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## **From Reader Review The Prince's Cinderella Bride for online ebook**

### **Dyan says**

I love visiting Montedoro and connecting with the royal family, they seem like old friends! Kind of wished there were more moments with other Bravos, kind of miss them! I like the friction between Lani and Max, it definitely kept me reading to get to the happy ever after part. Can't wait for the next book in this series!

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### **Tabitha Jones says**

I have to say that I read the e-book (which I received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review).

When I first started reading this story I didn't know if I would like, however once I got close to the end of the first chapter it reeled me in. A very sweet romance bloomed between Lani Vasquez and Prince Maximilian Bravo-Calabretti. Lani who had been a nanny to Rule's children had secretly been crushing on Prince Max what little did she know he felt the same way she did. On New Years Eve they got to spend a night of passion together. Lani knew that it just wasn't right for her to be falling for the Prince because her being a nanny just wouldn't be proper for the Royals. Although Lani longed to be a writer she finally got her break and her trilogy had been picked up and she had stopped caring for the children and found her own apartment, but she still longed for Max. Finally Max confessed his feelings to Lani and she to him. To make the long story short they both fell madly in love with one another.

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### **Norma says**

I loved this book. I started it the day I got it and finished it in a few hours the next day. THE PRINCE'S CINDERELLA BRIDE is a fabulous book by Christine Rimmer. It has earned a place next to the others on my keeper shelf next to her other books.

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### **Melody Cox says**

The Prince's Cinderella Bride ~ Book #7 in the Bravo Royales Series

Lani Vasquez was close friends with and a nanny who worked for the lovely Sydney O'Shea, an attorney, and moved with her to Montedori when she married Prince Rule (Book one of the Bravo Royale's)

Prince Maximilian Bravo-Calabretti was heir to the throne and was definitely not interested in another marriage. He led everyone to believe he and his deceased wife were the perfect married couple, which was their public and personal persona, but now he was a widower raising his two children and presiding over his princely duties. His heart was closed off, a bit frozen if you will. He found out his wife had been having an illicit affair during their marriage and she had drowned when she was off on one of her jaunts while with her

lover. It was rather sickening how everyone held her in such high esteem and it was even worse that Max continued to let his family believe she had been the perfect wife and mother when the opposite was quite true.

Lani and Prince Max had a single night of forbidden magic on New Year's Eve that turned Lani Vasquez and Prince Maximilian Bravo-Calabretti into lovers. But, the distressed Lani knew there could never be anything between a lowly nanny/author and the future King of Montedori. Lani decided to end the very brief affair and approached Max with a let's just be friends of which he was not too happy with.

His New Year's Eve with Lani had rocked Max's world—and now the Texas beauty wanted to be just friends?

A very good story just as all of Ms Rimmer's are. I prefer to address her as the mighty wordsmith. There are few authors that I read that consistently spit out book after book that I enjoy and I am also a big fan of series and most of you know Ms Rimmer delights us with series after series.

Thank you Ms Rimmer for all your super books!! I am appreciative and admire your gift with words and your ability to keep us intrigued.

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### **Linnea Bassin says**

**Love this one**

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I really enjoy this series. I can't wait for the next book. I really enjoy the reality in the storylines and how well developed the characters are. It is a great read.

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### **Kimberly says**

Lani Vasquez and Prince Maximilian Bravo-Calabretti finally get their own story in "The Prince's Cinderella Bride" written by Christine Rimmer. This book was highly anticipated by readers who have been enjoying the Bravo Royales series written by Ms. Rimmer. Lani Vasquez is the best friend and nanny of Max Bravo-Calabretti's sister in law, Sydney. She also is an aspiring writer working on a trilogy of novels set in Montedoro. Max is the heir to the Montedoran throne.

It seems that Lani and Max have been establishing a friendship over the past two years while Lani is working for the Bravo-Calabretti family over their mutual love of history. On New Year's Eve, the couple decide to ring in the new year with each other. In the aftermath of their interlude, Lani is avoiding Max but he refuses to let her escape. This leads them on a heart felt journey in which both have to deal with skeletons from their past.

Things I like about this book, I love as the story unfolds Lani is trying to avoid the Prince because she feels it is awkward with him because of their night of passion. Then she and the Prince had the conversation that one must have when they give into being swept up into a sexual relationship with one of their friends. Sex changes everything and Lani just wants things to go back being the way they were before. Or is she just lying to herself. Max tells her what she wants to hear while secretly wanting to take the relationship to the level.

Lani fears that her troubled past will hurt him. She worries what his mother, the press and the French ministers will think of their being together.

I love how Max is determined to have Lani as his girl-friend. He cares nothing about what happened in her past with her older lover, miscarriage or her suicide attempt when she was younger. He was truthful about his reluctance to never marry again. Max wants to be with Lani but on his own terms.

It was also refreshing that Lani does not disillusion herself over this fact. She knows from the beginning and believes him when he tells her that he did not want to marry ever again. She originally is okay with the "no marriage pact" but as her feelings grow so do her views. She struggles with telling Max that she is in love with him because she knows in her heart that it will change the dynamics of the relationship. Unfortunately, she is right because it causes a rift between them that leads her to rediscovering that she loves herself, her principles, and most of all respects herself.

Eventually, Max comes to the conclusion that he can not live without Lani. He breaks down, asks to see her and is honest about his commitment issues. There is never a doubt that Max does not love Lani. He shows her in so many ways but the issue is can he ever strip away his insecurities or his idealization of his past marriage to become the man he needs to be for Lani.

One of the added bonuses to this book were the interactions with Max's two children, Nick and Connie and his niece, Ellie. From the moment that Max steps in and changes Ellie's dirty diaper to when Connie got sick and had an accident on Lani, it is so relatable to real life because who has not experienced taking care of a sick child, or dealt with a dirty diaper whether it be your own, or a family member or friend's child. Who doesn't love a man or woman that will step in help in life's messy little situations.

Ms. Rimmer weaves the story that is real and true to life. Sometimes love does not come in a flash but is developed in time over mutual interests but it doesn't mean the flame is any less bright. Max and Lani had to empty out their closets in order to have the love of a life time. I enjoyed this book and recommend it to anyone who is waiting for her Prince Charming. Just do not expect Max because Lani snags her Prince and is living happily ever after. Thank you, Christine Rimmer for making us believe that true love can overcome any obstacle even the ones we place upon ourselves.

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## **Rhonda says**

### **3 STARS**

I wanted a little more to the story. Maybe if I had read the other books in the series I would like it more. There were a lot of love scenes that I skipped over.

I liked the scenes with the children the best. They were charming as a family. I would have liked more scenes with the others in them.

I liked the characters. I could see why Lani was scared to have a love affair with a Prince. She was good with the different children. She had made some wrong choices when she was younger and was afraid of making them again.

Lani was a nanny for her best friend Sydney and her husband Prince Rule. At night she was writing books of historical romance and using the royal library. She has spent a lot of time with Prince Maximilian in the library. He has written books too.

Prince Maximilian Bravo-Calabretti is heir to the throne. He is a widower with two children. He does not

plan on ever getting married again. He has been attracted to Lani from the first. He has worked slowly to gain her trust. After they slept together one night Lani has been avoiding him. I have mixed thoughts about the Prince. He is devious in planning to get Lani where he wants her.

Max has a girl named Connie who is six and Nick is eight. He is a good father to his kids.

The setting for this series is Montedoro is by France. The ruler is Prince Maximilian's mother. Who has nine children. Max is the oldest.

I was given this ebook to read and in return agreed to give honest review of it by Netgalley and Harlequin.

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## **Susan says**

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Bravo Royales series so far and have been anxiously awaiting Max's story. I was not disappointed. The emotional journey had me going through quite a few tissues. Lani is the nanny for Max's niece and nephew by day and a budding novelist in the evenings. Over the previous year she and Max have become friends as they bonded over their love of Montedoran history. On New Year's Eve that friendship took an unexpected turn when they shared a passionate night together. But Lani knows nothing can come of it and tries to pull back before either of them get hurt.

Max's night with Lani has rocked his world. He has kept himself emotionally distant for so long that being with her makes him happy, but also makes him very nervous. He has sworn that he will never marry again. While the world saw his marriage as a fairy tale, it had problems that Max doesn't want to risk again. When Lani pulls back after their night together, Max is determined that they will continue their relationship, but he wants to make sure it is clear what his terms are. I liked the patience that he showed in reining back on the physical relationship and going back to their friendship until she was more comfortable. He was sensitive enough to know that there was something bothering her at the beginning. I loved his support of her and the way that he didn't judge her about the things in her past. I really liked seeing him make her part of his everyday life, including being with his children and the rest of his family. He could see how perfect she was for him and his family, but he couldn't bring himself to think in terms of commitment. Even when he opens up to Lani about his marriage his fears won't let him take that final step. It made me hurt for him to see Max let Lani go when he can't give her what she wants and deserves. I loved seeing how it was his son who showed him what a difference Lani has made in his life and starts Max's final journey to letting go of the past and embracing the future.

Lani has had her own issues from the past to deal with. After making some poor choices at the age of eighteen that had a great impact on her self worth and her relationship with her family, she is finally beginning to be happy with her life. She loves caring for her friend Sydney's children, adores living in Montedoro, and is pursuing her dream of being a writer. She has enjoyed her friendship with Max and regrets the events of New Year's Eve. She wants to go back to the comfortable friendship they had but Max is resisting the idea. Her first objection that she works for his family is overcome when she is able to quit and write full time. Her second objection, the secrets of her past, doesn't faze him at all when she finally has the courage to tell him all. She knows of his decision never to marry again, which doesn't bother her as she doesn't plan to marry either. I loved seeing the happiness she and Max had together, both by themselves and with his children. His respect for her and his lack of judgement about her past goes a long way toward healing her heart. Their relationship changes the way she looks at things and she starts to wish for a real future with Max. She realizes that she's in love with him, but fears telling him because she knows it will

change things. But those same changes make her realize that she deserves more than Max is offering, and though it breaks her heart she stands firm when she tells him so. I was so happy to see the way she had grown stronger in her belief in herself and how it paid off for her at the end.

I also loved the big part that family played in the story. Lani's relationship with her family had been so strained because of her past actions. Thanks to her relationship with Max she was finally able to overcome those problems and see that the love had always been there. It was fun watching them with Max and seeing them try to push him toward commitment. And I loved the closeness of the whole Bravo-Calabretti family. It was so much fun seeing them act like normal people. I really enjoyed the scenes with the kids, from Nick's complaints about the family breakfasts and dealing with his little sister to Lani and Max coping with Connie's upset stomach. I loved seeing Max as a normal dad rather than just a royal prince. One of the best parts was seeing Max's mom listen to Lani tell her about her past and be just as wonderful as Max about it. And then later telling Max to put his pride aside and let himself be happy. It's easy to see why she's such a wonderful queen and mother.

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### **Judy Rudy says**

The Prince's Cinderella Bride is a fabulous addition to Christine Rimmer's The Bravo Royales series. Yolanda 'Lani' Vasquez is the nanny to Sydney and Rule's children that we were originally introduced to in The Prince's Secret Baby. Lani moved to Montedoro with her friend Sydney and fell in love with the country. Her dream is to be a novelist so during the day she's a nanny and in the evenings she spends her time in the library writing.

Max is the Prince of Montedoro and heir apparent to the throne. He is the father of two, writer and historian. Nightly he, too, visits the library where he becomes fast friends with Lani over the course of a year. After a one night stand on New Year's Eve, Lani withdraws from Max. She believes their night together was wrong but is also hiding secrets from her past. Max pursues her until she finally breaks down and agrees to going out with him. Initially each of them agrees that marriage is not on the table for either of them. She has her issues from her past and he had a marriage that everyone believed was rock solid. Unbeknownst to his family, his marriage was not what it appeared. In time they each fall for the other but don't want to own up to their feelings. Lani declares her love and desire to be married but Max just can't deal with it. After a very painful break-up, Max realizes that he can't live without her.

If you love a book where two people's past prevent them from believing in a happily ever after future, The Prince's Cinderella Bride is that book for you. It is a standalone novel but in addition to Sydney and Rule we are also treated to characters from Ms. Rimmer's earlier works: How to Marry a Princess and Holiday Royale. I would highly recommend The Prince's Cinderella Bride especially if you have read Ms. Rimmer's earlier Bravo novels. I couldn't put it down and read it in one sitting. I would like to disclose that I received a copy of The Prince's Cinderella Bride in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Diane Ball says**

Christine Rimmer has done it again with the Bravo Calabretti clan. Who can dislike the Prince and his family, surely not Leni, She fights a good fight, So sit back and read the story about a Prince and his long awaited fairy tale. Couldn't put it down till it was done.

Thanks Christine

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## **Julie says**

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### **BOOK BLURB:**

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His New Year's Eve with Lani had rocked Max's world—and now the Texas beauty wanted to be just friends? The single father had sworn he'd never marry again, but Lani had charmed his children and awakened his guarded heart. Will the prince catch his Cinderella before the clock strikes midnight? I really enjoyed this modern Cinderella style love story. Lani was a woman that made some mistakes in her youth, which most of us can relate to. For Lani it was worse because most of her family were over achievers and she sort of stumbled out of the gate. Now she is a nanny while she tries to get her career as a writer on track. Everything was really great until she and Max took their New Year's celebrations to the extreme. Now things are awkward between them. Max doesn't understand why Lani is so against exploring a relationship with him and talks her into giving them a chance. But, due to Max's celebrity things become complicated. Not only that, once Lani opens her heart to Max, she wants the relationship to grow and Max seems to want the relationship to stay at a stand still.

Lani is still dealing with the fallout of her past and the strained relationship with her family. She still wants to be successful so they will be proud of her and she wants their approval after all the pain she caused them. It seems that her parents are the ones holding on to the past and have decided to hold something against Lani that happened years ago. She is still being manipulated by them despite the long distance that separates them. Max's backstory is very sad and there is much more going on in his mind and heart than what everyone sees on the surface. He will have a very hard time grabbing the happiness that is there for the taking because of his fear and pain.

I thought the book brought out some great points about family and living in the spotlight . People love a fairytale and Max's first marriage had captured the hearts of the media. Now Max is living as though there could never be another woman like his deceased wife. But, is that the reason for his reluctance to marry? I think that many people in powerful positions have found themselves living a life the media has written for them to sell papers. I also think there are many parents that hold back with a child that made youthful mistakes. Years can pass and for some reason parents can't move on from it. The adult child has grown up, begin to work hard to be a productive citizen and still finds they are living in the shadow of their parent's overblown expectations. I also like how Max's children were instrumental in pointing out things Max never considered about Lani and his own self.

A solid contemporary romance from Christine Rimmer- this one is 4 stars.

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## **Anita Hayes says**



Loved Max and Lani's story. I have read a lot of the Bravo Royale Books but I especially loved this one. Even though Max is a prince, he is normal and down to earth but something is holding him back from ever marrying again. Lani has gone through hell and back but after letting go, she decides she needs and deserves and wants more from Max than he is willing to give. Can these two ever get past all that is in their way and make it work? Read it and find out. I highly recommend it.

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### **Karen says**

I read The Prince's Cinderella Bride in one day. This book is one that keeps you on the edge of your seat making it hard to put down. You just want to read the next page or til the end of the chapter. This is one that will definitely stay on my book shelf to be read again.

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### **Deanna Vrba says**

Lani Vasquez was a nanny to Rule children and had on new years made out with his brother prince Max who was a heir to the fortune and she went through hard times and Max didn't want to get married again but he fell in love with Lani real name Yolanda and he found love with her when he wasn't looking for it

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### **Meagan Catherine says**

First I have to say that I read the e-book (which I received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review). I didn't see the cover until after I have finished the book & went to write my review. I have to say I'm not a big fan of it, mostly because the characters are nothing like what I had pictured while I was reading. Aside from the cover I thought that the store was very cute, even though it was a little predictable. Although, the things that Lani reveals about her past were not at all what I had been expecting, which I think really added some depth to her character.

As much as I really liked Lani's character, I didn't really like Max. I thought he was much too typical & the secret he shares about his ex-wife were too predictable. Besides Max, I liked everything else about the book & enjoyed reading it.

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