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For more than two years, Rose has been the nanny for James Harwood's daughters. She adores the girls, but she tries to maintain a professional distance with James—no matter how attractive she finds him. However, when his engagement falls apart and he starts to look at her differently, Rose no longer sees him only as her boss. James isn't the kind of man to fall for his nanny, so he doesn't know why he can't stop thinking about her in very wrong ways. He's determined to resist, to keep his life simple and to find an appropriate substitute for his wife who died.

But with a manipulative ex-fiancée, two precocious daughters, Rose's interfering Southern grandmother, a short-lived fake engagement, and feelings that won't be denied, nothing remains simple for long.

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Lynn says

Forgot to mark this as read. It was a while ago so I can't remember it enough to review it, just marking it for my records.

Kame says

Rosie is a Nanny. She loves the two young girls in her care. A fun game of dress up reveals she may love their father too!

Rosie always dreamed of working with children and when family obligation required her get a job instead of attend college she found a Nanny job that allowed her to do both. I loved to see her care and concern with the girls. James is a widower who thinks remarrying is the best thing for his girls. I think he allowed too many people to have to much influence on his life and it didn't meld well with his successful businessman career for me.

I liked these two characters as a couple, just not the circumstances that brought them together. I would have enjoyed more of a slow fighting it build up. Their quick move to a relationship felt more like lust to me.

The characters outside this small family drove me crazy. Genevieve and James mother-in-law angered me every time on the page. Rosie's eccentric grandmother has also started to get on my nerves.

However I truly enjoy Noelle Adams writing style. It is a relaxing read. Rosie's sister Kelly the keeper of the estate and the one who generally cares for crazy grandma must be next and I can't wait to see her have an HEA because I think she deserves one - if not a vacation - real soon.

I received this book from the author and this is my honest review.

Beanimous says

Sweet sweet romance with likable heroine and clueless hero.

Conflicts introduced through classic miscommunication.....yawn!

Not a particularly memorable book, but I like Ms Noelle Adams books for their predictability and sweetness. Because sometimes whips and chains are just too much on my aging sensitive soul.

Vijetha says

3 deja-vu Stars!

Why did I feel like I was regency novel? Oh right, there was a nanny (remember regency governesses!), a strict father (could be a duke) and cute children! (of course they had to be there)
I commend the author for writing a cliche regency plot as a contemporary!

Ava says

I liked this one, I find it very cute, the little girls added some more cuteness in the whole book. It was a romance novella, not cheesy and went with the theme. Fake/rich (not the billionaire stuff)/kind/scheming.

I enjoyed the introduction of Rose and her living condition and her job as a nanny. And then the situation, the drama in the plot. It was a nice development with a bit of steamy scenes (2 and 2 halves).

Now let wait for the last one, the youngest. I really find her far too young to be mix in the fake then marriage so I don't know how the author would make it work for me.

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

My thanks to the author for providing me with a free copy for an honest review

This is another brilliant book from the author.

Rose is a very loving nanny who very much adores the two little girls that she has been looking after for the last two years, and always does more than required in her job. However she has always known that the woman that her employer is to marry is not the right woman for either him or the kids.

James is a man looking for a woman to replace the whole where his dead wife was in both his and his girls lives, however he now regrets his current choice.

These is a specific moment in this book on which both party realise that actually they have feelings for the other and they both try to ignore it. Of course it doesn't work.

We get to see a little more of Deanna from book one, along with Kelly and Grandma. Grandma of course 'helps' along with the match between Rose and James and my heart just melted with the way the two little girls Jill and Julie were portrayed. I really loved them.

We also get to see a tiny little bit of Kelly and who we assume will be the man for her Peter Blake, another wealthy man from a good respectable family.

I really can't wait for the next book in the series.

Debbie Oxier says

Noelle Adams has quickly become a favorite of mine. Her characters are always down to earth and totally likeable, Rose and James being no different this time around. James was a single dad, his wife having died a couple of years ago. Rose was nanny to his two little girls. When the story begins, James is engaged to

Genevieve although he's beginning to have second thoughts. She's always out with her friends, doesn't seem to want a relationship with his daughters, both of whom aren't fond of the woman, and he's finding out she isn't at all as sweet and caring as his first wife. He breaks up with her but she refuses to take no for an answer. As a result, he and Rose come up with the idea of a fake engagement between them in order to convince Genevieve that she and James are really through.

While Rose is determined not to get her hopes up, she's already got feelings for James and of course, she loves his girls. She'd love to make the engagement real but after her last failed relationship with a man, she's positive James couldn't possibly see her in that light.

This is just a simple love story between two people who are obviously suited to one another if they can just get their feelings figured out. Throw a couple of adorable children in the mix, along with a rather dotty old grandmother and Rose's two sisters and you have a very engaging story. Really enjoyed it.

Angie says

This is one of those stories you start reading and you're so engrossed you realize it's been a few hours and you're finished. This is the 2nd book and 2nd sister of the 3 Beaufort sisters. Although I liked the first book, this one was even better. Based on the beginning chapter, I thought it would be a standard outline for the plot. Instead, it took a different (and earlier) path which made it more enjoyable for me by not stretching out the drama. The hero and heroine were very likable as well as the supporting characters. It's told from both points of view so you understand their developing feelings and misunderstandings for a complicated nanny/employer situation. I liked there was a little less Grandmama this time. She's there, she's wise, she's still stiff and dower, but her role is strategically effective and entertaining. The pride makes an appearance as does one of Deanna's more interesting "suitors" from the first book, although indirectly. Overall, this book was fantastic and I'm excited for Kelly's story next.

I received a copy of this book from the author for an honest review (thank you!).

Kanoko says

Wasn't a fan of the premise, tbh. Nicely written but there wasn't a lot for me here.

Antonella says

Read a long time ago....

Helen says

Great #2 story of the Beaufort Bride series, Think I liked this one better than the first one. The characters of Rosie and James are great and the girls Jill and Julie were lovely, Grandmother is still co-ordinating her granddaughters lives with great success. If you enjoyed book 1 Then

you must read this book. Looking forward to reading Kelly's story.

Tia says

Yet again, another simple story and I'm kind of frustrated. The books I've read previously by Noelle had a lot more emotion and we got to see the romance between the couple... this one didn't have that.

Lara says

Rose Beaufort works as nanny to the Harwoods and cannot help but feel attracted to her boss, James. After a scheme which makes her pretend to be his fiancé, they start to fall in love with each other but there's the problem of James' ex that doesn't take no for an answer, along with Rose's own insecurities in the relationship department.

I quite liked this one by Adams as well, but it is very similar to Hired Bride, the first one in the series. In both of them, the main impediment for the couple being together is lack of communication. This is a used, well used plot device that I'm getting tired of reading. But I did love James's daughters, though. Each had a clear personality and read like real kids, differently from a lot of books that I've seen that contained children.

I recommend for those who want a nice, easy read with likeable characters.

Maree Repa says

Terrible Dreams

Five Amazing Stars

I was absolutely excited to now enjoy the second amazing book from the, Beaufort Brides series. I thoroughly enjoyed the first book, and now I'm am just so keen to read this one too!!

Rose Beaufort was now just so tired. Working as a Nanny was definitely hard work. She had been kept up a lot lately. The young girl named Jill, who she was caring for hadn't been sleeping well. She worked for the father, James Harwood.

Rose would always worry about Jill. She was so young compared to her sister, Julie who always seemed so happier and brighter. She was sad about those bad dreams she had about that awful Stepmother. Rose was scared that she might be scared of her Father's fiancé.

The girls Dad was also there at the house a lot. He worked his own business there. Rose had always thought their father, her boss was handsome. After losing his wife years before. He was to get married soon. So both he and the children seem a bit nervous about all the changes. And obviously Rose couldn't understand why he would be married to her either. She felt sad for his children too. The whole family just seemed to be stressed out.

I simply adored this wonderful romantic tale. I loved all this wonderful characters. Such a marvellous book. I really loved it. I can't wait for book 3 now.

* I recommend this book to everyone!!

Late To Romance says

This was my favourite of the series. I think I'm a bit of a sucker for the hired nanny falling for the widowed father plot.

After reading several Noelle Adams books consecutively, I realise she's not going to win awards for the diversity of her plots. However her modern marriage of convenience stories work for me
