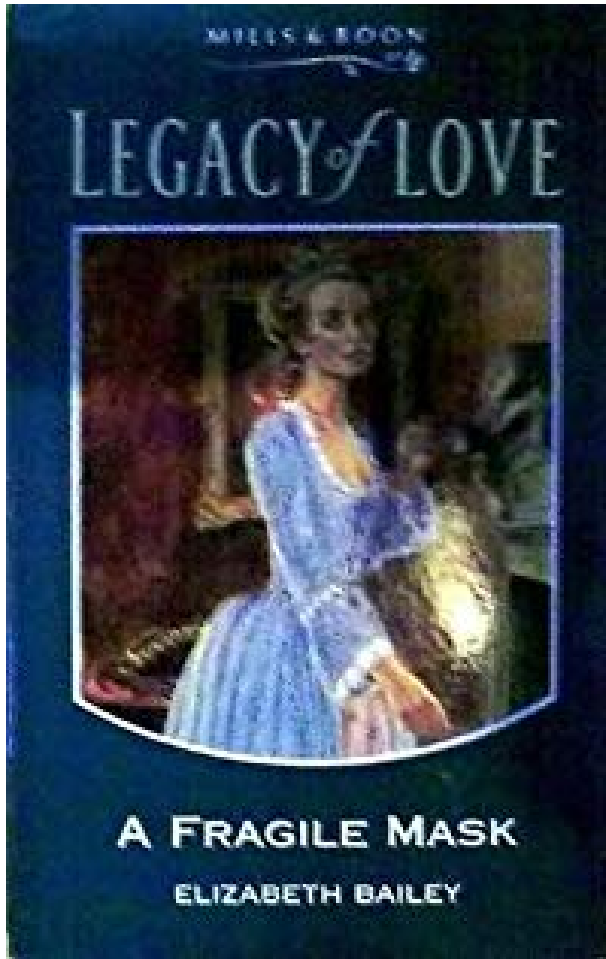


# A Fragile Mask



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A Romance Novel In the tradition of Regency Romance, a poignant and heartrending tale set in the no longer fashionable spa of Tunbridge Wells.

Flirtatious Denzell proves a dangerous temptation to Verena's desire to remain heart-free.

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**A FRAGILE MASK** Visiting friends in Tunbridge Wells, Denzell Hawkeridge is struck by the warmth of a beautiful girl playing with children in the snow.

But when he meets the mysterious Verena Chaceley, she is as cold as a statue. Provoked into flirting, Denzell cannot judge his success in pricking through the mask. Anxious for her abused mother's health, terrified the perpetrator will come after them, Verena struggles to remain aloof from Denzell's charm. He retires defeated, until a chance encounter produces a clue to Verena's true background. Will Denzell's affection be enough to

coax Verena out of her ingrained fear of matrimony?