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The 1st book in my new and super sexy *Kings of Castle Beach* series about siblings on the NC coastal town of Castle Beach.

All Campbell Faircloth wanted was a safe place to call home.

All Knight King wanted was to leave his hometown behind.

I never expected to end up in Castle Beach, surrounded by a family who believes that I'm not only their brother's wife, but the mother of his infant daughter.

I can't tell them the truth—Knight and I met only three days earlier, during a layover in Atlanta.

He was headed out to fight in a war that hardly anyone talked about anymore, and I was headed back home to a family who pretended that I didn't exist.

He helped me with my baby.

He kept us safe while we slept.

We shared lunch and dinner... and I spilled all my secrets to him.

Then he gave me an address, along with an offer I couldn't refuse.

Six months later he's back to bury his brother, and my lie is about to be exposed.

Only Knight doesn't say a word.

He goes along with the charade, and each day we spend together, pretending to be husband and wife, it's getting harder and harder not to believe in our lie.

Could our picture perfect lie turn into a picture perfect forever?

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From Reader Review Picture Perfect Lie for online ebook

Kate's Corner says

I love it. Such an adorable, sweet and sexy read with feel good moments, low angst and that some people are meant to be.

After Campbell Faircloth “apparently” lied that she was being abused by her ex-husband, she goes out to Hollywood to get her big break. But now she is coming back home with her tail tucked between her legs.

As she is in a bit of a pickle.

With no money, no job and sweet little Hazel in tow and although Hazel is the best thing that could have happened to her, her stuck up parents see it differently. Very differently. Either leave her child to be adopted by her parents or be kicked out. Luckily enough an act of kindness offered to her at the airport is to become her plan B.

I like Campbell (although the name not so much) it reminds me of the soup. She is strong and wants to do right by her child even if she has to rely on others she finally gets it all together. She blossoms in Castle Bay.

Knight King left Castle Bay at the age of 18 to join the army to escape from the name, the gossip and the past. He is still running but the running is soon to come to an end. Although he misses his family and with what happened with his brother he still finds it difficult to go back home.

Knight is solid and he tries to fix everyone. He has white knight syndrome. He is giving, caring and is the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. But at the same time he is alpha with a soft side and he takes to Hazel like a duck to water.

Knight in his shining armour comes to the rescue when he sees Campbell at the end of her rope. He decides to help her by saying that they are married and giving her the support that she desperately needs and wants. They have chemistry but strike up a friendship first.

Although these two don't really spend that much time with one another. Lunch, dinner and a night at the airport they facetime and write to one another when Knight is overseas. I loved how they met and what Knight did even if he has the white knight syndrome. Everyone implies that they are married so they don't correct that small truth.

It was refreshing to see that they built a connection and that they really got to know one another before we went over to them knocking boots.

I docked a star because the depth to what happened to Knight's Dad & brother was somewhat flimsy in my opinion. That most certainly needed to be fleshed out more.

A fantastic start to a series I can't wait to read more about all of Blackbeard's descendants the Kings of Castle Bay. Be it Quinn, Deacon, Duke or Barron. Yep the Mum had a thing for names based on royalty.

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Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

I liked it. I didn't mind that there wasn't enough couple time in the book because while he was away they talked and texted so I felt like they were building their relationship.

Hero was a sweet good man.

Heroine was strong, I liked her a lot.

Loved his family and the heroine's brother.

Call me a hypocrite but I don't like it when my heroes have loved before, it's not an issue here but i want my heroine to be his first love. Yes it's unrealistic but whatever. Im interested If the author's going to write about Ophelia and laird.

Not sure about the next book. Best friend's brother is not my favorite at all.

~Celibate hero.

Laura says

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3.5 Stars

Fake relationship books are fun. But this is one with a bit of a twist. Usually, the couple is together and there is a reason one, or both, of them need to have a significant other. But, in this case, Knight is on his way overseas for a deployment, a flight is delayed, and to make sure she has a room to sleep in, Knight has her pretend to be his wife....and, tells her to continue the charade if things don't go well with her family.

Campbell ends up at Knight's home, his family thinks her daughter is his and that she is his wife. Most of the book is spent with them apart, developing their relationship. And, I liked the twist on this...usually, the couple in the fake relationship winds up spending a lot of time together because they have to in order to make it believable...the switch of the couple being apart gave this a fresh feel.

That said, I had some issues with the pacing, as it did seem that the parts of the story where they were together seemed to be a little rushed. The beginning of the book was interesting, their time together to get to know one another moved well. The time apart was also interesting...but the parts where they were together felt rushed, like there was limited time for them to be in the same place and they had to take advantage of it...which makes sense, but at the same time caused to the book to move too quickly.

I did end up enjoying the book overall and I do recommend this title.

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Paula Phillips says

Knight King is on a layover from his army tour and is at the airport where he meets Campbell Faircloth and her baby Hazel. Knight is the type of guy we learn who loves to save damsels in distress and at this time Campbell is definitely that with her baby and nowhere to go except crawl back home. For one night Knight and Campbell and Hazel play a happy family, and it leaves Knight wanting more. Knight offers Campbell if things go south for her and Hazel to come and stay at his family home in Castle Beach. Campbell declines but finds herself in a predicament when things with her own family are horrible, and they don't welcome her but are willing to take her newborn. This ends with Campbell calling Knight and him his twin sister Quinn. Campbell and Hazel end up in Castle Beach at the Kings House and turns out that the family believes Campbell is Knight's wife and that her daughter Hazel is Knight's baby. Can Campbell keep up the facade and the family inquisition while Knight is away overseas? What will happen though when over the next few months, Knight and Campbell start to fall in love over Skype and Facetime? Can the pair pick up from their one night together and fall in love for real, in each others company? Find out in *Picture Perfect Lie* by Marquita Valentine. A fun fake romance which I loved as the Kings were so warm and welcoming and I liked this twist as it added a child to the mix. I am looking forward to the rest of the series and hope that unlike her *Royals in Exile* series, that she finishes this one and not leave us hanging as I want to find out more about Laird.

XxTainaxX says

I absolutely loved the premise of this story and Knight surely lived up to his name when it came to Campbell. Our heroine has really had it tough and she totally deserves the best of the good guys. Ms. Valentine captured and held my attention as she unraveled her tale.

The characters were beautifully crafted with dynamic personalities and flaws. The relationship was gradual and paced well. I was totally charmed by the process and their chemistry. The supporting characters were memorable and interesting.

The writing was strong. However, a distinct area for improvement was the abrupt resolution. I felt that with just a little more page space, the story could've eased into an ending a little slower. Please don't misunderstand, we aren't left with a cliffhanger. However, it feels as if we go from the MCs just starting to really connect and jump to their hfn/hea.

All in all, I am definitely looking forward to reading more in the series and would recommend. Safety: No cheating. No rape. Yes to a history of abuse. No graphic scenes.

Complimentary copy received and voluntarily reviewed.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

4-4,5 STARS ♥?

This was a sweet, lighthearted story! It was fast paced and I like the story, it was refreshing! This was my first read by this author, and I will definitely read more books by her! Campbell and Knight meet at an airport while waiting for their respective flights. I loved their moments together and I have a smile in my face most of the time! I just wished this book was longer, some parts felt a little bit rushed in my opinion! I can't wait for the next book in the series!

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

MY REVIEW can also be found on my blog:

KITTY KATS CRAZY ABOUT BOOKS

PICTURE PERFECT LIE: Is a full length contemporary romance novel and is the first book in the 'Kings of Castle Beach' Series by new to me 'author Marquita Valentine'. Spoken in 'Dual Perspectives' In this we meet 'Campbell Faircloth' & 'Knight King'

"I'm not looking for a savoir or salvation from a man. But Knight makes it easy for me to pretend he can save us from all the evil in the world."

Knight is delayed in an an airport due to an ice storm before his next mission, it's been years since he's seen his family but it still doesn't stop him from missing them, especially hearing that his brother Laird is at present missing at sea has his heart and mind in turmoil. At one time all the Knights were as thick as thieves and inseparable. The last place he wants to go back to though is Castle Beach but if they end up burying his brother nothing will keep him away.

Over the loudspeaker it's announced that the flights will be laid off for another two hours, it's then that he spots a young attractive female trying to settle down a young baby and a strong urge to help her takes over him, it doesn't hurt that she's gorgeous to boot.

Campbell has had some hard knocks in her short life, a family that turned their backs on her, to raising a child by herself when her so called partner walked out, to having no money and having to succumb to seeking refuge in a women's shelter until she could come up with a plan.

It's not until she meets Knight that things turn around, he's wanting to protect her and keep her and her newborn safe all it took was one lie, that they were a newly wed couple. All she's wanted is to call somewhere home it's not until she's urged by Knight to go to his family home is where she can finally see a future.

Fans of Abbi Glines (Rosemary Beach series) will enjoy this one, similar (beach, family orientated) but completely unique as a whole. There were a few gaps within the story but I'm hoping those are cleared up in the next book, a solid start to a new series that surprisingly didn't end in a cliffy.

* Teasers used are off the authors fb page.. *

Alex ? says

Very sweet and lovely read ?

Likable heroine, cute baby, amazing hero!

Safe. Good honourable hero. Warm and kind family dynamic.

All possible triggers are in the blurb.

I wished for more time with MCs together-together. A bit rushed and abrupt ending. His mother always knew?.. *lol*

Cee Cee Houston says

Picture Perfect Lie is the first book in a brand new series, The Kings of Castle Beach by Marquita Valentine. It's a sweetly, romantic story with just a hint of sexy.

Knight King is a soldier returning to his base for deployment back to Afghanistan when he and his buddies are held up in Atlanta airport by an ice storm. Knight can't help living up to his name when he sees a young mother who's obviously on her own and struggling. He moves in and takes control, something his friends razz him about constantly. But, Knight somehow knows this time is different.

Campbell Faircloth has had a tough few years and being on her own with a baby that's just a few months old is tough. Tougher than she ever thought it would be, so when Knight turns into her saviour in shiny army issues clothing, she feels herself letting go for once.

After spending an innocent night together, Knight helps out again and then stuns Campbell with an offer she knows she should refuse, but still wants with all her heart. He suggests she move to his hometown and live in his house. He's already pretended they were married, so what the heck?

When Campbell is left with nowhere else to turn, she finds her way to Castle Beach and Knight's family. His mom and sister welcome her with open arms.

Is this the start of a brand new beginning? Or will it all come crashing down on Campbell and her daughter Hazel when the truth comes out?

I loved this story, it was a slow burner in the romance department which was carried out in a slightly unusual way due to their circumstances. But, that didn't stop the chemistry and feelings from bleeding through the words. Knight was a really good guy, who wanted to do the right thing and was ready for love.

Campbell was a little more wary and skittish at first, but then as she got to know Knight, it all clicked into place. A sweet and heartfelt ending to a gentle tale.

Wendy's Thoughts says

3.5 Little Lies, Big Truth Stars

*** * * 1/2 Spoiler Free**

Oh, how a name from birth can blueprint behavior and actions. Knight King was his name and it seems it was also how he was wired... the Knight part.

Knight sees a young woman with a fussy baby in the airport waiting for a flight just like him. She is beautiful and caring, trying to calm her little one down.... But there is something that looks a miss...

Campbell doesn't know how she is going to get by, but she is determined to... one way or another. She has made some mistakes...but the little sweet one in her arms wasn't one of them. Campbell is stuck at the airport with all of the other passengers due to the ice storm hitting the area. She out of funds, has no family that will accept her and her baby and is feeling all of these emotions.

She must have had them transmitted to her daughter Hazel, because she just won't stop fussing...until He shows up... Just like a Knight in White Armor...

Knight and Campbell strike up a conversation and the next thing they know, they are sharing their time, meals and hidden secrets with each other. Knight is about to go off on another military mission and the idea of Campbell lost and caring for little Hazel alone out there is too much for him to take. He decides the only way she can handle it all is to take advantage of his not being around his home and go to Castle Beach as his wife. He isn't planning on being back anytime soon, outside of some serious family emergency, so she would be free and clear to raise Hazel safely away from her issues.

This way Campbell can get on her feet, figure things out like she had hoped... no harm. no foul...

Perfect...After first saying no... Campbell realizes doing as Knight offered is the only way...and his family takes her on board as Knight's wife with his daughter. Knight and Campbell start a long distance friendship via Skype and Facetime...Where they get to know each other little by little...

Campbell and Hazel are safe and sound and both of them figure things are ok as he is away....But then there is a serious family trauma and Knight must return home... and this is where all the "picture perfect lies" come home to roost...

This is one of those reads that happen fast...has enough sweetness to enjoy and hope for more of the series to come.

A gifted copy was provided by author/publisher for an honest review.

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Just Lily says

Sweet story. Little bit rushed towards the end though.

Diary Of Book Fiend says

Knight and Cambell meet at an airport in Atlanta when their flights are cancelled due to an ice storm.

Knight is in the military and on the way to his next mission.

Campbell is a new mom and is on her way back to her hometown. Where she fled from after a disastrous marriage and left for LA to pursue an acting career, but then she met a director and fell in love, until she got pregnant and he told her to get rid of it. So after having Hazel, she is headed back home to parents.

It's a sweet story. Not my usual read. No over the top angst or drama. Just a feel good story. There are bits and pieces missing but I think those pieces will be put together throughout the series.

I enjoyed it. It flowed well and I liked the characters. This was my first read by this author, and I will definitely be reading the rest of the books that come out in this series.

Michelle says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

A picture perfect sweet romance!!! Call it kismet or fate or what not but a chance meeting in airport of two strangers. Yup, that's like a storybook meeting that you only seen in movies or read about and so of course naturally Marquita Valentine will write a love story that puts a fun and cute spin on it in her latest new release **Picture Perfect Lie**. So if you are looking for a fast paced and charming love story with a very sweet and swoonworthy hero then this book is for you. Trust me Knight will be your knight in shining armor.

Sonal says

Short and sweet. Can't wait for the next one in the series.

Cyndi says

This book was pretty sweet. I liked Campbell and Knight. I really liked Knight's mom and sister! I would have rated it higher if we would have had more time with Campbell and Knight together. Also, I didn't enjoy the repeated mentions of Knight's history with women. He loved his high school sweetheart, but she cheated on him. He had been with who knows how many other women in need. It seemed as if 8 months was the longest adult relationship he had and that was with another single mom-that bothered me. It didn't seem like Campbell was anything new or different for him and without showing us more couple time I just wasn't totally convinced. I will admit I am very picky!
