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Desere says

Waking up with the mother of all hangovers is one thing, waking up and looking into the eyes of the most drop dead gorgeous man you have ever seen and not remembering you married him the night before, is a complete different scenario and one I think would send any woman running to a million different conclusions.

But if that drop dead gorgeous husband is refusing any idea of divorce, simply because he believes destiny and some age old magical spell has brought you together, how are you meant to get out it, jump out the window and run away or rather run into his arms and stick around to find out if the magic is real?

In the new read from Romy Sommer it is exactly what happens to Phoenix, she wakes up with a really bad headache, naked, well all for except a ring on her finger, and in the bed of all-I-need-to-do-is-touch-you-and-the-flames-burn-higher Max.

Immediately her mind starts working on a way to get out of his arms and away from the piercing blue eyes that seem to look straight into her soul and of course to a lawyers office for a divorce, marriage is not her thing, loving someone and then having to face loosing yourself if you were to loose them, is the one thing this free spirit simply does not do!

But Max, is not falling for it, he will do anything and everything in his power to keep his wife in his bed and in his life. Even if it means not revealing his true identity, and instead proving to her they are meant to be by showering her with attention in and out of bed.

The character of Phoenix was a but of loopy one, she goes from hot to cold and from weird and unpredictable to totally straight faced in a manner of seconds. At first I did not like her all that much as I was thinking "Hello, your married to a drop dead gorgeous man, who will do absolutely everything for you, what more do you want?".

And ladies I mean everything, I am talking breakfast in bed, running you a hot bath with rose pedals and all, not to mention being able to burn up the sheets to a level of hotness that will leave you falling at his feet anytime anywhere! He also believes your his soul mate and freely admits he loves you even though he has only known your a few hours. What more could any woman ask for, it's the whole package.

But as the author revealed Phoenix's background it became clear why she holds back and would rather take it one day at a time or not all. I loved that the author lets Phoenix's personality adjust to her surroundings, it showed that if you put your mind to it you can do anything without loosing yourself in the process.

The character of Max was simply delicious!! He is strong, confident, kind, caring, considerate, and just plain sexy, everything a woman would want in a husband. I totally loved that the author lets his true identity stay secret until the right moment, it gave the read a sense of mystery and I could tell the moment of conflict was going to be great, and I could not wait to see what would happen when the truth is revealed. I also completely adored how the author lets Max bring Phoenix's defences down bit by bit, by the incorporation of fairy tales from his country it was so much fun to read!

The backdrop settings were perfect, from the wild strips of Vegas, showing the wild and carefree spirit of

Phoenix to the exquisitely described landscapes and private gardens that mirrored the need for privacy that Max's life entails.

The dialogue was sweet and kind but just as fast went to hot and passionate! The author gave me moments of true emotional joy and at the end of the read had me in tears !

I highly recommend this read to everyone that enjoys a fun and spicy romance read with a difference. The fact that the author incorporated a fairy tale backdrop made it that much more magical!

Excellent work Romy, keep them coming!
5/5 star review

" She runs from his bed, but will she be able to run from his love?"

Mandy Baggot says

There is no way in this world that Phoenix Montgomery is going to get tied down! She's her own woman, she has plans and none of them involve waking up in a stranger's hotel suite with a wedding ring on her finger. But that's exactly what happens!

It's a brilliant start to a fairytale romance that will have you believing in love at first sight...with the help of champagne!

What I really liked about this book was it could have gone down so many predictable roads but it certainly didn't. Without giving anything away, the hero Max is sexy, wild, honourable and dutiful all at the same time. Phoenix is crazy and irresponsible on the outside but underneath that tough surface lies a heart crying out for someone genuine in her life.

From Vegas to Europe, you will get totally caught up in the story and be cheering by the end!

Jane Hunt says

Jane Hunt Writer First Steps

Waking up in Vegas is a delightful romantic Cinderella style fairytale with a contemporary edge. The fairytale theme isn't apparent at the beginning but once revealed the story becomes a charming read full of humour, romance and angst.

Phoenix at first glance appears the antithesis of Cinderella. She is forceful, streetwise and cynical. Her father like Cinderella's is a man who loses his way when his soul mate dies, his emotional withdrawal coupled with a nomadic lifestyle unsuited to a teenage girl scar Phoenix and make her distrust the life and love Max is offering.

Max is sexy, handsome and arrogant but as his secret's are revealed he is also a romantic, idealistic loyal man who accepts his duty without complaint.

The plot has many 21st century twists and conflicts for Max and Phoenix to overcome before they enjoy their timeless happy ever after.

Romy Sommer

Alexia Adams says

This was the first book I downloaded onto my brand new kindle and I wasn't disappointed. Phoenix and Max marry after one date, unfortunately it coincides with a prescription drug induced amnesia episode and Phoenix remembers none of it. She struggles trying to come to grips with why the free-spirited, commitment phobic person she thinks she is, would tie herself down after so short an acquaintance. When a family problem sends Max back to Europe, it looks like the marriage is over before it's even begun.

Ms. Sommer weaves an emotionally touching, but light-hearted read, through the desert heat of Vegas to the medieval streets of an small European duchy. The characters were realistic and multi-dimensional and their hot chemistry burns through the pages.

I really enjoyed this book and couldn't put it down until Phoenix and Max had their HEA.

Fanny says

Waking Up In Vegas es el primer libro que leo de Romy Soomer y narra la hermosa historia de Max y Phoenix.

Llevaba cerca de un año con el libro en lista de TR, pero no conseguia encontrarlo por ningun lado, hasta que hace unos dias mirando un blog lo vi y enloqueci!!

Waking Up In Vegas fue todo lo que esperaba y mas : una historia romantica (quizas un poco fantasiosa, pero muy bonita), con un ritmo muy natural, personajes muy divertidos y con menos de 200 paginas, se lee en muy poco tiempo.

Cuando me encuentre el libro estaba buscando una lectura ligera pero que no fuera demasiado sencilla y esta novela fue justo eso, con la apariencia de un libro simple pero que esconde una trama muy linda.

Puede que no sea la historia de sus vidas pero definitivamente se convertira en una lectura que recordaran con cariño dentro de un tiempo.

3.75 Estrellas!

Amanda R says

This review can also be seen on www.Chillreviews.blogspot.com

This was a great little read. I enjoyed the chase that Max had going with Phoenix. While I enjoyed Phoenix as a whole character there were times that she was completely selfish and a downright brat. I could understand why he past made her gun-shy about relationships, it was just an on going struggle for most of the book. Also there is an element to this book that surprised me, I won't tell cause its a good one! This book was well worth the time it took me to read it. Had it been any longer and thus prolonging the heroine's fight to love Max and it would of been too much.

April says

Loved it!

I had a soft-spot for Phoenix from the start of the book and I was thrilled to read her happily ever after. Max was a perfect drool-worthy hero and I loved that he wasn't the jaded one. I was totally absorbed in the story and as I learned more about the characters the more I fell in love with each of them. It truly is a beautiful fairytale every romantic should read. Looking forward to book 2 very much!

Jeannie Zelos says

Waking up in Vegas Romy Sommer.

This is a fun romantic tale with a lovely HEA. Sometimes you want light-hearted and funny and this book does it. Phoenix wakes up next to a gorgeous hunk and can't remember...anything about how she got there! Max, that's his name, then drops the bombshell that they married the night before desperately in love! He remembers everything, and though Phoenix doesn't believe in the concept of settling down and being with just one person he persuades her (not least with some smoking sex) to stay with him for first the afternoon and evening, then the night then when she finally goes back to her motel, who does she find it there but...Max. That man is determined not to let the love of his life go. He tells her its a family legend that they recognise their love at first sight and she is his. They don't believe in divorce, have never needed it as everyone has been happy for generations. He's quite clever about what he tells her, knowing that with her fear of commitment she'll run if he tells the whole truth straight out. Then there are family problems, they get separated and eventually find each other again...

Its a great tale, full of smiles and humour, love and heartbreak, and showing just how events impact on families and love. I fell for Max right from the start – who wouldn't? He's a total romantic, and so thoughtful and so in love with Phoenix, but also aware of his duty to family. Phoenix, just scared because of what happened to her parents, loves him really but is too afraid to admit it or commit herself but slowly he wears her down. There's some tear-jerking moments here, and its got some real depth despite me sayings its a light-hearted story. The ending – perfect, and left me with a big beam on my face. Sometimes I like to read deep, dark fantasy and sometimes I just want a book to make me feel good about the world, something easy to read and make me smile and this book does just that.

For romance lovers who want the HEA its perfect, and though usually these books are a one time only read

for me this had enough depth that it'll go in my keepers file for re reading for when I want my spirits lifted :) Well edited and written, plots that join up and don't leave reader wondering "what happened there?" Its not cheap at 182 pages for £2.99 but on a par with many others in this genre and is worth a re read which adds VFM.

Stars, four - not quite a five, a bit too short for that but it's close.

Aimee says

I finished *Waking up in Vegas* with a huge grin on my face. It's funny, sweet and sexy. Phoenix is just like me (wishful thinking maybe), and Max is delicious. What a fun read. Definitely a keeper. Can't wait for Max's brother's story!

Jackie (Jackie's Book World) says

Review can also be found at Jackie's Book World :)

Waking Up in Vegas is not just another story about two drunk individuals getting married in Vegas. The story evolves around Max and Phoenix, and how they cope with their marriage. As a casino waitress, Phoenix wasn't expecting to get hitched with the handsome stranger that bought her a drink one night. But things turned out for the worst the next morning when she wakes up and finds herself in a hotel room wearing a wedding ring and without any knowledge of who is the handsome men standing in front of her. As people often say, "what happens in Vegas stay in Vegas," but that isn't the case with with their marriage, because as soon as Phoenix suggests a divorce, Max refuses all because in his country there hasn't been a divorce for over 300 years and he was not about to break that tradition. Angry and confused, Phoenix does the impossible to get him to sign the the divorce papers, but knowing that he wasn't going to sign them, she decides to let him stay with her, with the intend that he will go away eventually.

But everyone has secrets and Phoenix nor Max are immune to that. Both have secrets to reveal and the attraction between them also grows in time. As they get to know each other, Phoenix will have to learn how to leave everything behind for the man she has grown to love. Being an already beautifully written story, *Waking Up in Vegas* is not your typical story. What I liked about the story was that Phoenix is a strong leading character, she has a past like anyone else and because of that she has to constantly protect herself from getting hurt. On the other hand, Max is your typical handsome character with a twist. He is not only romantic, but he also believes in a destiny and a happily every after. Which not a lot of guys do, but he makes the story that much romantic and hard to put down. As a reader, I found myself completely lost in the beauty of the setting and the in the characters. There were times when Phoenix's personality did not work in some of the scenes, but knowing where she was coming from made her actions understandable. I really loved the ending, it was cute and romantic. I would completely recommend this story to those readers that love a good romance novel and fairy tale endings.

Sue says

In *Waking Up in Vegas* by Romy Sommer, Phoenix is currently a waitress in Vegas. She is a free-spirit, with no intention of settling down and committing to anyone. She's in Vegas "for the memories, a final adieu to her parents before setting off alone in the world."

Max is in Vegas to escape his world and to "...celebrate the fact that it feels good to be alive." He is someone you'd never expect to meet in Vegas, let alone wake up married to! Much to Phoenix's dismay though, that's exactly what's happened. She was out at a bar playing pool with her friend, having a few drinks, then...nothing! That's all she can remember, and suddenly she's waking up in a very posh hotel suite, covered in gold glitter, and apparently married to Max.[Read More](#)

Mari?ina says

Waking up inside a boring plotline that resulted in a huge headache. Surely the concept behind it is very compelling and generally cute, exactly what you want for a lazy read with no much of an impact or meaning.

But sadly this one didn't work out for me not even that way. I practically hated it from the get go mainly because of the absolutely unrealistic story and the annoying characters. Max was likeable and ok overall. He tried a lot, he was sweet and caring, but Phoenix was a total disappointment. Misery impersonated even when everything is fine.

The first few chapters were interesting enough and light, but when the royal aspect made it's appearance i automatically drew the line. It's almost funny at some points and the characters although incredibly cheesy share a connection. But that's it for me. I tried and after a long time i finished it but truthfully it was a big miss.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- Although arrogant and a bit overbearing i liked Max.
 - Phoenix can't remember how they met and Max tries hard to change that.
 - It definitely has a Cinderella vibe, not sure if that's a good thing or rather cheesy.
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Abbey says

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Blurb

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Verdict

Amazing & Truly Fabulous 5/5 star rating!

I am so happy that HarperCollins decided to set up HarperImpulse giving new writers chance to get their stories out there for all of us to read, and wow I loved this one.

I was giggling pretty much all the way through, Phoenix Montgomery is a girl who is not going to be a tied down by one man and has a huge sparkly ring on her finger.. Problem is for Phoenix, she cannot remember anything that happened the night before as she wakes up in an unfamiliar penthouse suite with an amazing demi-god sexy man lying next to her called Max Waldburg. He has other ideas and tells her they got married in Vegas and she is his Wife forever..However Phoenix isn't going to let that happen anytime soon...

A truly fantastic read, while reading you know Phoenix & Max have great chemistry between them, you can just feel it! It makes you feel like a true fairy tale romance with some added bonus'

I literally finished this in 1 day as was hooked and was an easy read! A great story to have on your Kindle and you need to read!

I was cheering nearer to the end and was so happy! :)

Romy Sommer I hope to see more books from you in the future!

Truly fabulous!

Cathy Brockman says

Phoenix wakes up with a strange man in her bed and finds she has married him. He begs for a chance to convince her that they are destined to be together that none in his family has divorced in 300 years. She slowly accepts she has feelings for him but still wishes she could remember the night they supposedly married.

This story is your typical Cinderella romance, the perfect man (prince charming and the woman that has had a rough life and wants to chase her dreams) he modern day twist mixed with folklore and fairy tales is charming and sweet. I loved all the characters and the story is a classic who doesn't dream of a man that loves you.

Recommendation: If you like a Cinderella type sweet romance, complete with princes, and castles and kingdoms, toss in a modern day setting, with a strong female lead, that is afraid to follow her heart and accept her prince charming, lots of sensuous romance you will love this one.

Claire Robinson says

3.5 Stars.

Phoenix Montgomery & Max Waldburg are from opposite ends of the scale when it comes to their backgrounds.

Phoenix is a waitress in Las Vegas, and Max is a Vintner.....He is also a Prince from a small European principality, but being the second son, has been allowed to live his own life.

As the saying goes - Marry in haste, repent at leisure, pretty much sums up Phoenix's feeling's when she wakes up in an unknown bed, to be told she has married Max after spending 24 hours together in Vegas, unfortunately she cannot remember any of it.

The story develops with Max trying to help Phoenix remember why they married and all of the things they have in common, but Phoenix has been let down before and is reluctant to give her heart away to anyone else.

I really enjoyed this book, it's your typical modern day Cinderella, with a little bit of magic, and an old fashioned Prince Charming thrown in for good measure. It's not a massively long novel, but it was well written, nothing felt rushed, and the story developed at a steady pace.

A good read, worth a few hours of your time, and hey who doesn't love a happily ever after once in a while ;-)

I was privileged to be provided with a copy of this book through Netgalley, and as thanks I have provided the above honest review.
