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Daniele Pellegrini must wed or lose his family inheritance. Eva Bergen is the perfect candidate for three reasons:

1. Her body is pure temptation.
2. She can't reject his outrageous charitable donation in exchange for their vows.
3. Most important, she can't stand him—this hard-hearted tycoon won't risk his wife falling in love with him!

When Eva's first youthful marriage ended in tragedy, she buried any hope of loving again. She's certain she'll have no problem keeping her second marriage on purely convenient terms...until her husband changes the rules with his expertly ruthless seduction!

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Vintage says

Hallelujah, this was soooo much better than *Claiming His One-Night Baby*. Exponentially so.

Eva, the heroine slaps down Daniele the hero for just what he is, a womanizing rake. He's more than a little petulant about it as no woman has ever.. blah, blah, you know the drill. He doesn't hate her guts; he doesn't plot revenge for the slight, but when it becomes obvious he has to marry he thinks of her as there will be fewer emotional strings. He woos her with promises of millions to the charity she works for.

She wants a MOC in name only which he agrees to with the caveat he will try and seduce her. They are in his freezing outdated castello on their wedding night, and the hero is dismayed there was no bed warmer...

Not tonight... Tonight he'd left deliberate instructions to the staff not to warm the bed for them. Underhanded but necessary. 'If you're cold I'm very happy to warm you.'

Yeah, he's a sneaky bad boy with great hair and unapologetic about his desire for the shutdown little heroine. He is mostly charming to the heroine with a little I'm-just-not-in-touch-with-my-feelings angsty hissy fit to create a crisis, but all in all in behaves nicely. The heroine starts to thaw out pretty quickly, but we are spared, thank you Ms. Smart, the exploding lady parts and quivering loins so many authors resort to. "*Give me love, Give me love, Give me peace on earth...*, but please don't describe her nipples.

The heroine is pretty up front about her seeming coldness to everyone without being bitter. A horrible childhood with emotionally crushing, controlling and physically abusive parents and the death of her young husband have stunted and isolated Eva to the world. She's tightly wound and emotionally stunted, but she's not a mopey, poor pitiful heroine. The H's rough and tumble flirtatiousness loosens her up. She also may be the first heroine who openly colors her hair.

The heroine grows. The hero grows, and the whole family changes for the better with cute interactions between characters.

So while she slept, he passed the time playing cards with his mother and aunt. He only learned the two sprightly women were keen poker fiends after they'd cleared him out of all his cash.

About to make his excuses and crawl into bed with Eva, his mother dug into the giant handbag she carried everywhere and pulled out a travel-sized game of backgammon. 'Do you want to see if you can beat me at this?' she asked, her eyes gleaming with challenge. His aunt Rachele cackled wickedly.

Never one to resist a challenge, even if it came from the sixty-six-year-old woman who'd given birth to him and her younger sister, Daniele cleared the table of the cards. And soon found himself thrashed at the game by both of them.

Once again the spectral character of Pieta, the older dead brother from the previous book, pops up and he is just as selfish, manipulative and hypocritical in this book as the last. For someone so revered he was perfectly awful and damaged so many people.

Great epilogue. I guess I need to read the first book now.

Penny Watson says

I almost didn't read this one because I didn't like the blurb. The blurb does not fit this book at ALL.

I LOVED this book. Once again reminded that Michelle Smart is such a gifted writer and storyteller. The characters were so fresh and real and unique...especially the heroine and her backstory. And I loved the hero and how his feelings for the heroine grew and developed.

Also, the sex scenes were REALLY sexy. *fans self* Whew!

This is a satisfying and emotional and sexy read. Fabulous!

Grade: A+

Jenny says

Hero must wed or lose his family inheritance. He considers heroine the perfect candidate because she strongly dislikes him. He proposes marriage and she accepts for purely financial reasons. He is happy about it because he doesn't want her love. Heroine was married when she was very young and she is now a widow. She loved her first husband but their sex life was not spectacular. Naturally after the wedding she falls in love with our sex on legs hero and angst ensues.

I am pleasantly surprised by this author. Her first Harlequin books were atrocious but I like her writing and as long as she doesn't write cheater heroines like she used to I will be reading her books. This heroine especially was very likable. Fierce but loving and caring. Hero was sexy and charming. Epilogue was just fantastic. I mean 6 kids? I was puking rainbows!

StMargarets says

This marriage of convenience story started out so sloooooow. But I kept going because I like this author and it had so many glowing reviews.

I can see why.

This has a five star ending and it was worth the slog through the descriptions of the extreme conditions the heroine was living in at a camp set up for victims of a Caribbean hurricane. And I get that the author was equating the heroine's spiritual/emotional poverty with the physical poverty around her, but it was a bit hard to take after the three real life hurricanes that left so much destruction at the end of this summer.

The hero was equally shut down after the death of his estranged father and the sudden death of his older brother in a helicopter crash. So, having two emotionally dead characters (the H/h) interacting on top of the tedious descriptions wasn't very exciting. I wanted them to get on with their MOC that the hero needed to inherit the family pile in Italy. (The translator heroine was bribed with money for the charity that had set up the hurricane camp.)

So - we're halfway through the book, with the H/h promising not to ask any questions of each other and not to feel anything for each other when they actually start to ask questions and feel something. Then the story became compelling.

(view spoiler)

I really liked this hero, who was a gentleman always. When she said no - he backed right off and didn't lose his alpha status. He had such big emotions from the beginning when he was playing the superficial playboy role. By the end he had revealed so many hidden depths that I felt like I knew him.

The heroine was equally likable. Once she got over her judgmental prejudice about the hero, she was a loving partner. I loved how she helped him through his dark night of the soul and how she urged him to do the right thing even when he was growly. They are well-matched and I totally believed their HEA.

So, this is well-worth reading. Three stars is an average and not a good indicator of my enjoyment. I didn't read the first two in the series and had no trouble keeping up. I probably would have liked it even better if I had read the previous stories. The sister's story is book one. And the cousin's story is book two.

There is some really heavy family stuff - so if child abuse is a trigger, be warned.

Michelle Cunliffe says

My Review

This is the third and last book in Michelle's mini series.

In this book we meet Daniele, who has always been the happy go lucky type of guy, but then Pieta died in the helicopter crash. Which then changed Daniele's life forever, and he had a lot more responsibility.

But there is one thing that Daniele won't do and that's getting married, he just simply refuses to do it.

That is until he meets Eva Bergen, who is with the Blue Train Aid Agency, on the Caribbean island of

Caballeros. As you may remember from the last book, this is the island that the hospital is being built in Pieta's name.

To me Eva comes across as a strong feisty woman but she also has a secret, but underneath she just wants to be cherished and loved. The first meeting with Daniele doesn't go to planned, he spent the whole evening flirting with Eva, but doesn't really get to know her.

I can't really go into much detail, because that would spoil the book. All I will say is Daniele offers Eva a deal, which is so romantic (NOT). For me this book was fantastic, I loved every second of this book and highly recommend it.

For me this book is 5/5 stars. This book available to buy from Amazon.co.uk and all other retailers.

I received this ARC copy from the author in return for a honest review.

Tonya Warner says

Eva Bergen works hard for the charity Blue Train Aid Agency. More than just a little reserved, she finds that her one-off date with Daniele Pellegrini was not what she wanted. He was just a rich man playing the field. More money than brains. Or so she thinks at first.

Daniele Pellegrini must marry to keep the family estate intact. Six hundred years of heritage in jeopardy, all tied to an institution he does not believe in. Eva Bergen might not want him, but that makes her the perfect candidate to become his wife. His one and only wife. Yes, a fortune paid to get her there, but money turns out to not be everything.

Really sweet.

Tabs says

This was the star in the series for me. Eva hates Daniele's guts because he finagled her into a date that he swore up and down wasn't a date and then proceeded to flirt shamelessly and proposition her. She promptly told him where he could shove his proposition and wrote him completely off. Luckily, while Daniele was definitely going through an a-hole phase at the time (because grief!), he's really not an a-hole at heart.

When his cousin's affair with his brother's widow becomes public knowledge, Daniele needs a marriage of convenience to secure his family's inheritance and ensure it won't go to the betraying cousin. He decides that only Eva will do and he sweetens the deal with a massive donation to the aid organization she works for. Their marriage is supposed to be in name only but things quickly escalate. Watching them both find love they never thought they would get is downright heart-warming.

Amanda says

Buying His Bride of Convenience is the final book in Michelle Smart's Bound to a Billionaire trilogy. The story follows Daniele Pelligrini and continues in parallel with Matteo and Natasha's story who we met in Claiming His One-Night Baby.

Buying His Bride of Convenience opens up with Daniele having himself checked out by a medical volunteer, Eva Bergen who he so happens to know from a previous date. Their meeting in the opening scenes isn't glamorous or the sparks don't fly off the pages. However, when Daniele is tasked with finding a wife in order to claim his inheritance, he has one person in mind...Eva. The drama slowly builds from this point and the scenes that unfold close the trilogy with a bang. Unique, angsty and intense, Buying His Bride of Convenience by Michelle Smart is a solid and compelling read. I enjoyed the banter and the internal musings of Eva and Daniele and throughout their tumultuous journey from being polar opposites to becoming madly in love make their relationship become the perfect forever after!

Recommended

4.5 Stars

Brenda says

I'd been hesitating to read this book for I don't like reading books where hero and heroine have been in love with their ex-spouse before and somewhere I read this heroine was in love with her husband. Felt somewhat better that her marriage was more an escape from her parents' cruel treatment, which is why, the moment she was eighteen she married the only guy who was friends with her and their marriage was more two friends caring for one another. It lacked desire and passion.

After reading book 2 of the series, Claiming his one night baby (Matteo and Natasha), I thought I should read Daniele's story and I am so glad I did because I enjoyed it thoroughly. Moreover, a lot of stuff from that book gets clarified in this book.

The angst wasn't a major one, but the little it was it had intensity. Daniele could be gruff, arrogant and yet fun and amusing too with his witty quips. That whole scene where he puts his proposition across to Eva while calming tucking into his meal, while she choked at the terms he casually put forward amused me. Liked how with his constant flirting, sexual innuendoes and slow seduction he broke down Eva's barriers regarding the consummation of the marriage. I laughed so hard at both of their "God help me" on realization on what they've actually got into by marrying.

'Did you have to remind me?'

'Why not? It's all I can think about. Is it not the same for you? Have you not spent the day thinking that tonight is the first night we spend together in my bed?'

'Actually, I've been trying very hard to forget.'

'You're a terrible liar.'

'And you're a terrible egotist.'

'And you're reduced to insulting me because it's easier than admitting the truth that you want me.'

The tiniest flash of colour seeped across her cheekbones. 'Oh, suck on your lemon.'

'My point is proved.'

'Your point is invalid.'

He shifted to settle against the back of the sofa so he could face her properly.

'There is no shame in desiring your husband.'

'You're not...' Then she checked herself and shook her head.

'I was going to say that you're not my husband. But you are.' And then she laughed and drank half her gin and tonic in one go. 'You're my husband. God help me.' She said the latter with a sigh and a roll of her eyes but with a definite trace of resigned amusement.

'God help us both,' he said drily before raising his glass. 'To us and a marriage of the absurd.'

She chinked her glass to his and in unison they drank.

Eva was a good match for Daniele. Smart and fierce, yet caring and understanding. She'd had a misconception of him being a selfish playboy, but when she sees she was wrong and that there was a good, honest man beneath his worldly exterior she changed her antagonistic behavior toward him.

The scene where Daniele is drunk having learnt the truth that his late brother had been lying to them all when alive, I liked how she comforted him, sitting with him on the floor, hearing him out and then putting him to bed and keeping a glass of water by his bed side knowing he'll wake up with excessive thirst.

I liked how they constantly needed the other by their side, how beautifully their relationship grew. Their climax scene was awesome. So was the epilogue. I laughed so much at the rubber bullet in his mother's hair and the kids all over the place.

Fun and enjoyable book. Not to be missed

Laura says

ARC from Netgalley

This was a boring story that didn't live up to the synopsis. It never held my interest and the ending was rushed.

Maria Rose says

Buying his Bride of Convenience by Michelle Smart is the third story in her Bound by a Billionaire series. While each can be read as a standalone, they all feature members of the Pellegrini family who are suffering the loss of their eldest brother Pieta. It's a series that is also very timely, dealing with philanthropic activities on a Caribbean island that has suffered from a devastating hurricane.

Daniele Pellegrini feels that he will never live up to the reputation of his older brother but he will do everything in his power to continue his work, including building a new hospital on the island of Caballeros. He's met one of the aid workers, Eva Bergen, a woman who wasn't impressed by his attempt to get her into bed on their one and only date. In fact, her dislike of him makes her the perfect choice for a task he must

fulfill in order to claim the family's ancestral home now that Pieta has died. He has to marry, and quickly. Since he's got no interest in marrying for love, he's not above bribing Eva with a substantial monetary donation for the island if she'll agree to a short term marriage. Eva accepts. But she soon learns that first impressions aren't always the right ones. Daniele has a lot more redeeming qualities than she expected. Will their marriage of convenience turn into a real love affair?

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A copy of this story was provided by the publisher for review.

Pam Graber says

Since the death of his older brother, Pieta, billionaire Daniele Pellegrini must marry in order to inherit the family estate. The woman he has in mind, Eva Bergen, hates him - which is perfect because he doesn't want a woman who will fall in love with him. If he had a choice, he wouldn't get married at all! Eva can't turn down the massive donation Daniele is willing to make to the cause she's worked for the last four years. She's willing to sacrifice herself for the cause but not willing to hand over her heart. Can either of them hold out when they discover that the person they married is not the person they believed them to be?

I always enjoy Michelle Smart's books. She consistently tells a story that pulls me in and tugs at my emotions. Buying His Bride of Convenience is no exception. Daniele wants the world to see the playboy with a different woman on his arm every outing when he's really a closet philanthropist, supporting causes financially and using his architectural prowess to build structures that complement their terrain. He chooses Eva for all the wrong reasons. What happens when she sees past his glitz to the man of substance?

Liba says

Daniele grew up as the "spare" son, always compared to his perfect older brother, Pieta. (Is Pieta a version of Pietro?). Now Pieta is dead and in order to inherit Daniele must marry. Personally he doesn't want to marry, but has no choice - otherwise his cousin Matteo inherits. Presently Matteo has an affair with Pieta's widow, Natasha, and she is pregnant. The family (Daniele, his mother, aunt and sister) think they were betrayed by the pair and shun them. Now Daniele decides to marry Eva.

Eva, a coordinator/ translator at a refugee camp on the Caribbean island of Caballeros, barely knows the Pellegrinis. She is surprised by Daniele's proposal. So he offers to donate millions to the agency running humanitarian help on the island, if Eva marries him. As such, he buys himself a bride. Eva thinks he is a playboy, who enjoys life and apparently doesn't work. (There is a mention of his architecture, but the idea is undeveloped).

Eva meets Daniele's sister Francesca, who is engaged to Felipe, and his mother, Vanessa. Now this doesn't sound Italian, unlike other names.

Daniele is surprised twice: Eva is Dutch, not English, and she is a widow. Later he learns of her abusive parents who disinherited her at 18, when she married. She has no contact with her sisters.

Most of the story takes place in Pisa and Florence (Firenze) during winter. Eva overhears Daniele speaking to Francesca about his lack of love for his wife. So she leaves...

Is Eva a coward for always running away - from her parents, after the death of her husband?

Is Daniele running from love? What about Pieta and his secret - was he running away, too?

I haven't read the first two books in the series, but this doesn't matter, as everything was explained in the third one. I will try to find them, though.

Monica Cardoza says

This is the third book in the Bound to a Billionaire series and it was a very interesting read. I'm going to have to go back and read the other 2 books of this series. The characters were interesting and they both had issues that they need to resolve in order for them to be able to live happily ever after. Marriage is something that should be sacred but it seems that Daniele wants this marriage just as a convenience and Eva is thinking about the money that could help people. They have this chemistry that is sizzling but she is fighting it and Daniele is being the gentleman that he promised he would be. Eva is a caring person and when she tells her story I felt so bad for her because her parents shouldn't have treated her nor her sisters the way they did. Then there is Daniele and his family. There is so much going on in the Pellegrini between the death of his brother and some other big issues that of course Daniele is going to lose his mind. But what I love is that Eva is there and supports him in any way that she can. What ends up happening is Eva is falling in love with Daniele but when she over hears him speaking with his sister things change and she runs away.

Buying His Bride Convenience was a good read. It was enthralling from the beginning to the very end. There were some parts that were a little slow but that was okay. These two characters deserved to be together and live happily ever after. They needed to see that they were already in love with each other once that happened then they could move forward with their marriage.

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lily waheed says

I really enjoyed this ,
