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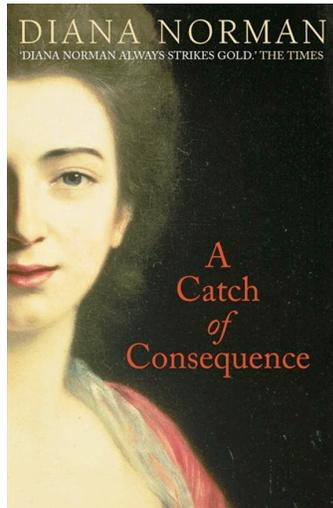
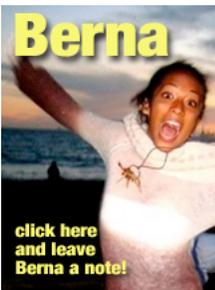
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## Book Corner: "A Catch of Consequence"

by Brittany Taylor



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It's 1765. America is on the brink of independence, and Makepeace Burke wants nothing to do with it. As far she's concerned, riots and mobs are bad for business. The owner of a tavern that plays host to Sam Adams and other notables of the day, she comes to believe that patriotism is a dirty word, a word that covers up the misdeeds of others, making them right in the eyes of society. Misdeeds like the scalping of her young brother, the burning of her precious Roaring Meg—all for being unlucky enough to drag an unconscious English aristocrat out of the harbor.

Makepeace is an unlikely heroine about to embark on an even more unlikely life. Smuggled aboard a ship by the nearly drowned Sir Philip Dapifer as she watches her tavern burn to the ground, Makepeace is headed to bustling eighteenth-century London and a society life for which she is thoroughly unprepared. Dapifer quickly falls in love with the quick-witted, sharp-tongued 24-year-old virgin and marries her as they cross the Atlantic. Watch as she braves fashionable society, the scorn of her companions, and a vicious ex-wife out to ruin her happy ending.

Diana Norman's *A Catch of Consequence* is a heart-stirring account of a country in the midst of massive change and city at the dawn of indoor plumbing and bloomers. Rich period detail makes the novel all-too-real and will have readers wondering if Norman's time machine is available for rent. Makepeace will steal your heart with her loyalty, her no-nonsense point of view, and her quirky practicality. She is a diamond, most certainly in the rough and quite willing to stay there, thank you very much. Makepeace defies convention, and that's what makes her such a unique heroine in the genre of historical fiction. *A Catch of Consequence* is a frustratingly quick read. Lucky for you, there's more to the story. Norman's two sequels, *Taking Liberties* and *The Sparks Fly Upward* will keep you coming back for more of Makepeace Burke and her many misadventures.

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