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A light, funny, royal romance perfect for fans of Jill Shalvis and Marie Force.

Campaigner, feminist, doctor, humanitarian - all words that Kumari would use to describe herself. *Potential princess?* Not even in her vocabulary.

But when Kumari's charity work catapults her into the limelight and brings her to the attention of Prince Benedict - playboy prince and sixth in line to the British throne - all bets are off.

*Royal party boy, charming rogue, England's most eligible bachelor* - Prince Benedict is all those things. Or at least he was. These days he's taking life more seriously, following in his mother's footsteps and focusing on charitable causes.

When he meets Kumari the attraction between them is instant. But, according to the press, Prince Benedict might just have found the most unsuitable bride.

Will love win the day?

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## **From Reader Review A Royal Wedding for online ebook**

### **Frenchorchidea says**

I enjoyed this book so so so much! First time I read about the main character falling in love with a real prince! I really enjoyed to learn more about the traditions and rules of the British royal family (even if this one in this book is a fictional one). We realize that it's not as pink and nice all the time to date a prince. Princess life is not as easy as it seems and you need to give up a lot of things if you want to share your life with a prince. I really recommend this book to all women. You can read it all year round, this book takes place during Christmas time only at the end! Go for it!

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### **Rachel Gilbey says**

I feel as though I should preface this review by stating that I'm fairly indifferent to the real royal family, and as such don't have huge amounts of information about them.

That being said I couldn't help but feel that large elements of this book were clearly based on real life, and incredibly well researched. I felt that the initial news articles about Prince Benedict dating Kumari were potentially realistic and I did wonder to some extent how much this was based on the real relationship between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

I never intended to read any of the books initially released to tie in with this years Royal Wedding, for various reasons but when this book randomly arrived in the post I was drawn to it, plus I like the author when she writes as Rhoda Baxter, so I knew I would give in to temptation at some point,. And I am so glad that I have.

Kumari really is one of the best leading ladies I've read about recently, she is a strong independent woman who is completely unsure why the Prince is even interested in her. She is s doctor and works closely with a charity and is close to her family. They are worlds apart but yet as the saying goes, you can't help who you fall in love with.

I loved seeing how Kumari's attitudes towards everything, and seeing how she deals with everything with poise is rather inspiring.

Whenever I wasn't reading I was wondering what Kumari was up to now, she really got under my skin and into my heart. She is a fabulous heroine and a role model.

I also loved getting up close and personal with a Prince - and learning all about the different traditions within the Royal Institutions. Benedict is handsome prince indeed, but also he seemed in some ways really down to earth too, as did one of his sisters.

Originally released as A Royal Wedding, it has been re-named and expanded for Christmas, however I wouldn't really call it a Christmas book. The bulk of the story has nothing to do with Christmas, however the expanded Christmas section was incredibly well done, and I thoroughly enjoyed not only that but the whole book.

I adored this book, it is feisty, romantic, and clearly a lot of love and research has gone into the story from the author. It is a modern day fairy story that is contemporary and it has certainly made me look at the real life royals in a new light.

Thanks to Zaffre for this copy which I have reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

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## **Whispering Stories says**

Book Reviewed by Stacey on [www.whisperingstories.com](http://www.whisperingstories.com)

Hospital Doctor Kumari Senavaka also works for 'Better for All' charity and was competing for a grant to help their work. She had to give a five-minute speech to be in the running in front of a crowded room including HRH Prince Benedict and was feeling very nervous and made a couple of mistakes.

A few days later she is asked to go on a blind date with someone called Ben and doesn't put two and two together. The two have fun and agree to see one another again. But are a normal, everyday hospital Doctor and a Prince really able to maintain a romantic relationship?

I had mixed feelings about this book which I had to split up before writing this review. Ms. Jeevani seems to have taken her inspiration for the book from the recent relationship and marriage of Megan Markle and Prince Harry. Whilst reading it felt very much like reading about the couple just with different names and that Kumari is Sri Lankan. However, putting this to one side I can clearly see a great story underneath.

I'm not a massive Royal family fan. Don't get me wrong I like having a Royal family in the UK I just don't know their every move, just like I don't take notice of pop stars and movie stars. So to me whilst I did have the whole Megan and Harry in my head I wouldn't know if some of the situations were based on real events, to me, everything was fictionalised, I may be wrong, I don't know.

The book was easy to read and just flowed. It had short chapters with newspaper or website snippets at the top. I got through it in no time and I enjoyed every minute. The characters were just lovely, although I wasn't sure whether they were a suitable match for one another. I do think that maybe their differences were a little too much at times and their relationship felt strained.

The only thing I will say is that this is made to look and sound, via the cover and the title, that it is a Christmas book. However, hardly any of it is set at Christmas, though what was, was perfect, I just don't want people picking this up wanting the book to centre around Christmas as it doesn't. What you will get is a delicious story set in a magical world where a normal person and a prince can fall in love.

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## **Kristin Davison says**

I would like to thank netgalley and Bonnier Zaffre for the opportunity to read this book.

A unique modern royal romance. I loved it!

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## **Rachel Burton says**

I'm loving all the Royal Wedding romances in the lead up to Harry and Meghan's wedding and this one is wonderful. It's a beautifully written fairytale romance where Prince meets an ordinary doctor from Leeds, a daughter of Sri Lankan immigrants, and falls in love, but it's so much more than that. A fascinating study in the power of social media and the press and the racism that is still so prevalent in our society as well a look into class social structure and the importance of remembering that it is not where we come from that matters, but rather who we are.

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## **Debbie says**

There's a brown woman on a royal romance cover!!! This was advertised on one of the many book emails I get and I was going to pass until I saw the heroine wasn't white. Bought! Devoured it and enjoyed it a lot!

Okay, yes, it's thinly veiled Meghan Markle fanfiction but it was still fun. Kumari is first generation Sri Lankan-British, a doctor, and a humanitarian. She's awesome.

I would have liked a bit more depth, and the plot was more rushed than I'd have liked, but it was still a fun, quick read.

I want more Lucy.

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## **Karen Whittard says**

A beautiful, feel good, romantic book, filled with all the Christmas magic and sparkle that you could want in a festive read. I really, really love this book and highly recommend it to all.

Not even in her wildest imaginings did Kumari ever think she'd become a princess. But having fallen for Ben - or rather Prince Benedict, sixth in line to the throne - it looks like nothing will ever go as planned again. And as Christmas rapidly approaches the distinction between family festivities and Royalty becomes ever more apparent.

With the paparazzi hounding her, her job on the line and some rather frustrating royal training, Kumari feels panic set in.

Does loving Prince Charming mean she'll get her fairy tale ending - and on her own terms?

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## **SJH (A Dream of Books) says**

Didn't enjoy this at all. A reworked version of Harry and Meghan's romance but missing all the magic.

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## **Linda says**

### **???Truly romantic and lovely story with a timely theme?**

?Lovely, sweet and clean story with lots of romantic moments, but that also emphasized the vicissitudes of adjusting to a public life as the partner of a popular royal.

A lot of the couple's story parallels the latest real life couple ?married in Windsor, but with some major differences. Kumari, the heroine, is a medical doctor who is torn by the prospect of losing her profession and mission to help make her patients' lives better to her promised life as a royal. Kumari is also the British-born daughter of Sri Lankan immigrants and she and her family face racist threats and anti-immigrants backlash once the courtship becomes public knowledge. I thought the author created a nice balance of romance and drama, with some lovely moments with family, close friends and loyal Yorkshire neighbors included.

I have enjoyed several romances written by the author under her Rhoda Baxter pen name and this one easily measures up to those.

A delightful, light read perfect for the romantic looking for a fairytale ending.:~)

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## **Suma says**

Couldn't finish it. Bad.

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## **Trish Hills says**

I love a festive book. Sadly, there isn't much holiday cheer in this book. That doesn't mean I didn't like it. Far from it! I enjoyed it a lot. It just isn't very Christmassy.

Kumari is a wonderful protagonist. She's humble, warm, intelligent and unassuming. Ben is charming, kind and handsome. Why wouldn't they be a match made in heaven? Well, because he's a Prince and she's a Yorkshire lass. Not ideal, but hey, when has the course of true love ever been smooth?

In a year of Royal Weddings in the real world, this fictional one is delightful and perfectly timed. It is almost the true story of a certain Prince and his lovely new bride but better!

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## **Sarah says**

This book was a not-so-thinly-veiled retelling of the romance between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, and the prince is too perfect, and yet the writing was very strong and the story totally charming.

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## **Cora Tea Party Princess says**

**5 Words: Family, love, friendship, change, pressure.**

Review first posted at Tea Party Princess.

I absolutely loved this book, and I wouldn't be lying if I were to say that it hit all of my catnip tropes. Surprise royals? Uneven power dynamics? Fiercely feminist lead? SOFT PRECIOUS CHARACTERS? Basically this book was perfect for me, the perfect escape, and I already want to read it again.

I loved Kumari. She's such an angel, and so full of kindness and generosity. I love how strong her convictions are, how GOOD she is, how she treats those around her. She's brave and fierce and a little bit fragile, and all the better for it. She's smart and savvy and sometimes scared, and I love how her story shows that it's OK.

The romance itself is sweet, and if it's a bit of a whirlwind to start, it still works perfectly. I loved the exploration of the pressure of the press and paparazzi, the judging from all sides, the way images can be twisted into narratives far removed from the truth.

I wouldn't say that this book is necessarily super Christmas-y, but it was a lovely read and it did give me all of the heart-warming festive vibes I'm after. And I think you can probably read this at any time of year when you're looking to be cheered up. It's a story to make you smile.

So yeah, go get this book and read it, and turn the last page with a heart full of love and joy.

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## **Laura Bang says**

Yes, this is a (very) thinly-veiled retelling of Harry and Meghan's romance, in this case starring Prince Benedict (who I could only picture as Benedict Cumberbatch ... no complaints) and Kumari, a Sri Lankan-British medical doctor. It's fun and I liked the characters (esp. Lucy and the unfortunately-named Princess Ophelia (called "Ophie" \*wince\*)). If I'm honest, the writing is just okay (and you can definitely tell in parts that this was rushed to publication to make it out before the RL royal wedding), but I had a really stressful week and this was exactly the fluffy, easy read I needed to soothe my frazzled nerves.

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## **Clair Sharpe says**

Kumari, an A&E doctor of Sri Lankan heritage and Prince Benedict meet at a charity event and quickly fall for each other. To begin with, their romance is able to develop in secret with intimate dinners in fancy restaurants and time together at Ben's Kensington apartment. But when the press find out the identity of Ben's secret girlfriend, huge changes have to happen in Kamari's life and as panic sets in, she has to decide if she can become the Princess Ben wants her to be.

With lots of similarities between the real life romance of Meghan and Harry, this is a lovely romantic story that delves into many of the Royal Families traditions and shows what has to happen if a commoner marries into the establishment. Kumari soon learns to handle the press, dress in the right way and present herself well in public but also has to make many sacrifices. It feels well researched and for someone who knew little

about the etiquette and traditions in the Royal Family, this was eye opening. At the beginning of each chapter, is a news item, some of which are kind to Kumari, but many are not which reminds you how it must feel to have your every move scrutinised. Culminating with Christmas at Sandringham with the Queen and the rest of the Royal family, this is a light-hearted and magical read that leaves the reader feeling all warm and fuzzy inside.

However, despite the very beautiful cover, if you are looking for a Christmas read, you may be left feeling a little disappointed as the Christmassy stuff only happens quite near the end.

This book was sent to me as part of a blog tour for *Bonnie Zaffre*.

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