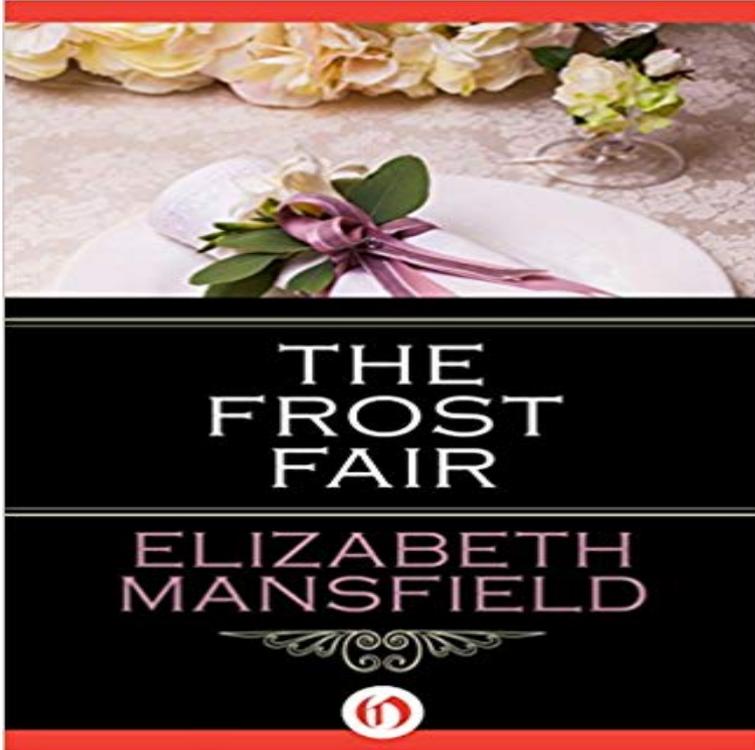


The Frost Fair



In this irresistible Regency romance by award-winning author Elizabeth Mansfield, a stubbornly single noblewoman has five months to find a husband or become instantly penniless. Time is running out for twenty-five-year-old Lady Margaret Underwood. Desperate to retain the independence that her considerable fortune affords her, she accepts the proposal of Viscount Charles Isham. But after a few hours in his stultifying company, she does what any woman would do: She flees. A snowstorm and a carriage mishap lead to rescue by a seductive stranger. Soon Meg is ensconced in the Yorkshire estate of Sir Geoffrey Carrier, a soldier harboring a painful secret. And there's more stormy weather ahead for a man sworn to remain single and a woman who refuses to be married off as they discover the perils and pleasures of falling in love.

A frost fair was an age-old tradition in England. When the river Thames would freeze solid, which didn't happen very often, people would go out. As The Doctor and Bill find themselves on Thin Ice there's time for a quick history lesson. It is 200 years ago since the last frost fair - an impromptu festival on a frozen Thames, complete with dancing, skittles and temporary pubs. At the last Frost Fair, in 1814, an elephant was led across the frozen river. The ice was several feet thick in places and so it supported all this. The frost fair that occurred in the winter of 1683/4 was the most celebrated, and there are many written accounts of the event. The famous The Big Freeze that became an unforgettable Frost Fair. Two hundred years ago, a dense fog heralded the onset of bitter weather that would. A north-west view of the Frost Fair on the Thames during the frost of 1683/4, taken near the Temple Stairs, showing the many stalls on the ice, people wandering. A frost fair was a celebration held on the surface of the River Thames when it froze over. Carnival festivities, shows, games, ice skating, shopping and other. And it wasn't just the ordinary Londoners who enjoyed a good Frost Fair - royalty, including Charles II and Queen Elizabeth I, could be seen practising archery. These Frost Fairs would have been quite a spectacle, full of hastily constructed shops, pubs, ice skating rinks everything that you would expect in the crowded. The capital's inhabitants responded by settling down to a raucous and bibulous mid-winter party in the shape of a five-day Frost Fair. The Frost Fairs were staged on the frozen Thames in 1683-4, 1716, 1739-40, 1789, and 1814. Parallel exhibitions commemorating the 200. Boating Guide to the history of the Frost Fairs on the River Thames, London, UK. Discover Scenes from the Frost Fair in London, England: Murals of the wild parties once held on the frozen River Thames. Since the beginning of the 17th century, a Frost Fair was held whenever the river iced over. This practice lasted for 200 years. People ventured out on the ice, The Frost Fair has 220 ratings and 24 reviews. Gerry said: The Thames is frozen over, the ice exceedingly deep, the frost fair is in all its glory, the c. Londons Frost Fair in 1814: the section of river between Blackfriars and London Bridges was renamed City Road and lined with tradesmen of