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****This is a full-length, standalone fake marriage romance. No cheating or cliffhangers, and a Happily Ever After is guaranteed!****

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Susan says

'''You always had a crush on me,' he says. 'You must have at least fantasized about it,'''' - Deacon

This was an enchanting, utterly delightful, well-written romance that had all the necessary elements for terrific entertainment. I just love the way Melinda Minx combines a great story with laugh out loud situations and pulse pounding action, dirty sweet seduction and blisteringly hot erotica.

Everything starts with our seemingly bad, "bad boy". Deacon (ah such a great name) is a "tatted up", every ab muscled defined ending in that oh so sexy "V", and thick beautiful biceps to hang onto in certain situations. However the sexiest thing about him is how much he loves and cares for his little daughter.

And so begins the trope of his deceased wife's parents out of grief or other, perhaps even, nefarious purposes challenging Deacon for custody of his daughter. Their claim is that his tattoo business attracts unsavory characters and this is an unhealthy influence on the little girl. So, on advice from his attorney, he "fake" marries an acquaintance who is his sister's prudish (or so it seems) friend, Rita, to appear stable and settled before the judge who is deciding the motion before the court.

Well, despite himself and despite beautiful Rita's denial, there is chemistry. Most deliciously written by Ms. Minx is the slow, sweet but definitely dirty, mutual seduction occurring between the both of them. The full on culmination of said seduction is toe-curling, pantingly, and panty-meltingly beautiful erotica.

The story itself becomes dramatically engrossing as the relationship between Deacon and Rita blooms into reality. The writing is superb as the reader finds themselves laughing, smiling and breathless for the excitement.

This edition I purchased came with another story written by the author, "Smoulder". I was equally enthralled with this tale involving another sex on a plate hero bad boy needing a quick "fake" wife. Again the writer blends excellent storytelling with hot, hot...I'm melting or maybe it's just my panties, hot erotica.

So you have it...double the pleasure...double the fun...Seems I heard that somewhere. Now, I am just dating myself. I have to say it is a great fun to get two for one...click

Deborah says

Deacon is six foot five of hot sexy tattooed muscle he's also father to six year old Elsie and since his wife Stacy died three years ago Elsie is his whole world but his world is being threatened by his in-laws.

Deacon needs to find a wife, a good wholesome wife that looks the part, since Stacy's death Deacon has drowned himself in women but they've been a means to an end and his heart was never even remotely involved and none of them are even remotely suitable for exposition. Elsie is his world and if he needs a fake wedding to a fake wife in order to keep her then that's what he'll do but first he needs to find a bride.

Rita is deeply religious and while she's currently jobless and soon to be homeless she can't stand Deacon her best friend Anna's brother so when he asks her to become his fake wife she refuses, at first.

Ok so we all know where this is going but it's a nice journey. Deacon is incredibly sexy as the single father and Rita is soon won over by his body (who wouldn't be?) andI can't not say it....I found Rita annoying at times. There I've said it. Elsie is cute as a button

It's an enjoyable read but if I'm being picky I felt it would have benefitted from a bit more, it felt a little rushed and some of the characters felt almost like caricatures at times (the parents, both Rita's and Stacy's) the extended epilogue is a bonus since I do love a good epilogue.

I voluntarily read a review copy kindly provided by the author.

Stacey says

I enjoyed this book, I would have given it more stars but unfortunately it was to short for me. Once I had really gotten interested in the characters it seemed to be at the end of the book.

I have given it 3 stars because even though it was a short story for me it was good, I love the alpha male lead especially when they show a softer side towards their children.

If you are looking for a enjoyable quick read this is the book for you :D

Ashley says

Weird...

Kind of a weird erotic romance book. There was no sex in the first half of the book, a whole lot of religion talk, characters who get in trouble for no reason, and that's where I quit. Bored and pointless. 2 stars.

Karen Durant says

Deacon's a widow & the father of a 6 yrs old girl, Elsie whom he adores. Now he gets problem, his late wife, Stacy's parents are seeking custody of Elsie because they say he's unfit because he's an tattoo artist, ride bike & his shop is right next to his house & sometimes there's fight between his customers. Since his wife's death, he could never see himself get involved long term with any woman, so he just used them for one night stands. His lawyer advises him to get a good woman & get married, then he won't have any problems keeping his daughter, but now where will he get a fake wife? Then he immediately thinks of his sister, Anna's best friend, Rita. Rita's almost 30 yrs old & a real goody too shoes, jobless & soon to be homeless. Even though Deacon always rubs her up the wrong way, she's always had a huge crush on him & when he asks her to be his fake wife, she thinks he's joking again, but then he tells her the reason & she decides to help him out...thinking of maybe she can get the real deal...

Deborah Carter says

Let me start by saying that I am not a fan of contemporary romances. I did, however, enjoy this one. The hero is a tattoo artist. He has a little girl and is need of a wife. Our heroine is a young proper The Christian woman. The story is somewhat predictable, however, there are some twists and turns. The bad guys are not all that bad. This is a fun read.

Melissa creasey says

I voluntarily read an ARC copy of this book from the author

Wow this was a fantastic read, Deacon and Rita are great characters and they have you hooked from the start

Absolutely loved there happily ever after

Dianna says

2 hot reads in 1

I bought this book cause I loved it. The author great a job writing this story.

I liked the first book cause it had all the elements in it to make it worth reading. I bought a second one for my daughter to read.

The second story in this book was about an ex seal. Now that story had me on the edge of my seat through the whole thing. Again a great read.

Coco.V says

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the sad hope that he'd look at me as anything other than his sister's dorky friend—that he'd touch me and make me—no, definitely not that.

Yasmina A-razak says

A really good and funny book , just read it if you have time ;)

DawnMarie Carpintero says

Nice book

4 stars

Honestly this was a great book it wasn't over the top kind of book. The characters I honestly have to say didn't grab me at the first chapter the blurb of the book is what got me.

The author did a great job and I applaud.

The author had a second book attached to this book and I did not read that not because I didn't want to it was because I wanted to read the book that I got.

Happy sexy reading today

Emma says

This was better than the blurb made me expect. It is not great writing and it is not the most imaginative story but still did not descend into the awful range as it so easily could have.

I admit to a fondness for marriage of convenience stories. I like seeing how the couple learn about each other and fall in love. The best part of this book was precisely the parts where they are simply spending time together. The author spent a fair amount of time describing simple events between them. For example a game of pool chicken was described in the same amount of detail as sex scenes normally get.

Plot wise I wondered why some things were included. A holiday run in with some bad guys went nowhere. And I did not buy that Deacon would lose his temper quite so quickly when his custody was at risk. Still I was not unhappy at the end and so it sits in the 2.5 - 3 star range.

2OCC Reviews says

Looking around Amazon I saw the description of this book and I was completely hooked on the premises of

it. Who doesn't love a tatted up single dad who would do anything for his child!

Deacon was one scary man. Not scary in the sense that you need to watch yourself if you're a woman, but scary in the sense that he don't mess around and we learn that right from the start. I loved it!!!

Rita is your typical goody good and has a heart of gold. she doesn't have a lot of luck in her corner, but you know what they say about luck it always comes when you least expect it. I love Rita's attitude towards things even if it wasn't what she wanted she still did what she had to do.

What you read in the description is pretty much what you getting the story with twists and turns and unbelievable heat. I really like the sisters best friend road that the author took with this also. It was done different but at the same time it was the same if that makes any sense.

I'm really not the type of person that can spot errors when reading a book, but I did notice a lot while reading the story. It was a lot of missed please quotation marks or when someone else was talking it seemed like it was from one of the main characters when it wasn't so that got to be a little annoying, but it didn't take away from the plot.

Overall, being my first book from this author I really enjoyed it. Her heroes are total alphas and her heroines are sassy but sweet. The plot of the story had me hooked from the start and I couldn't stop till I was finished. There was a bit of drama that helped with the flow and by the end I had a goofy smile on my face. I can't wait to read more from this author in the future. 4 stars #2OCCJD

Danni says

This sounded good, then I read some reviews and kept seeing the term 'good christian girl', started getting doubtful about it but I gave it a shot anyway, hoping it was just a conclusion being drawn based on the good girl part. Nope. Couldn't even get through the sample, she gets referred to as a 'good christian girl' multiple times, even by herself. That just pissed me the fuck off. These stereotypes are what is wrong with society. Being a christian does not make you a good person by default, especially when you don't actually act on those beliefs but just go to your bible study and refer to yourself as one. Guess what? I can sit in a room and read a fucking book too, but somehow it is interpreted differently. Some of the worst people in history have attached that label to themselves and destroyed lives in the name of their god. There is no such thing as a good christian girl. You are either a decent fucking human being or you are not, as simple as that. Religion has nothing to do with it, most of the time it is just used as an excuse to act on their own fucked up moral code. I understand the good girl theme in books, while it never pleases me, it never thoroughly offends me the way a few chapters of this did. This is a sensitive issue for me, it is like music, religion shouldn't play a part, - I am not saying faith cannot be expressed but organised religion should not be so blatant in books, the whole experience of reading is based around the concept of being able to relate to something in the characters, to fill in those little gaps yourself. If it directly affects the storyline then it may be mentioned but to just throw around the word like that just pushes differences away. This is a very similar problem that has been bothering me in music as of late, the amount of bands you can google and the immediate results say 'christian rock/metal/what-the-fuck-ever band'. Who are they trying to convince? If it matters to them why does it matter enough to be in the first google results? There are plenty of bands I listen to that don't feel the need, that don't talk about their beliefs full stop because they know that it can alienate people. Throwing that word around like it means something is criminal. It is implying that the label makes you a better person? So an atheist is automatically a bad person? It's not fucking relevant to the storyline and it is downright

offensive. I do not hurt people, I do not steal, I do not cheat, my morals are fine. Yes, this is a bit of a rant, but it is if someone who is tired of being cast as an outsider without a good reason! Just one more point though, to roughly sum up what I am saying. Donald Trump claims to be a Christian. Does that immediately register him as a good person? Or are his actions what he should be held accountable for?

This is not an attack on religion. This is an attack on the labels that society created, and the people that encourage them. Rant over.

The hero was a stereotypical asshole too, no charming banter just straight up being a dickhead. You do not tell someone they have to marry you even though they don't like you, insult them, laugh in the face of their unfortunate circumstances and expect it to work?

There is a difference between enemies-to-lovers and just being a complete asshole who isn't worth the time of day, he doesn't even talk about his daughter in a way to inspire sympathy, just as something that resulted in the need to get married. If your daughter is on the verge of getting taken away from you, you don't just go and bully the person who may be able to help. And just wanting a fake wife? Is that meant to be helpful to his daughter's development? This is just nope.

Sara MacRae Long says

Single Dad's Bride was a fast, steady-paced, and entertaining read.

Deacon is being challenged for custody of his six-year-old daughter by his late wife's parents, who are trying to paint him as an unfit father because he's a tattoo artist whose shop is right next door to his house, clients have gotten into fights, and he's covered in ink himself and rides a motorcycle. His lawyer suggests that he find a "wholesome" wife – even if the marriage itself is only pretend – so that the judge will have no reason not to rule in his favor. His sister Anna's friend Rita, who just recently got fired from selling insurance because she refused to sucker people out of their hard-earned money to buy bad policies, ends up fitting the definition of "wholesome." Rita isn't convinced she wants anything to do with the idea. Though Deacon is a hot guy and she's sort of had a crush on him for years, he's teased her mercilessly since she was in high school and never really been very nice to her. Jealousy rears its ugly head and Rita backtracks, though, when she introduces him to a "wholesome" girl in her church's Bible study and she's obviously interested in becoming Deacon's token wife and a whole lot more. By this point, Deacon has finally realized that somehow he overlooked Rita's many virtues and physical assets until now, and is thrilled when she agrees to tie the knot. Will they find that they have feelings for one another when they take a short honeymoon?

Deacon's daughter, Elsie, is an engaging and likable little girl, and though she plays an integral role, she doesn't come off as bratty or a scene-stealer. She actually seems pretty genuine for her age and accurately interprets much of what's happening around her for what it is, specifically her grandparents' manipulative, selfish, and condescending behavior and her dad's genuine love and human decency.

The plot device entwining the grandparents and their compulsive actions, child protective services, and the various legal muscle was an original idea, as was the slant to finding a wholesome wife by attending Bible study. This was a well thought-out story with original characters, spunky, humorous, and spirited banter, a down-to-earth and caring dad with authentically sounding dialogue, sweet and natural relationship development, and a romantic, family-driven HEA.
