's children. I loved watching his growth from a surly fellow to one who grows to love his niece and nephew and one who allows Becky into his heart. More Than a Governess has a great story line, and I loved traveling the characters' emotional journey. There is plenty of action along the way, which kept me flipping the pages on my Kindle. The romance between Becky and Stephen touched my heart, and I truly wanted them to find their happy ending. Ms. Knight-Catania writes an emotional story and is great at building sexual tension. For me, the narration has a few issues. Ms. Turner's voice is quite high-pitched, so her male interpretations are a bit distracting. The tone she gives the twins, the brothers of the Marquis of Eastleigh, makes them sound like young children instead of 22 year old men. However, she does read with plenty of emotion and her voice for Becky is spot-on. I thoroughly enjoyed this delightful tale of love filled with a bit of mystery and suspense. It is a great addition to the Wetherby Brides series, and I can't wait to read the next book in the series. In fact, I've already downloaded both the book and the audio version. Happy reading!

When 15 year old Isabelle Thornton witnesses her mother lying dead at the bottom of the stairs and her father, with a look full of hate and rage, standing at the top of the stairs glaring at her, she realizes that her father has killed her mother. Fearing that her father will murder her next she runs away to seek employment as a maid, and changes her name to Becky Thorn. The home where she is employed is that of Phoebe, Marchioness of Eastleigh, whose story was in A Gentleman Never Tells which is Book One of this series. After seven years as a maid and companion to Phoebe, Isabelle/Becky leaves to take a position as governess for Stephen Christie, Viscount Hastings, who is the reluctant and overwhelmed guardian of his ill-behaved niece and nephew. More Than a Governess is Book Two of a four-book series but each is a standalone book so you don't have to read the other books in order to enjoy each one. However, if you read them in the correct sequence, in each subsequent book you will find characters from preceding books re-introduced and more of their stories unfolded. This is the kind of series I like and I highly recommend not only this book but all four of the books in the Wetherby Brides series.

That reason for four stars is this story is like another one. It's a great story about a fifteen year old girl who run away from home after she witness the murder of her mother by her father. The love story of Isabelle and Stephen.

I was tempted by the first book in this series and though I found that one a bit disappointing I was sufficiently intrigued by the Becky character that I got this one. Both the heroine and hero of this tale were far more sympathetic and entertaining than the first book and I very much enjoyed this adventure.

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