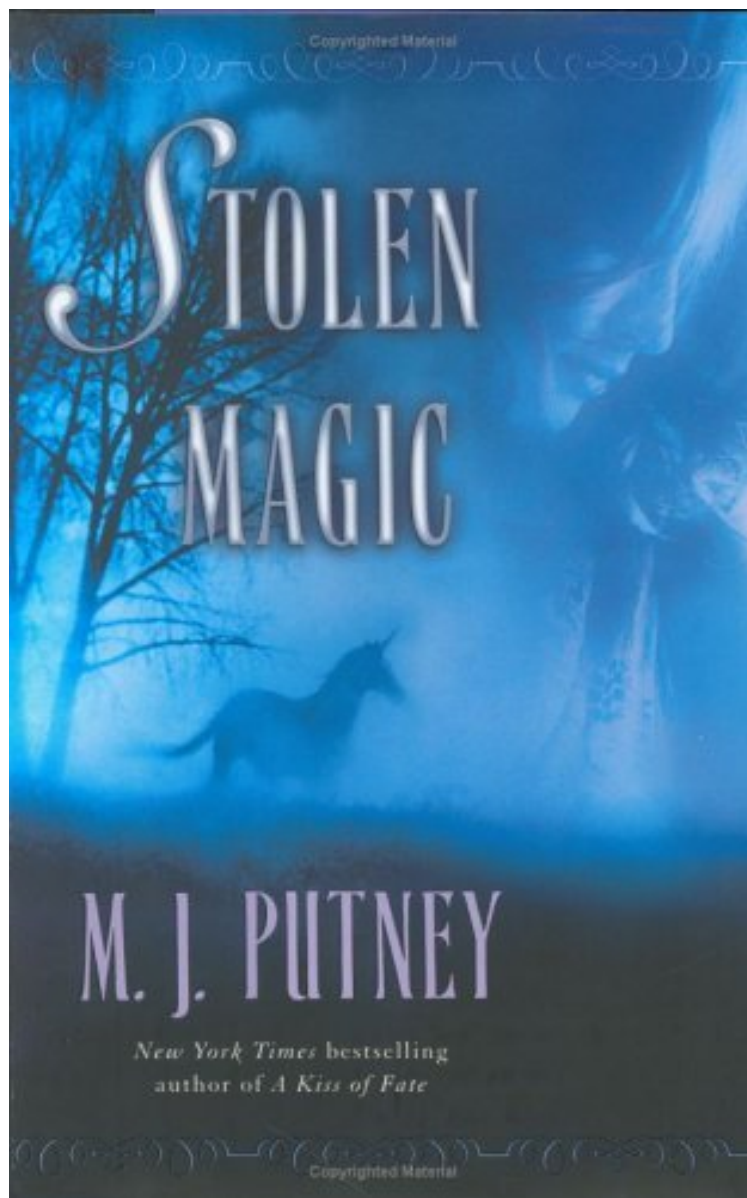


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Von M.J. Putney : Stolen Magic (Guardian) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stolen Magic (Guardian):

Kurzbeschreibung With richly imagined characters and compelling stories, New York Times bestselling author M. J. Putney has won dazzling praise from reviewers and readers across the country. Her spellbinding new romantic fantasy will sweep you from Wales mysterious forests to the glittering menace of Georgian London and into a shattering rendezvous with fate. Heir to an ancient title, Simon Malmain, the Earl of Falconer, is well known among the Guardians, humans with magical powers derived from nature. Well known, but not always well loved . . . for those who enforce the law are rarely embraced by those whom they protect and this is equally true whether the law is magical or mundane. A routine mission to confront a rogue Guardian who has misused his powers turns disastrous when Simon's quarry, Lord Drayton, captures his pursuer in a transformation spell that can only be released by Drayton's death. Aid arrives in the form of Meg, a fey young woman who first traps Simon, then frees him. As they flee together, Simon recognizes that Meg is also a victim of Drayton's evil enchantments, and he restores her nature and innate magic. Though her memory is still clouded, she is freed at last from a shadowy world of fear and lost identity. She agrees to help Simon bring down Drayton. The need for each other's magic binds them together and releases the more ancient magic of passion. But desire cannot be satisfied until the rogue mage is stopped. For Drayton has a diabolical plan that will profoundly alter the course of Britain's future. Even the combined power of Simon and Meg may not be enough to stave off catastrophe. Only a desperate act of love may win back the future or destroy all they hold dear. From the Hardcover edition.

From Booklist *Starred* Putney continues the tale begun in *A Kiss of Fate* (2004) about magically gifted Guardians in eighteenth-century Britain. Here the focus is on Lord Drayton, a Guardian who goes rogue, and Simon Malmain, the earl of Falconer, who must stop him. Lord Drayton transforms Simon into a unicorn, planning to murder him and increase his own power with the magic of the unicorn's horn. He uses Meg, his homely, simpleminded ward, as bait; but the virgin and the unicorn escape, and, lo and behold, when their blood mixes, Simon returns to his human form and Meg turns out to be neither homely nor simpleminded. Putney's fully imagined magical system, combined with Georgian detail, is a terrific setting for a tale of intrigue and danger. As Meg and Simon try to stop Drayton's ever-more diabolical plan, they must stay close together or Simon will turn back into a unicorn. Consequently, the sexual tension is high in this enchanting blend of fantasy and romance by M. J. Putney, an alter ego for romance star Mary Jo Putney. Diana Tixier Herald Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen Advance praise for *Stolen Magic* M. J. Putney has created true magic with this book, the kind that comes when you curl up in a comfortable armchair and let the story take your imagination away. Come visit an enchanted eighteenth-century England and meet two desperate lovers caught in the web of a sinister lord with great magical power. Romantic and lyrical, this tale will fill your reading time with pleasure. I loved it. Catherine Asaro, Nebula Award-winning author of *The Misted Cliffs* M. J. Putney's writing has always been magical; now that she has turned her hand to the telling of a fantasy tale, it sparkles on the page. *Stolen Magic* has to be one of the most delightful reads of the year, a witty, finely crafted tale that enchants from beginning to end. As always, Putney's intelligent wordsmithery, scholarship, eye for detail, and ability to bring to life irresistible characters add up to enjoyment on every page. Fast-moving and fun! Elizabeth Haydon, author of the *Symphony of Ages* series Magic meets science, love wars with duty, and power claims its due in this lush and fast-paced romantic fantasy novel. Seamlessly weaving together the Age of Enlightenment with the destiny of mages, *Stolen Magic* immerses the reader in a richly detailed world of strong-willed characters and the volatile sorcery that threatens to destroy them. This author, who has long been one of my favorite romance writers, has now become one of my favorite fantasy novelists! Laura Resnick, author of *The White Dragon* and *The Destroyer Goddess* From the Hardcover edition.