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Together at last—two exquisitely sensual novels of the Marcelli family of California wine country . . . where wedding bells are ringing and love is in the air!

The Marcelli Bride

It takes one strong-hearted woman to make a rebel say “I do,” and for handsome, headstrong former Navy SEAL Joe Marcelli, that woman may just be the commander in chief’s daughter! After a terrifying kidnapping attempt, Darcy Jensen has been placed in hiding at the Marcelli Winery, the family business that Joe defiantly rejected to carve his own path. Now working undercover, Joe begrudgingly does his duty “babysitting” the first daughter. But getting closer to this fearful, fiery beauty soon proves to be the greatest pleasure he’s ever known. Can Joe protect Darcy from danger, when he’s falling dangerously in love?

The Marcelli Princess

Mia Marcelli awakens to find a man in her bed—and nearly faints: four years ago, while working undercover, Diego, the love of her life and father of her unborn child, perished before her eyes. Now he’s come to the Marcelli vineyard where Mia is raising an adorable son and offers a stunning confession: he was never Diego, but Rafael, Prince of Calandria, and Mia’s wary disbelief fades as their passion reignites. She doesn’t know that he intends to give their boy a regal upbringing in Calandria—even if he must seduce Mia into marriage. But as he falls for this luscious beauty, the prince must choose between his royal duties—and the call of his heart.

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Tesha Alexander says

AMAZING Book. You will laugh and cry all at the same time. This was one of the best books ever.

Kim says

Typical romance. First book was better than the 2nd. I'd give it 2.5 if I could.

Lisa says

I was in the bookstore half-heartedly reviewing the shelves, trying to figure out what, exactly, did I want to read. Finally, it dawned on me: I wanted a romance novel! I'm not too proud to admit it. I happened upon a real deal, a two-fer for \$4.95. "Great!" I thought. Sure, I don't know the author, but for \$5, I'm willing to take a chance.

The first book, The Marcelli Bride, was actually pretty good. Both the male and female protagonists were likeable, and the plot was adequately entertaining. Each character had an inner conflict that did not originate with the other person, so they were adequately interesting. The book came to a satisfying conclusion. Drawbacks: The sex wasn't terribly steamy (see below for more on this).

The second book, The Marcelli Princess, was, by contrast, quite dull. The characters were in conflict only with each other, and the male lead was unlikeable. The author kept trying to MAKE him likeable by having the other, usually female, characters remind each other that he WAS a prince after all, and a good looking one, at that. This was really annoying, because he'd done nothing to redeem himself and it really WAS all about him being a prince, and them having hot sex (though not very hot from the reader's perspective!). It made the women come across as stupid and shallow, which I didn't think was the case in "Bride."

In both books, the author employed the verb "claimed" to excess to describe the men taking sexual control (these were all consensual interactions). I'm pretty sure it was in almost every scene, including the kissing scenes. The first time, it provoked an eye roll. The fifth time it made me want to throw the book and send the author a thesaurus.

Anyway, the first book fit what I was looking for, and the second one was kind of annoying. Most importantly, it got me reading something so that I would get back in the habit.

Mary says

Have been a Susan Mallery fan for awhile but had never read The Marcelli books. Hands down one of my favorite stories of Susan's is The Marcelli Bride!!! Such a good plot, kept this old gal guessing through out

the book. Loved it, unfortunately I can't give a good review to The Marcelli Princess: boring, finished it by the hardest!

Ryoku Light says

I bought this book without knowing anything about it but it was at the Dollar Tree so I figured I didn't really have anything to lose. I didn't know the author either but come on it was a DOLLAR!!

The Marcelli Bride: This book was pretty good. Both male and female main characters were very likable, and the plot was very interesting. This book has a satisfying ending so I was a happy girl.

The Marcelli Princess: Comparing it to the first story it wasn't that great. The main characters had so many problems and they became less likable...especially the male character. The author kept trying to make him more likable ...it was really forced and he didn't do anything to help so...it didn't go too well.

A Marcelli Wedding was worth the dollar that I spent and I really like the first book so I'm glad I bought it.

Millicent Rogers says

Not the ending that I expected, but I had a greater appreciation for the ending. I felt as though all the character's stories had been told! I am thrilled to have found an author that I enjoy so much!

Karen Geurts says

I liked both stories. They work as stand alone, or read the series. The family is very involved and I liked all the books. Would highly recommend this to read.

Tammy says

The First Book, the Marcelli Bride was really good and entertaining. The Second book The Marcelli Princess dragged a little in the middle. I lost interest in the second one and had to put down for a while then picked it back up after a week or 2 to finish it.

Kat Caperton says

Both were pretty good reads. Pretty typical romance, with pretty entertaining plots & character development. Neither were overly predictable, in short good for a quick read!

Brook says

I wonder if I missed something, like an amazing author I'd never come across! My first book by Susan Mallery that I remember, and I think I have a new go to author when I need a good book to read. The Marcelli Bride was good, predictable, but enjoyable to read.

Becky Adams says

loved it and just realized it was a series.....going to get the rest.

Alexa says

I enjoyed the first story "The Marcelli Bride" a lot more than the second "The Marcelli Princess". Definitely a summer fluff read.

Jessica says

3.5 stars to this book.

I preferred Marcelli Bride to Marcelli Princess. I spent a lot of the second tome trying to place the story in time. Considering Mia now had a 4-year-old son who didn't exist at all in Marcelli Bride, I knew it had to be at least 4-5 years if not longer. Once it was finally stated in the book, I was able to enjoy it.

This one was a like but not a love. And considering how many of Susan Mallery's books I love, I couldn't give it more than 3.5 stars.
