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Erika Wilde turns up the heat in another installment of THE MARRIAGE DIARIES, an erotic series about a married couple who take intimacy and passion to the extreme.

THE INVITATION...

After months of indulging in some of the hottest sex of his married life, Dean Noble intends to give Jillian a very special gift for their twentieth anniversary... an invitation that will take them beyond their wildest, most erotic fantasies.

THE PLAYERS CLUB...

Jillian is more than willing to accept her husband's invitation, and together they enter a provocative world where boundaries are pushed to the limit, pleasure is the ultimate goal, and Dean is able to embrace those darker desires he's kept a tight rein on all these years.

But when Dean's alpha tendencies extend outside of the bedroom, a battle of wills ensues, and it's up to Jillian to show her husband that she's all for submission games in the playroom, but when it comes to her needs outside the bedroom he'll have to learn to compromise.

THE MARRIAGE DIARIES Series

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Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

From the beginning of this series, I have been a huge fan. I applaud any author who takes a look at a long term couple and has them re-examine their relationship, rediscover their sexuality as a couple, and reaffirm their love for one another. Erika Wilde has done this in spades with The Marriage Diaries and in the Invitation, she pushes the envelope a little more by making Dean face up to his fears and Jillian move out of her comfort zone just a little bit more.

There's no denying that this couple loves one another and have been enjoying the focus they put on their sex lives and their marriage. Dean decides he wants to shake things up a little more and wrangles them an invitation to Players, a sex club. He's a little worried about how Jillian will react but finds that she's willing to go as long as they have some rules into place. While there, he stretches those boundaries while fulfilling one of their fantasies. Dean proves he's a master at creating a mind fuck during this book. However when Jillian tells Dean about an opportunity that she wants to explore this creates some tension in their lives and leaves him imagining all kinds of scenarios.

I enjoyed this book because it showed us that despite how well their lives are going right now, it's not without the normal issues that come up in a marriage. It was good that we see them facing some issues outside of the bedroom and dealing with them as a couple. The Invitation is another fantastic addition to the Marriage Diaries and I'm intrigued by the Player's Club and can't wait to see what happens as that series progresses.

Cheryl Graham-Petit says

In a nutshell...

WOW

Just WOW

Seriously, WOW!

Jennifer says

The Invitation by Erika Wilde gives us another glimpse into the lives of Dean and Jillian. I have come to really enjoy each book in this series and have been patiently (not really) waiting for The Invitation which is the prelude to the Players Club.

As Dean and Jillian's twentieth wedding anniversary approaches, Dean believes he has found the perfect present for Jillian. He goes to his best friend and partner Mac and ask for an Invitation to the players club. A local private club that Mac has been a member of for several years (as well as some other members of his

team). The night of their wedding anniversary Dean gives Jillian the invitation. He leaves the decision to accept or decline up to her. With Jillian's new found interest in spicing things up she accepts. Dean and Jillian are off to the Player's Club!

"It's our twentieth anniversary, baby. I'm not done with you yet, especially after that nice comment of yours. Before the night is through, I want you to see fucking fireworks."

The Invitation is a truly fabulous story. While the title centers around their invite to the club the story contains so much more than the players club. There are snippets of Dean and Jillian's early dating and marriage. What I found to be the most interesting was the continual blossoming of Jillian. Now that her children are grown she is feeling the "empty nest" and soon as the opportunity to work outside the home. Dean being Dean does not want Jillian to work. How will Jillian's job affect Dean and their marriage.

Dean is the ultimate alpha male and this story shows it more than the others. Their time at the Player's Club is so HOT! He pushes Jillian to experience things she might not have done if they weren't at the club. Though he is in control at work and at the club he is starting to feel a little out of it when Jillian tells him that she was offered a job. Because of his past he is adamant that she doesn't work. Later on Dean realizes that he is being completely harsh in his refusal to allow Jillian to work but he has always prided himself on taking care of his family. Dean has to confront some of his demons in and was really great to see that such an alpha male can be vulnerable. It shows that everyone has insecurities he just better at hiding it than others.

"Do you want me?" "I want my wife."

Again I absolutely loved this story. I could read a new story of Dean and Jillian all the time. They are like a fine wine they get better with age!

"So you think I can be mollified with hot sex?" "You're a man, aren't you?"

Emily McGee says

4.5 Stars

This series just keeps getting hotter and more amazing with each book. When we left Jillian and Dean in Volume #4 the ending was a little ominous. Not cliffhanger material, but a definite foreshadowing as to how Dean was going to push Jillian. And he pushed the limits almost too much. To celebrate their 20th Anniversary Dean gets Jillian and himself invited to an exclusive sex club. A sex club that has no restraints on the amount of pleasure one can receive within its walls. Of course, in their recent adventurous state Dean and Jillian are eager to see what The Player's Club has to offer. But they may end up hitting Jillian's hard limits.

I guess in a way, Jillian and Dean push the boundaries in this installment. Their marriage is tested but, not just from their sexual explorations. Jillian has become more independent since her horizons have broadened and Dean may not take too kindly to having his alpha toes stepped on. The Invitation offers more meat to Dean and Jillian's relationship than the previous books. I felt I got to know them more than just their sexual preferences or long-ago history. They face more obstacles than just trusting one another in the bedroom.

With Jillian and Dean both being so incredibly stubborn, I thought The Invitation was going to end in a

stalemate. After 20 years of marriage, it's hard for changes to be accepted at the drop of a hat. But, leave it to Jillian and Dean to end up taking their differences and coming out a stronger couple on the other side. Besides the fact that The Invitation has some incredibly hot sex and thigh-clenching moments it also builds upon the characters and sets the stage for an all-new spin-off series, aptly named, The Player's Club. Can I express how excited I got when I found that out? I was SUPER excited :) But, I still want/need more Jillian and Dean. I want to seem them finagle some hot trysts when their kids come home for the holidays, or some other daring escapades. I feel like their story is just beginning and I hope to get my hands on another installment!

Happy Reading!

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~ **Cariad** ~ says

3.5 stars - I've really enjoyed this series :)

Knock Your Books Off says

I love The Marriage Diaries Series, they are short little reads - too short Erika, do you hear me TOO SHORT woman!!!!!!

However, Erika packs so much into these little beauties they're "can't put down" reads and boy they are hot - SCHMOKING HOT, never mind Knock Your Books Off they knock your panties right off!!!

Dean & Jillian married in their late teens and have stayed married for 20 years and this book marks their twentieth anniversary - the next adventure in re-inventing their sex life is a trip to an exclusive sex club - sounds sleazy but it's not at all, Dean treasures his wife and whilst the experience pushes her boundaries like never before he still respects her body and soul, so what could easily turn into something cheap & tacky actually serves to strengthen their relationship even further.

Erika rocks the boat in this book and although touched on in the previous books she brings it right to the fore in The Invitation that although Dean adores Jillian, in ex-marine all alpha male style, he does like his wife at home being a wife and mother, with the children grown Jillian wants to accept a job offer and they hit an impasse that neither of them are prepared to budge on - how Dean deals with this - is just WOW - if Erika had been in front of me I would have smacked her upside the head with my iPad - I shed tears at Deans actions and whilst I'm a self confessed angst whore I was truly gutted he messed up as he did!!! In saying that it was what pushed it up from a 4 to a 5 star read.

But all is not what it seems - could Jillian & Deans actions actually bring them to a conclusion that they can both be happy with???

5 stars knocked off!!

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Fera Flies Free says

It's far hotter than I anticipated :) haha

Tracey says

'The Invitation' is the fifth novella in 'The Marriage Diaries' series by Erika Wilde. These are short and sexy reads that revolve around a married couple that have seriously spiced things up in the bedroom.

Jillian and Dean Noble have been married for twenty years. For most couples that have been together that long, things can get a little stale. Determined to keep the fires burning, Jillian stepped things up by seducing Dean at his office in Book 1 of this series, 'The Awakening.' Since then, their marriage is better than ever, and the two continue to grow closer. This brings us to 'The Invitation,' which refers to an invite to The Players club, a members-only, anything goes group that some of Dean's friends and colleagues belong to. Sensing that Jillian might be open to this next step, Dean obtains the invitation and gets Jillian to agree to explore the club with him.

I enjoyed the relationship between Jillian and Dean, especially as they are a solid couple, intent on keeping things fresh and exciting in their relationship. There are a few bumps here, even after twenty years, as Jillian pushes Dean past his comfort level in regards to wanting to be more independent. But they are so in tune with each other, and really so invested in their marriage, that these are just hiccups along the way.

I'd never read anything by Erika Wilde prior to 'The Invitation,' and it was a nice and easy entree into her work. This was a good solid 4-star read for me, and I would definitely check out the rest of the books in this series.

Colleen~A Moth drawn to Your Flame~ says

I really enjoyed this series. Maybe because it was supposed to be about people my age and pushing their love and sex life into something more and not judging either for what they "wanted" to try.

I was a little surprised with the ending as it wasn't what I expected. After 20 years of a faithful marriage I was having trouble picturing Dean cheating on Jillian; but fantasies sometimes work out just the way you want them to.

I'm looking forward to reading the Players Club series.

Anas Attic Book Blog says

THE INVITATION" target="_blank">

The Invitation (The Marriage Diaries #5) by Erika Wilde

Can stand alone (but why?) Erotic Novella Series

THE INVITATION" target="_blank">*The Invitation by Erika Wilde* is the fifth book in the Marriage Diaries series. Though it can absolutely stand alone, I highly recommend you buy THE MARRIAGE DIARIES" target="_blank">The Marriage Diaries 1-4 first. They come as a box set and were 5 star, 5+ heat reads for me. See my review for the first four here. The first four books average less than 50 pages each, but *The Invitation* doubles that, and let me tell you, it is a very full book for the amount of pages.

Dean and Jillian are celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. This is what I love about this series; they are a still-young couple with a recently empty nest and they are spicing up their marriage, big time. While the first 4 installments were more sex than story (I was not complaining), *The Invitation* has a lot more character and story development while still being hot as fuck.

Dean, a former SEAL who now has a very successful security company, has a number of co-worker/friends who are members of the exclusive sex club, The Players Club. In the past, his friend Mac had offered him an invite, but he didn't think Jillian was into it. Now though, things have changed. Their relationship has gotten way spicier. So Dean thinks he found the perfect 20th anniversary gift, an exclusive invite to The Players Club.

Jillian was also shopping for an anniversary gift, in her favorite upscale sex store. She has become friendly with the women who work there, and as she talks about her history with Dean, she realizes she is starting to feel the need for something more in her life.

*"Her entire world had revolved around her husband and boys for nearly twenty years, and now that she had too much time on her hands she was beginning to crave something for **herself**."*

Dean is a total alpha. It was very important to him to be the sole provider for his wife, a man that would take care of his wife. And due to issues he had growing up, Jillian knew he would have issues with her going back to work.

So...back to the good stuff. Their anniversary--I loved this part: Jillian not only bought herself something special to wear, she bought Dean a pair of black silk lounging pants.

"Which were so not his thing and a little too metro-sexual for his taste"

(I loved this line...my husband wouldn't wear them either unless it was something I really wanted, one time.)

After changing, Dean went back in the living room and saw his wife:

"She'd managed to transform herself into what he could only describe as a sensual, gorgeous, goddess"

Dean loves her so much! And his reaction to the boudoir photos she gets him for their anniversary is priceless. Jillian accepts his gift to The Player's Club with a bit of trepidation until they agree that there will be no sharing.

Aaah....The Players Club. I'd love to go to one of these places (if I had more body confidence). A totally upscale, classy sex club where you can indulge in any private or public fantasy. The night begins with a remote control, and watching some of the acts in the viewing rooms.

"Do you like watching those two men having their way with that woman?" he murmured huskily, clearly just as turned on by the sight....

"Keep watching," he demanded in a rough whisper as his fingers brushed over her pulsing clit..."

Then he blindfolds her.

"Tonight is going to test that trust in ways that will shock you" ... "And I need you to remember that I wouldn't do anything to hurt you or us."

Sigh...I love the alpha, confident and commanding Dean. And I love the strength and depth of their trust for each other. And...damn, I'm reading over that part again and...See ya. I'll finish this review tomorrow. I gotta go find Mr. Ana.

I'm back, and let me tell you...I'm keeping this one on my kindle for frequent bedtime re-reads.

Where the other stories in this series would end here, there was so much more to this story, including Jillian's new group, The Cocktails and Cocks Club (loved this!). When one of the ladies in the club offers Jillian a job, some angst begins.

Dean doesn't want her working. Jillian wants this job...and let me tell you, Erika got me really nervous about my favorite married couple in this book!

Likes:

- A very full read for about 100 pages.
- More of my favorite long-time married couple.
- Dean ~swoon~
- I really loved Jillian's friends in The Cocktails and Cocks Club, and Dean's friends (especially Mac) are pretty hot too! I can't wait to see more of them all in The Player's Club spin-off series.
- I love Dean and Jillian's relationship.
- Some of the hottest sex ever without going over-the top.
- I think their relationship is very realistic, though many people might doubt that people married so long could still be that into each other. My parents are married 55 years and are, I'm married 23 and still think my guy is hot as fuck.

- We finally got a lot of back story.
- There was some angst in this that made it way more than the ladyporn (albeit awesome ladyporn) of the 4 previous installments.

Dislikes:

- I had a dislike...and I was ready to curse out Erika (though my body said otherwise) but thank goodness it was a short-lived dislike.

Rating: 5 novella stars 5+++ Heat

It's so rare to find a book with a mature, happily married, relatable couple. I mean, there is rarely much of a story beyond the initial falling in love, unless there is some kind of action or mystery. That's what I love about the Marriage Diaries. We have a long-term, happily married couple, who trust each other and love each other implicitly. They have excellent communication, and find a way to get over the bumps that can happen in a marriage. Dean is a total alpha, and Jillian has been happy to be a good little stay at home wife for years, but as she gains confidence in the bedroom, it translates to the rest of her as well. I really enjoyed seeing Dean come to terms with that and how Jillian stood her ground.

The Invitation by Erika Wilde really showed a healthy, sexy marriage, and how they work through major problems. I really hope that The Marriage Diaries don't end when The Player's Club begins, because I love reading about a relatable, sexy, long-time married couple.

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Maria says

I love Dean & Jillian! Twenty years married and they're happier, closer and their sex life is even better!!

"So, you think I can be mollied with hot sex?"

"You're a man, aren't you?"

"Men really are such basic creatures,"... "Keep them plied with food and sex and they're happy, content and satisfied."

Ummm, about that, wonder if sex is enough? I really hate to cook!!! LOL.

The Marriage Diaries was a delightfully hot series! ;)

Danielle Harris says

Super hot Fun read!

Princess Thuy says

Finally was able to finish the whole Marriage Diaries series and what an ending. The Invitation was the perfect ending to Dean and Jillian's story. I loved that even though this story was an erotica it still had the love story and heat that I love in regular romances. Although this is part of a series it's ok for you to read it as a stand alone but you'll be missing out on all the yummy details that lead to the conclusion of the Marriage Diaries in the previous installments. At first I really hated 'serials' because of the cliffhanger aspect but this is one serial that I truly recommend. the cliffhangers aren't that bad because it's just a continuing erotic love story between a couple who's been married for 20 years and just want to spice up their love life. Now I can't wait for the Player's Club series to be released.

Nina ~ Meleth Bookaddicted ~ says

What?! I need to start off by saying how disappointed I was to discover that about the last forty minutes of the audio book were an excerpt of the series about the club that Jillian and Dean visited in THE INVITATION. This long-married couple completely stole my heart, so I was devastated to see them go so much earlier than expected. Why not giving them another scene in the Players Club instead?

And with that I have mentioned the only thing it didn't completely agree with in this book. THE INVITATION is different from the previous novellas: Whereas installments one to four were pure sex and passion, this story went deeper into who Jillian and Dean are as a person and as a couple. We learn about their history together and experience their devotion for one another on an even deeper level than before. Their dynamics and the fact that they have been married for so long and are now reinventing their love lives after their kids are grown up...I don't think I would ever tire of reading their sexcapades. I adored this couple before, but now I absolutely love them!

Dean is one swoon-worthy protective and caring and hot and sexy alpha male. The epitome of one perfect example of the male species. And yet he still has flaws, insecurities that were caused by his upbringing, which has him not only pushing their boundaries sexually but generally as well. He does not deal well with Jillian's newfound independency and her desire to have a job – a very venturesome and bold at that. After twenty years of marriage changes as significant as that are not as easily accepted. But Jillian, being as stubborn as he himself, leaves him with little option than to eventually come to terms with this change.

The feelings this book put me through are of wide variety, not to mention the blisters on my fingers after burning my hands on my Kindle during those hot-as-hell scenes those two got down and dirty. At this point I have to mention the sublime writing: After Dean going ballistic in one of the previous novellas when another man advanced on Jillian – which actually previously was his own fantasy, no less – the route this book would take was set, no matter if those two pounced on one another in their bedroom or in a sex club. And yet the perfect illusion was created where I held my breath, not sure what to think.

While this book set the course for a new series which revolves around The Players Club – a series I am very curious about – I am just not ready yet to see Jill and Dean go. I need more! Knowing that there is at least one more installment out there for me to devour fills my heart with joy – but even then I don't believe I will have had my fill. I want to meet their children as well. Do they sense the changes in their parents' relationship? Can Dean and Jillian be discreet enough to not scare their children who are young adults now for life? :)

Same as with the previous installments, I listened to the audio book version, which was narrated by Lia Langola again. This series is the first of her works I have listened to and I am already on the lookout for more of her. Her voice, her intonation, her impersonation of both Jillian as well as Dean, the myriad of feelings she is able to convey. I cannot wait for installment 6 to be available as audio book!

Lisa says

A sign of a good series is that you can join it mid way through (not ideal) but can still follow the story without feeling like you're intruding. The Invitation falls into this category. There was enough backstory to help the new reader understand the situation and the characters but not too much to put off those who have read the rest of the series. Dean and Jillian are continuing with their plans to add some spice to their love life after their sons have home. This book centres around their 20th Wedding Anniversary celebrations and both have unique and personal presents for each other - Dean's is a very exclusive invitation to the sex club 'The Players Club'. Will Jillian accept or will it be a step too far? Dean is a bad boy turned good - very tough, strong and dominant. He does have a vulnerable side, which comes out with Jillian. He wants what is best for the woman that he loves but sometimes his past gets in the way. Jillian is a strong woman in a quiet way and goes after what she wants. A really read with plenty of hot scenes. My only problem is that I now need to read the rest of the series!
