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In this heart-pounding psychological thriller, a newlywed's unusual obsession surfaces while on honeymoon.

Young newlyweds Todd and Bridget met at a two-hour seminar and took an immediate liking to each other. Smart, caring, and quick-thinking individuals, very much in love, they've been devoted to each other and like two peas in a pod right from the start. But, when Bridget learns bizarre and alarming things about Todd, things that he's kept hidden from her until their honeymoon, their idyllic romance begins careening out of control.

Todd has high hopes and wants nothing more than for Bridget to understand and be part of his world. As Bridget struggles to understand things, and the situation escalates, the events that unfold will put their sanity and love for each other to the test.

"Into the Arms of Madness" is a perilous tale that will keep you locked in its embrace until the last page.

In a struggle between love and madness, which one will prevail?

## Into the Arms of Madness Details

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## **From Reader Review Into the Arms of Madness for online ebook**

### **Annie says**

Freaky psychological thriller about finding out that the man you married is very different than who you think. Like reading Rosemary's Baby. It read very quickly and was so quirky that it was enjoyable.

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### **K. Eller says**

A Well-Crafted tale of A Twisted Love Enmeshed with Deeply Disturbing Secrets!

This suspenseful little tale was quite an engrossing read! The Author delivers her story with a perfect blend of Mystery, strong, relatable characters, flowing dialogue and a unique plot that has you guessing all throughout the story the exact motives of not only the characters but, the author as well. I was pleasantly pleased with the fact that I could not put it down yet, it moved along seamlessly and quickly so I didn't have to.

The author provides her readers with an engaging plot that becomes quite thought provoking. How well do you really know a person? I feel that all people keep many aspects of themselves hidden from others. As much as you think you 'know' someone else, in reality, you really only know what they 'want' you to know. That is a simple fact.

I found the Flow of the dialogue to be excellent and engaging...with a natural tone to it. I found myself immersed in the vivid scenery and emotional entanglements as each scene progressed unto the next. This author knows her craft and it is brilliantly portrayed in the way this story unfolded.

For her first fiction book, Regina Pacelli effortlessly leaves a new reader with a Memorable 'First Impression'. This new author certainly showcases her seasoned writing skills and creativity in a way that pulls the reader into her story by dropping subtle hints to keep you guessing laced with little tidbits to keep your curiosity peaked.

As Far as the 'storyline' goes I really can't reveal too much because it would 'spoil' it for new readers. I really liked 'Bre' but, found myself thinking many times ... 'What are you thinking girl?' ... I guess I'm just too seasoned in 'real life' to be able to think I would ever stick around and await the insane, new hubby's surprises! (Especially after dropping dark, demented secrets and watching all his quirky personality changes!)

I give this one two thumbs up! It was an entertaining and engrossing read with a unique story plot I haven't read before. If you enjoy delving into the depths of psychological behaviors and the workings of a splintered mind, and enjoy reading the not so 'typical' love story, then this is a great Book to curl up with!

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### **Cassie says**

Regina Pacelli has written a very good and enjoyable first novel. If you like your books to be suspenseful, with a psychological bent, or even a thriller. Regina's book "Into the Arms of Madness" is a book for you.

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### **Alisha says**

I would like to say that the storyline for this book was really good. I enjoyed how I never knew what was going to happen next. However with that said the characters did not make me love them. I wish wish there had been more dialogue between them. I wanted to know more of him, and there were times i felt sad for him and others when i thought he was a monster pretending to be sick.

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### **Jessica Lorraine says**

This book was a real thriller. Todd is a man stuck in his fantasy world and the real world, unable to separate them at times. Into the Arms of Madness is dark, romantic, and suspenseful novel. There was never a dull moment or pointless moment in the plot. It was truly mesmerizing.

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### **Sophie David says**

This was quite a chilling book as it covered the topic of 'what happens when you're on honeymoon and find out your partner isn't who you thought they were'...a scary thought and particularly in the case of Bridget and Todd. I thought it was predominantly written well but some parts seemed to drag a bit while the climax was almost too quick and I felt myself wanting a bit more of the showdown, but the epilogue made up for that as in the conclusion, I felt an element of something else darker pervading once more. Sinister...

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### **Grampy says**

I received a free copy of this book from the author, through LibraryThings; an honest review was requested.

"Into the Arms of Madness: A Novel of Suspense" by Regina Pacelli could not have been better named. She has developed a mad man unlike any other in fiction that I know of. Her character development is superb, bringing her characters to life. Even the whole mildly insane family rings true. This is a really potent story, and the suspense is almost enough to bring on an ulcer. This is a story you will want to add to your list of books to be read. It is a very well-written story, but also a very good tale.

"Into the Arms of Madness" begins with a pair of newlyweds heading to a cabin on a lake for their honeymoon. Almost immediately the bride sees a side of her new husband that he kept well hidden throughout their courtship. She also meets his rather strange and bizarre family for the first time... in their honeymoon cabin. Unable to fully believe or comprehend the evidence in front of her, she tries telling herself she's just tired from the wedding and the drive, and not really thinking straight; it'll look better in the morning. But it doesn't look better in the morning. If anything, it looks worse and worse as each hour passes into the next. She sees completely opposite sides of him that she has never before seen, yet feels compelled to assume she is somehow at fault for having said or done something that upset him. Continuing to profess

her undying love for him, she literally puts her life in his hands.

This story climaxes in a drug-induced haze of unreality. I can't say any more without spoiling it for you. But I WILL say this book will hold onto you until you finish reading it. Don't expect to get anything else done until you finish this book. I recommend that you get it, but I suggest you not start reading it until you can set aside an appropriate block of time to finish it. I believe that after you finish reading it, you will be recommending it to all your friends. I also believe your friends will all thank you for the recommendation after THEY have finished reading it.

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### **Chande says**

Sometimes you really don't know who you married. That is the case in this book. What would you do if on the first day of your honeymoon you found out things were not what they seem? This book will keep you on the edge of your seat! !

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### **Tammy says**

Loved it! Bought this book to keep me company on my plane flight and wasn't sorry. This was a very different kind of psychological thriller and kept me engrossed for hours. The author literally (and quite mercilessly I might add) kept me turning pages to find out what was going to happen next.

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### **Heidi says**

Bre thought she was marrying a great guy. But she got some weird vibes from Todd's family at their wedding. And on their wedding night Todd reveals some very disturbing information about himself. And then Todd's family shows up to explain what's going on. It seems as though Todd has a history of long term mental health issues that Bre was unaware of, and his family encourages her to play along with his "fantasies". But as the story progresses you find out just how dangerous it can be to ignore symptoms of a serious illness.

I really enjoyed this book. The story was well laid out, and you could see just how different families with individuals who are mentally ill deal with their family members illness. If you want a quick suspenseful read check out this book.

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### **Pamela says**

#### **Fast paced page turner**

kept me guessing and wondering what the outcome would be. A great little weekend read. I would recommend this book to anyone that is looking for a quick thrilling read.

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### **Liliana Rice says**

Dear Lord was this book a rare find! Being a BIG romance novel fan, I was certainly not prepared for this take on happy ever after. This book is part romance, part suspense and part horror which is all the things that I would never have placed together on my to-read list. Yet here I am, one psycho adventure later marvelling at what a stunningly written book “Into the Arms of Madness” is. The story line follows the romance of newlyweds Todd and Bridget as they deal with the long hidden fantasy world that Todd is deeply entrenched in. Struggling to separate what is real and what is fantasy, Bridget has to deal with the likelihood that Todd may be hiding a murder that he committed in his fantasies. All the while, Todd has hidden his secret proclivities up until the honeymoon and has to deal with how to get his wife’s understanding and draw her into his world. This book is so left field from the typical lovey dovey romance novel yet it deals with the same core issues that we can all relate to, how far will one go for love’s sake and does love truly conquer all? As you read the book you are struck by the different facets of the characters, both the good and the downright ugly which underline the fact that people are never totally honourable or bad; but rather are a mix of characteristics that test your ability to love them even when you see their ugly side. I found myself willing Bridget to keep believing in the strength of their love yet at the same time, I could not predict which way the plot would twist so I couldn’t totally believe in Todd myself. I kept vacillating between wanting her to keep trusting in Todd and wishing I could yank her out of the whole situation all together. The author truly had me going until the very end. This is one psychological thriller that is not only a must read but it is a page turner that kept drawing me back to keep reading every time I put it down. Even when I couldn’t keep reading it, it was in my mind as a constant thought provoker about the fantasies we weave in our lives, the strengths of our relationships as well as how far I personally would truly go for love. It is one of the most original plots that I have come across in a long while which was made even better by how cunningly set up and well written it was. I hope to read more from this author soon!

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### **Celeste says**

It's not often that I cannot figure out exactly where a story is heading but Regina Pacelli surprised me time and time again!

From the moment I started reading Into the Arms of Madness I literally did not put it down until I was completely finished which was just an hour before I had to get up and start my day!

This is an exceptionally well written book that will leave you fulfilled while begging for more. I definitely feel as if I got my monies worth...and then some.

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### **Betsy says**

The storyline was a good concept although a tad weird. The story lacked character development, and the ending was rushed. 2 stars

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## Cynthia says

### \*\*WARNING SPOILER ALERT\*\*

Well, *Into the Arms of Madness*, was my first let down of the year, which saddens me quite a bit. I wish I had better news for you guys. The writing was flat, and so were the characters. I felt as though the first few chapters of the story just rambled, and it didn't get much better from there unfortunately.

Bre and Todd are newlyweds. The first time she meets his family is at their wedding. They are all a bit “weird” so-to-speak and standoffish. Todd doesn't talk much about his past or his first wife. With that said, what makes Bre think that marrying Todd is a good idea? Well, it didn't make much sense to me either. She doesn't even press him about it. Odd to say the least.

Oh, did I mention Bre is a vegan? No, I don't think I did. She isn't against killing animals for food, but because of all the additives and chemicals pumped into our meat before consumption is her reason. I believe she has only been a vegan for two weeks at this point.

They venture to a secluded cabin for their honeymoon. When they get to the cabin, Todd offers to cook which is out of the ordinary for him. Bre is shocked to realize that he has cooked her a small steak for dinner. He tells her the “beef” was organically fed, or something to that nature. She eats it and even compliments Todd on it. After dinner, his family shows up out of nowhere. Todd gives her some speech about his family's culture and way of life and how top-secret it is. Bre is a bit dumbfounded as to why he's just know telling her this stuff and why his family is present. Well, he pretty much just blurts out how she just ATE a human being! Wanna know what her reaction is? She smiles at him, and thinks how much she wants to just run away.

Would that be your first reaction to knowing your new husband just fed you a human being? Not to mention mingled the dead guys blood in with your wine...UH NO! Not even remotely close. I think I scene like that calls for a clear cut panic attack followed by projectile vomiting.

Now, here comes the twist to the story. You are just going to love this folks! So Todd's parents send him on a little errand so they can get some alone time with Bre. His parents tell her they aren't really cannibals and Todd is...well, crazy—a mental case. All of this is in his imagination and none of it is real. Bre wants to know why he isn't in a mental institution and his father explains they couldn't do that to him. That it would destroy him. Really? He thinks he's a freaking cannibal and is mentally unstable and his parents thinks it's okay to “feed” these delusions?

To be brutally honest, I felt this story was a mess from the very beginning. I could go on about the problems I have with this story, but I think you get the gist of it. Unfortunately, I can't recommend this story.

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