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"Regal Reward" By Elaine Violette

In January 2007, Elaine's first novel **Regal Reward** was released by **Cerridwen Press**. **Regal Reward** is one of the first to be launched as part of Cerridwen's new Regency imprint, **Cerridwen Cotillion**. This Regency Historical Romance is a Finalist in NJRW Golden Leaf Contest. Here is an overview of this Romance Novel:

York Blackstone has one obsession, to avenge his family's destruction. The opportunity arrives when he stumbles upon the lovely Marielle Henley asleep beneath an ancient oak in the dead of night. Her obstinate behavior causes her to leave the safety of her father's estate and fall into the hands of the ruthless highwayman. Marielle's beauty and sauciness makes it difficult for York to keep his focus on the prize, a hefty ransom for her return, until he discovers that she can bring him something money can't buy, his birthright, lost to him when his father was accused of treason.

Marielle's fear and outrage at her captors turn into a torment of conflicting emotions while York's cunning and invulnerable nature, hardened by life on the streets, is tested by Marielle's alluring presence. Her demands to be freed begin to conflict with her unexpected attraction to her captor. She is unable to dismiss his contradictory behavior, one moment a tyrant, the next a gentleman, a much too attractive one at that.

Their relationship, at times, becomes heated with anger, at others, with passion. His previous resolve for revenge resurfaces, however, when he hears of her betrothal to Lord Craymore's son, Richard. The news fuels his obsession for revenge. Regardless of his attraction to Marielle, York will stop at nothing or allow anyone, including his lovely captive, to divert him from avenging his father's disgrace.

The author moved to the CT Shore six years ago and finally followed her dream of becoming a writer. When her youngest graduated high school, she started her second career as a high school English teacher and a college adjunct teaching literature and speech. Elaine is a member of Romantic Writers of America (RWA) and her local Connecticut chapter, Charter Oak Romance Writers (CORW).

Her previous publications include book reviews, human interest articles, and poetry. Her second novel, **Lavender Lady**, the story of Alaina, a character in **Regal Reward**, will continue the 2-book tale of the Craymore/Blackstone families.



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