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Once upon a time, there was a young woman who'd been treated like a princess all her life. Then her parents died and left her in the care of a beast.

Ever since she lost her parents when she was eighteen, Charlie has had to put up with Simon Shae, whom her parents made the trustee of her inheritance. He's grumpy and unsmiling and always trying to boss her around. At first, she resented him, but she's twenty-five now, and she kind of likes his beast-like qualities. In fact, she's crazy about him.

All she has to do is make him stop looking at her as a little girl and see her as the woman she is. A romantic weekend at a grand wedding in the mountains is the perfect opportunity to open his eyes. He reluctantly agrees to be her date, but if she wants to win his heart, she has to be brave enough to make her move.

Unguarded is the first novella in the One Fairy Tale Wedding series, in which three friends make a pact to get what they really want during one wedding weekend.

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Maree Repa says

Five Amazing Stars

A Chance For Romance

I was so absolutely thrilled to read this first book, One Fairy Tale Wedding. Written by the amazing and wonderful writer Noelle Adams. Such a wonderful fantasy romantic tale about the truest love of all!

As Charlotte (also known as Charlie) laid awaiting for her telephone to ring. She still hoped that Simon would call, just like he always did. It was Simon Shae who was asked to be the trustee, and to care for Charlie after the sudden death of both her parents. Throughout her life growing up she never seemed to want to chat. But finally now she wanted too.

She was just so completely anxious. Her nerves were now agitated too.

When Simon finally rang Charlie she reacted quickly, then she suddenly seemed rather short to him. Trying to start a conversation was hard for them both. Charlie was now already graduated from college. Her life was now boring. Simon only hoped now she would find work, maybe even a charity to help out.

Until now when Charlie started asking questions to Simon. He never really wanted to say much at all. Now Charlie wanted more out of Simon too. Only now because Charlie was an adult now. She had received her heritable already. Simon wasn't expected her in her control anymore. Charlie now asked Simon for help in advice with her money.

Hopefully with a wedding coming up soon. Charlie came out quickly saying that he will be coming with herself. Simon's response to Charlie was so shocked. But still Charlie was not ever going to say no to him either.

I simply loved and thoroughly enjoyed this magnificent wonderful tale so dearly. So beautifully romantic, I simply couldn't put it down even once. I loved all its most fabulous characters so much. I was simply the best!!!

* I recommend this book to everyone!!

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

I will read any book that has a Beauty and the Beast vibe. Excited for this one!

Ana Paula says

Charlie has lost her parents at 18 and they named Simon as her trustee in their will. He is 15 years older and basically an introvert. But, at 25 years old she finds herself completely smitten by this grumpy, unsmiling man. Will this beast succumb to the charms of this woman and her romance?

This series is very interesting, a three book series telling the story of three friends that make a pact of getting what they really want in a wedding weekend, all based in fairy tales.

Charlie is the rose and Simon is the beast, but what you see in this book is an independent, charming and beautiful woman conquering the man of her dreams. It is so beautiful!

A tale that you will want to read it!

Ni_kii says

FTC : I bought this

Quick Scores –

Heroine – 5/5

Hero – 4/5

Plot – 4/5

Smex factor – 4/5

I won't be rewriting the plot here as, as it is only 96 pages, I don't want to go into spoiler territory. The blurb gives a good enough plot overview for me although I will say that there really is not much similarity between this story and beauty and the beast (no actual beast, no kidnapping, no cute french lamps running about....).

The big thing for me was whether or not I could decide whether or not Simon was in a position of authority over Charlie (I was as bad as him for the most part of the book) and the author obviously realized that this may be an issue for readers. She tried very hard, mainly through the conversations between Simon and Charlie, to help me, and other readers, to decide there was no impropriety. I actually felt better about Simon for his doubts but he didn't have anything to worry about; she was 18 when they met and, although he had control over her finances, there was no actual relationship between them prior to their romance. I absolutely adored the circumstances surrounding the development of their relationship; I love a heroine who knows what she wants and goes for it, no matter the risk to pride.

The story was fast paced and I enjoyed it. I believed in the attraction, I believed in the conflict and I believed in the way it progressed. I will be reading the next one.

Overall, a lovely little novella that kept me reading from start to finish. I want to read more from this series and this author.

Talltree says

h chased the much older H in a sweet way, but this was one book which needed the H POV because he was so enigmatic that he was a mystery locked inside a puzzle or whatever, lol.

3.5 stars

Maria Rose says

Unguarded is the first story in a romantic novella series with three friends who vow to take hold of their love lives while at a mutual acquaintance's wedding.

Charlie lost her wealthy parents at eighteen, with her father having named an employee and personal friend Simon as the trustee to her inheritance. Since that time they'd had a respectful relationship as something like friends, with Simon giving her advice and keeping in touch on a weekly basis. Now Charlie is 25 and seeing the 40 year old Simon in a different light. Can she convince Simon to do the same?

I love how the author puts together these fun, flirty romances in a sweet and sexy package. This one has a Beauty and the Beast theme, with the older, grumpy, 'bear' like Simon refusing to see that Charlie is now a grown woman with her own mind. Well, he sees it, he just doesn't want to take any inappropriate actions and worries that others will think he's taking advantage of her. Charlie is eventually able to convince him to take a chance and they share some sexy scenes on the way to their happy ending. It's an easy, lighthearted and low angst romance.

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

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

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

This novella is very loosely based on the Beauty and the Beast story, however in this book the girl is the one that fights for what she wants as the man is reluctant to go for what he would like.

Charlie and her three friends have made a pact that at an up coming wedding that they will get what they want. For Charlie that means her former Trustee Simon.

Simon is 15 years her senior and is more reserved and believes nothing can happen between them, Charlie pushes past his barriers and pushes her way past his walls into an area that very few others have been, his heart.

It is a fast moving novella and it pretty much all happens over one weekend.

A delightful quick read, perfect for a wet, cold rainy day.

Melanie says

Ungraded is the first story in a novella series with three friends who make a pact to take hold of their love lives while at a mutual friends wedding.

Charlie lost her wealthy parents when she was eighteen, her father naming a personal friend Simon to be her financial trustee. Since that time they have had a relationship sort of like friends with Simon giving her advice and keeping in touch on a weekly basis.

Now Charlie is 25 and has started to see the much older Simon in a very different light. Charlie convinces Simon to be her date to a wedding where he was also invited. At this wedding she is determined to take control and change their relationship as she has noted that there is something between them.

This book was nice and easy to read and I liked the relationship of Charlie and Simon. I also liked Charlie's friends, Hannah and Madison. Looking forward to the rest of the series.

Check out my review on my blog: <https://www.auniversaltruth.com/?p=1990>

Lisa says

A sweet girl goes after what she wants novella.

Charlie lost her parents several years ago. Well in their will they left Simon as trustee of her inheritance until she turned 24. At some point Charlie realizes she is attracted to Simon and has to decided what to do about that. This was a sweet novella. Certain spots felt a little rushed however it was still good and told a complete romantic and heart warming story.

Kim says

There was a period of time that I stopped enjoying Adams' books. Each one felt like the same story over and over, and so I stopped buying them for a while. This book popped up in recommendations for me and since I liked the premise decided to try another Adams book.

I'm honesty pleasantly surprise with how much I really enjoyed this novella. It could have been fleshed out more for deeper character development, but I was ultimately happy with the story itself.

Nicole Normand says

Found this book discounted on Amazon.ca; this is my honest review.

-Sweet,straightforward romance. Emotions are all out and nothing is hidden for long. Loved the end. Simon made is up to Charlie. Great couple.

-Funny but unbelievable: "she was afraid she was going to cry...not in the middle of a wedding" WHO doesn't cry at a wedding, for joy or sadness, nobody would know the difference...

-Editing: the timelines are somewhat a bit confused by the author - needs another pass: this weekend at the wedding vs. two weeks later. Too many years trying to see beneath the surface - it's only been a year since Simon told Charlie to go deeper...

-Editing: Another thing I noticed is that at the beginning it says they never talk about their social engagements and then a couple of chapters later it says they always talk about them...

Elizabeth says

just ok

Laura says

This is a quick, sweet read. Charlie lost both parents and Simon was placed in charge of her finances. It starts out that Charlie feels he is a miserable man that simply has to do his job to take care of her money. But one night everything changes. She sees him in a different light and decides she wants more from him. She invites him to be her date at a friend's wedding. She has to convince him that it is ok for them to be together.

Regardless of the age difference, he was never anything more than helping her with her money. Once she can get him passed those two things, he begins to see where this relationship can go. Sparks fly and it's great to see Simon finally let go.

I received an ARC of this book and all opinions are my own.

Kerry says

A lovely little Beauty and the Beast themed novella! The concept of this entire series--and this story in particular--is so fun and feels unique and exciting. I adored Charlie and Simon, and it was great to watch their relationship grow. Charlie was a great heroine, and I was impressed with her character development and growth during a short story. Simon is the quintessential Noelle Adams hero--quiet and brooding, but deeply emotional with so much more underneath the surface.

While this is a quick story, I was completely hooked from page 1 and didn't feel like anything was missing once I reached the end. The epilogue in particular was just perfection! The glimpses of Hannah and Bruce were intriguing, and I am really looking forward to reading how their story plays out! Also, I know you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but this cover is just gorgeous! This would be a one-click for me just based on the cover alone.

I adored this story and can't wait for more!

Jessica Wannamaker says

Simon and Charlie

Charlie has been orphaned at 18, she is able to take care of herself but her parents set up a trustee to handle the financial aspect of her life. With it came Simon the bear of a man in charge of said finances.

What Charlie couldnt predict that she would not only develop a friendship with Simon but it would gradually blossom. A beautiful gentle wave of emotion. If only he'd make a move.

A friends wedding was the perfect oppourtunity to change things- to really put her desire out there for him. Maybe he'd see her. Maybe he'd stop worrying about the 15 years between them...

This is a cute and romantic weekend with all the mixings of emotions, and we get to see the tidal wave of passion, restraint, denial, and guard. It's got so much emotion. Her feelings of rejection, thoughts that he would leave her love unrequited.

But maybe just maybe....

I enjoyed reading through all the different layers of this couple. The worries about what people will think, the anxiety on age, on guilt because of how they met, he's working relationship with her. That she takes what he says right to heart, until her friends put out that it could be his defence rather then rejection.

One weekend. One chance to change it all.

I liked the struggle between these two and how it all came out in one week-end. In one word-heart.

I also enjoyed the glimpses of her friends- cannot wait for the next two books.
