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Susanna has found her true prince, and their happily ever after is just around the corner. But when Nate asks her to give up something precious to her, Susanna can't help but wonder if it's a sign that their love is not meant to be.

Susanna Truitt (Once Upon A Prince) is three weeks from royalty. She'll soon marry King Nathaniel II of Brighton Kingdom. But when the government insists she renounce her American citizenship before the wedding, coupled with the lack of involvement by family and friends, her heart begins to doubt whether this marriage is God's plan for her.

Nathaniel would do anything for his bride-to-be. But he knows his position requires that she give up a lot to be with him. Her life will never be her own — right down to her very identity. When she travels home to St. Simon's Island, Georgia, right before the wedding, Nathaniel fears she won't return. Gathering his courage, he devises a plan to win his bride all over again, and together they seek out a kingdom to treasure above all.

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Jay Kenobi says

Susanna has found her very literal Prince Charming, and in just three weeks she will join royalty as she marries King Nathaniel II of Brighton Kingdom. Having been jilted in the past, she's wary of Nathaniel changing his mind when suddenly he drops a different kind of bombshell: the government have insisted that she renounce her American citizenship before they can marry. When Susanna flees home to America for some soul-searching, neither she nor Nathaniel is sure whether the wedding will even take place. A March bride is the third instalment in a year's worth of novellas from twelve different romance authors, and I'm sorry to say it is also the first that I didn't enjoy. At the outset of it was somewhat confusing as to where and when the story was set. It explains later in the story that Brighton is an island in Europe, but mentions of the British Royal family and the fact that Brighton is actually a town in the UK made the initial chapters confusing.

Faith is at the heart of the novella, but so much so that it not only overpowered the romance, but left me feeling like I was being preached at from a pulpit. Nathaniel is an incorrigible romantic, but lacked a certain je ne sais quoi that made him wholly winning as the male lead. When Nathaniel drops the bombshell there is lengthy dialogue, and perhaps a more indepth insight into how the two characters were feeling during that scene would help the reader warm to them more. The story itself is incredibly romantic, but not for you unless you're comfortable with heavy Christian overtones.

Disclaimer: I was provided with an ecopy of A March Bride by NetGalley for the purposes of this review, but all opinions given are, as always, entirely my own.

Aerykah says

I ended up mostly speed-reading through this book. It's just not the type of story that I really enjoy.

Katie W says

I loved getting a little more of Susanna and Nathaniel's story. Life in the palace would be tough, especially if that's not how you were raised. As much as I would love to trade places with Susanna, the reality of princess life would be difficult to adjust to. I can't imagine everyone watching everything I wear, everywhere I go, everything I say and do. I thought Susanna handled things well, considering.

Is love enough to keep this couple together? Sometimes the sacrifices in life require a lot of self-evaluation, pondering, and determination. Digging deep to decide what's really important is something Susanna must do. I enjoyed the path and watching her come to a decision about her future.

I really do like this couple and thought this was a great addition to the both the Royal Weddings series, as well as the A Year of Weddings Novellas.

Content: mild, clean romance; moderate Christian themes and elements (talking to and about God). Clean!

Moon Maiden (M. Perez) says

Another great story by Rachel Hauck. Thank you Rachel for writing stories that fill our hearts with love, friendships, community, peace, and God.

Andrea Cox says

I liked how Ms. Hauck tackled themes such as doubt, fear, and faith in this novella. It's tough to stop doubts from creeping into our minds, yet it's always possible when our focus in on God. I like how the battle for that focus was on display in this book.

A couple of disappointments hampered my enjoyment of this book. There were at least a dozen of what I call replacement expletives, words that take the place of curse words, therefore becoming curse words themselves. I was surprised to see missing commas in direct address, which is a basic grammar rule enforced since grade school and one that is still included in *The Chicago Manual of Style* (as of the year of this review, 2018).

There were a few times through the early and middle chapters of this novella that the leading lady's journey felt much like that in the preceding book in the series. Can she fall in love with a prince? I thought that was solved in book one. Is she willing to give up her freedom for the prince? Again, solved in book one. I'm not sure why these, and a couple of other, issues were recycled in this second book in the Royal Wedding series. I would have enjoyed this book much better if it had a truly original plot rather than simply revisiting the issues that felt resolved in *Once Upon a Prince*.

I was not compensated for my honest review.

Megan says

I felt when reading this I was missing some backstory, not that it affected my enjoyment of the story, so I searched and found out that it's a continuation of Once Upon a Prince. I did enjoy this story, but maybe not as much as I would've had I read that book first. A March Bride has made me interested in reading Once Upon a Prince and the other books in that series, where as before I really didn't have an interest in them. So that's a good thing.

The romance was sweet, the characters cute, and I enjoyed the struggle Susanna and Nathaniel had in merging their lives - it was believable. I did think that Susanna's hesitancy in following the new law was strange, because to me the law made complete sense and shouldn't have been an issue.

All in all, this was a sweet, clean read. I definitely would recommend it to those who have already read *Once Upon a Prince* and enjoyed it.

I received a complimentary copy of this book to review. I was asked to give my honest opinion of the book -

3.5 stars

Melanie says

Review on Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/review/RICM4PNQ...

Review on my blog: http://christianbookshelfreviews.blog...

4.5 stars

A March Bride is the fourth "Year of Weddings" novella - a collection of stand-alone novellas from twelve different authors. For those of us who have read Rachel Hauck's novel "Once Upon A Prince", A March Bride is extra neat to read, as it has to do with the same couple and the struggles they endure in the midst of wedding planning.

I have to say, I enjoyed A March Bride very much. Maybe it's because I was already familiar with the characters, but I was able to get into this story easily and thoroughly enjoyed the time spent reading it. It was predictable, as I guessed early on some of the things that would happen; but I did expect that going in, so it didn't diminish my enjoyment.

While you don't have to read "Once Upon A Prince" before A March Bride, I do recommend doing so, if you enjoy these types of books, as I think it'll make this one much more special and unique. I really enjoyed it and look forward to more of Rachel Hauck's books.

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Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I'm on a roll with the "Year of Weddings" series and I'm up to March! Okay, so I'm only 3 in but I'm really enjoying this series so far. These are all novellas, one per month, quick and fun, all by different authors. I can count on all of these books to be clean which is dreamy to me. :)

Nathaniel is seriously the sweetest of men. He will literally do anything for his bride-to-be. I love how devoted he is to Susanna. He wants to please her and show his love. He goes out of his way to demonstrate that devotion and love. It melts my heart.

This novella is a sort of follow up with the characters from "Once Upon a Prince" which fortunately I have read (and loved). I'm sure this novella is meant to be a stand alone and can be read without having read the main book, but I'm not sure as I have read them both and in the right order. All I can say is that I'm glad that I already knew the history of Susanna and Nathaniel when I started "A March Bride". I had that base history

of the two of them that helped me understand the conflict here and made the resolution all the sweeter. It's so nice to have a follow up of characters you already know and love. So, if you haven't had a chance to pick up "Once Upon a Prince" by Rachel Hauck, you might want to. It's a good, clean read. And yes, Christian Fiction as well.

My thanks to the publisher for allowing me to read and review this title.

Kathie (katmom) says

HAPPY RELEASE DAY!!!

This is the fourth book in the A Year of Weddings series published by Zondervan - Fiction. Each of these novellas focus on a wedding and the trials and tribulations leading up to the event. These are nicely clean, but have some UST for our reading enjoyment. Kisses can be FUN!

This book is a short sequel to Once Upon a Prince. While I haven't read that one, Ms. Hauck gets all caught up on what happened previously.

It's three weeks out from the royal wedding. Susanna has noticed her betrothed, King Nathaniel, is somewhat distant, and as she tells him, "weird." After having been jilted, she just knows that he's looking for a way out of the wedding.

That's not why he's weird, his government has decided that besides all the many things Susanna has had to change and give up, she must now renounce her American citizenship and swear an oath to her new country.

A call from her mama back in Georgia is just full of disappointment. Her Granny is ill and can't come to the wedding. Her best friend, who is her matron of honor, is now on bed rest. And the list goes on.

This feels like the last straw to her. While she loves Nathaniel more than she can say, she needs some space. She needs to go home and see Granny and Grace. She needs to evaluate whether this really is the best plan for her. She needs to pray in her own church.

Nathaniel is distraught. He loves his Georgia Girl. But he also knows that taking on the duties and the work that being the Crown Princess (to him as King), is almost more than any sane person would take on.

While all of these novellas are inspirational, this one is particularly so. I didn't read it as preaching, but just letting us know their thoughts on how to go forward as they asked God for help.

When I thought the HEA was secure and I'd soon be reading "THE END" there was a twist in the story. I liked that very much. Really filled the whole thing out. Well done, Ms. Hauck!

I'll certainly check out more of her works.

*Thank you, NetGalley and Zondervan, for the opportunity to read A March Bride

If my review intrigues you, maybe you could add A March Bride to your shelves. Thanks!

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

This novella would probably be great for someone who had read the full-length novel the characters are from. As a stand-alone, it threw the reader into the chaos of the royal wedding plans and doubts of the characters without establishing any relationship, chemistry, or romance. I felt like an outsider who had walked into the end of a movie, and I didn't have a connection to the characters because I missed 90% of the story.

(ARC provided via Netgalley for unbiased review)

Shannon L. Gonzalez says

A March Bride Of The Year of Weddings Novellas By Rachel Hauck

In another installment of The Year of Weddings Novellas, Author Rachel Hauck writes a sequel to her book Once Upon A Prince. When you are a prince, how much can your country demand of you, especially when you have already petitioned them to marry a foreigner? King Nathaniel II of Brighton Kingdom loves Susanna Truitt and three weeks from their wedding his Parliament insists she renounce her American citizenship. It makes sense that they are concerned she would influence her husband in political affairs concerning the relationship between the two countries and they want certainty that she will side with Brighton Kingdom. To add the fact it seems she is giving up everything to become the Queen, she also doesn't have family and friends involved with the wedding. With illness and caring for the family elders she starts to doubt whether this wedding is meant to be.

This story shows that not all weddings are free of troubles, even royal ones. That behind the trappings of the wedding day is the real fact that two lives have to be intertwined to start anew. In this case, Nate knows Susanna is giving up more of her life and herself to become royal. Something he is already familiar with, since he was born into it he is not shocked when he doesn't have privacy. It also shows how if you really love someone, you will go to ends of the earth to prove it.

This is a wonderful fairytale story complete with the prince and all his troubles as well as the loyalty of family. I think this was a wonderful addition to the series.

To learn about Rachel Hauck's other titles visit her website at: http://rachelhauck.com/

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Shash says

This continues the story from Once Upon a Prince. It was great to be with Nathaniel and Susanna again! So often stories end at the engagement, so I loved having a chance to read about the wedding and all that led up to it. I'm so glad Rachel Hauck wrote this book!

Dawn says

Three weeks shy of her wedding to King Nathaniel II, Susanna Truitt is feeling overwhelmed. She's having to adjust to a new country, a new culture, becoming a royal, and the press. When her mother calls her and delivers some devastating news to her, on the heels on an announcement from Nathaniel, Susanna doesn't think. She just runs home. Nathaniel has found his soul mate in Susanna. He is very much aware of what all she will have to give up to be his wife. But with Susanna returning home, he will do whatever it takes to show her exactly what she means to him. Will this be the end or will the king and his American princess figure out a way to have their happily ever after?

I LOVED this! I walked around with a silly grin on my face when I got to the end. *sighs* When Once Upon a Prince Came out last year, I really was ok with not having more of Susanna and Nathaniel's story. Then I found out that the author was doing a short novella continuation of their story as part of the Year of Weddings series. I knew I just had to have it. I pre-ordered it from Amazon back in November and then the Booksneeze/Book Look Blogging program offered it for review as well. So I requested it.

Obviously since this is a novella in a collection of a year of weddings, the happily ever after is a given. But it's how that happily ever after comes about is what is special. Susanna struggles with some very real fears that I'm sure most brides struggle with. Only in her case it's magnified by about 100 times because her fiance isn't just an ordinary man - he's the ruling king of a nation. So her fears and struggles are very public. I loved how her pastor at home gave her some sound advice. I also loved how Nathaniel decided to do whatever it took to show her that he loved her and understood what she was giving up by marrying him. And the way he goes about showing her is where I got the silly grin on my face and it didn't disappear until I finished the book.

Once again the supporting cast of characters, Avery, Susanna's parents, Jonathan, and Prince Stephen were all delightful to engage with through the story. I'd love to see a story for Avery, Jonathan, or Prince Stephen.

With the Royal Wedding series, I can honestly say that Rachel Hauck has become one of my favorite authors. After all, what little girl doesn't dream of being a princess?

I received an e-copy of the book for free from Thomas Nelson/Zondervan's Booklook Bloggers program for the purpose of reviewing. I did also purchase this from Amazon. My thoughts and opinions are my own.

Recommended to fans of happy endings, weddings, Rachel Hauck, fairy tales, Becky Wade, Melissa Tagg, contemporary romance

Rating - 5 stars - I just can't gush enough about this one!

Melissa says

I am so loving this series.

This book was so great because I read Rachel's Once Upon a Prince. Basically, I loved that book and the characters and I got to visit them again in A March Bride.

I was so excited to read about Susanna and Nathaniel again and get to see their wedding.

But, what I loved even more about this book was the spiritual thread I could pull out. A common girl marrying a prince, doesn't that sound familiar? Yet Rachel took that even further.

I don't know about you but I have struggled at times with giving up the old Melissa and leaving all the things behind that once gave me my identity and truly embracing who Jesus says I am. When we come to know Jesus we give up this earthy citizenship and we become citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom. Even though that sounds great it can be scary to truly surrender to God, can't it?

Susanna must deal with these same issues but in the earthly sense. You will just have to read the book to see exactly what I am talking about.

As you read I challenge you to remember that Jesus is romancing you in the same way that Nathanial is romancing Susanna. He loves you so much and will stop at nothing to prove it to you. Open your eyes and see your Prince.

A copy of this book was given to me by the publisher through netgalley.com in exchange for in honest review.

Randy Tramp says

Susanna Truitt found her true prince. Soon she'll marry King Nathaniel II of Brighton Kingdom. That government insists she renounces her Amercian citizenship. What will she do?

I watched the royal wedding between Prince Harry and Megan. I loved it. I thought of that wedding as I listened to this story.

Yes, there is so much a person has to give up. Brings the question, "What's your identity?"

Reminds me of what we give up to join the Kingdom of Heaven.