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In this charming modern day retelling of the 1956 classic *Anastasia*, a museum curator falls for a mysterious man who may or may not be a long lost heir to Russia's imperial Romanov dynasty.

Finley Abbot is organizing the most prestigious art exhibit of her career at the Louvre museum—a retrospective of art from the House of Romanov. But the sudden appearance of Maxim Romanov threatens to turn her into the biggest laughingstock of the art world. When she finds herself falling in love, she realizes there's even more at stake than her career. How can she trust a man with her whole world when he can't remember a thing about his past?

After suffering a violent blow to the head, Maxim's only clue to his identity is a notebook containing carefully researched documentation in his own handwriting indicating that he is the sole surviving descendant of the Grand Duchess Anastasia, previously thought dead in the murder of her family during Russia's Bolshevik revolution. His struggle to put the mysterious pieces of his past back together leads him to Finley. At first, she's convinced Maxim is nothing but a con artist. But there's something undeniably captivating about the beautiful, brooding man who claims to be searching for his identity—something Finley can't quite bring herself to resist. When he reveals a secret about one of the imperial Fabergé eggs in the collection, she accepts he may actually be telling the truth. But as soon as Finley and Maxim act on their feelings for one another, Maxim is confronted with evidence that calls into question everything he's begun to believe about himself.

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Helen says

4.5 chick lit <http://greatreadsandtealeaves.blogspot.com>...

“Everyone’s into the Romanovs. Their story is one of history’s most famous unsolved mysteries.”

“What if there was more to the story?”

I admit to always having been fascinated by the Romanov’s, the last ruling family of Russia before the revolution. The intrigue continues over the supposed survival of Anastasia. Therefore I readily sign up for any new, fictional or otherwise, read regarding this. Knowing this is a ‘chick lit’ (after my last few heavy reads, I was in need of some ‘light and fluffy’ as I like to call it!) I was pleasantly surprised to discover this book contains so much more than romantic escapism.

In equal parts this is a romance AND, importantly, a rewrite of the classic story, ‘Anastasia’. This is the second book in the Royally series, but the books are in no way related and this most definitely reads as a standalone. What a delightful surprise to discover that there were bonus and legitimate historical references.

‘July 17, 2018 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the execution of the Tsar and his family ... the Century Rule was instituted here in France after so many claims were made on notable pieces.’

So on the one hand you have this simmering romance but at the same time, this engaging mystery that could possibly change history! What fun! A mysterious, exciting, romantic love story!!!! I was hooked. Add to the usual recipe of romance, an assortment of clues and it proves a fun adventure. The inclusion of things such as the famous Romanov Fabergé eggs, and the female lead working at the Louvre make for some credible facts.

‘The Louvre was the biggest museum in the world. The tour guides and docents were fond of telling visitors that the museum was so immense that it would take one hundred straight days to see every piece of art in the Louvre’s extensive collection. And that would leave a mere thirty seconds to look at each one.’

The tragic end to this famous Royal Family has always intrigued and produced many ensuing legends. What the author has done here is create a credible storyline of a man who may indeed be the grandson of the Archduchess Anastasia. It’s a great to journey along with Maxim and Finley as together they seek to investigate and discover the truth behind who he really is.

‘what about the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna, who’d been the Tsar’s mother’

Does the combination work? I believe it does. Yes there is some humour but instead of detracting from the story it provided lighter moments.

‘meeting a man who gave her serious Mr. Darcy vibes.’

In conclusion, Royally Romanov is a good romantic story with a most worthy and interesting twist on a classic tale - that little bit of mystery that will engage you through to the very end.

‘She ate, drank, and slept the Romanovs twenty-four hours a day. She’d been chasing them through decades

of history'

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Kimberly says

4.5 stars - My review cross-posted from Wit and Sin: <http://witandsin.blogspot.com/2017/07...>

Teri Wilson takes the modern legend of Anastasia gives it a fresh twist in ***Royally Romanov***. I adored Maxim and Finley's story – it's sweet without being cloying, fun, romantic, and fast-paced. Add in the mystery surrounding Maxim and whether or not he's the grandson of the Grand Duchess Anastasia and you have one addictive story.

Finley loves her work as assistant curator at the Louvre. Her upcoming exhibit on the Romanovs could help secure her a much-coveted promotion, but her hard work is threatened by the arrival of Maxim. Maxim has just recently been brutally attacked and the head injury he suffered wiped out his memory. All he has are a few clues which lead him to believe he is the grandson of the Grand Duchess Anastasia. If his claims are true, then all the art Finley has borrowed from various museums for the exhibit would belong to him, which would ruin the reputation of the Louvre and make Finley unemployable. Maxim has to be a con man...right?

Ms. Wilson does an excellent job of updating and putting her own spin on the Ingrid Bergman/Yul Brynner classic. I watched *Anastasia* right before starting ***Royally Romanov***, and though it feels almost blasphemous to say, I actually preferred Finley and Maxim's story to the film that inspired it. Finley and Maxim are both incredibly likeable characters who have both suffered trauma and their meeting is the catalyst for each to come into their own. The two of them have excellent chemistry and though they fell in love rather quickly, their romance charmed me so much that I didn't care. I loved watching them work to put the pieces of Maxim's identity together, and I enjoyed how Ms. Wilson kept me guessing as to whether or not Maxim is a Romanov. There's just the right amount of intrigue mixed with romance in this story, and that makes it very difficult to put the book down.

It'd be remiss of me to write about ***Royally Romanov*** and not mention the backdrop of Paris. Ms. Wilson brings Paris vividly to life and I just itched to hop on a plane and visit the places she described, particularly the Shakespeare and Company bookstore. ***Royally Romanov*** shines in every scene set in the famous bookstore and Finley's love of the place and – more importantly – her love for literature shines through and grabbed my heart.

Royally Romanov is the second book in the Royals series, but it is a standalone. Unless things change in the third book, *Royally Roma*, ***Royally Romanov***, and *Royal Wedding* are connected by theme rather than characters. After finishing Finley and Maxim's story, I cannot wait to read the next Royals book because I just love how Ms. Wilson reimagines classics. ***Royally Romanov*** made me smile and sigh, and I just plain adored Finley and Maxim's romance. It's the perfect escapist read.

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Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

This book was a delightful surprise. This romantic story is a rewrite of the classic story, Anastasia. The author created a story that was simmering with underlying heat along with a mystery, of sorts, that could change history.

A stranger, a hot attraction, an intrinsic connection, and big decisions that will change your life. Would you do it? Would you drop everything for a guy you barely knew but deep down trusted?

A beautiful romantic story is recreated in today's world that begs you make the decision....Trust or not. You decide.

Suzanne Leopold says

Maxim Laurent wakes up in a hospital bed in Paris. He was the victim of an attack and now has amnesia. He has no memory of his assault or his former life. His best clue is a notebook found in his possession which is filled with research on Russian history. The notebook also claims that he is the grandson of the famous Grand Duchess Anastasia. He leaves the hospital and begins to investigate his former life and any connections to the Romanovs.

Finley Abbot is an art curator who works at the Louvre. Her expertise is artifacts from the Romanov dynasty. She has recently published a book on this subject and is having a reading at the Shakespeare and Co. bookstore. Maxim shows up and asks Finley's for help substantiating his relation to Anastasia. He claims to have some items from his grandmother that may interest Finley. She finds Maxim attractive but believes his story is a con. They agree to meet and the story unfolds.

This book is the retelling of the 1956 classic myth Anastasia. This is Teri Wilson's second book in The Royals series and the third volume, Royally Wed, will debut in November. I enjoyed this story which has a mixture of romance, mystery and suspense.

Linda Zagon says

MY REVIEW OF "ROYALLY ROMANOV" by Teri Wilson

"Royally Romanov" by Teri Wilson is a delightful retelling of the "1956 classic of Anastasia". The genres of this novel are Fiction, Women's Fiction and Romance.

Terri Wilson describes the characters as complex, and complicated. In this novel, Finley is an author and curator in a museum specializing in the Romanov history. She is fascinated with the family and the beautiful intricate jewelry.

Maxim wakes up in a hospital after an attack, and has no memory of what happened. His only clues are from the journal the Detective gives him. He finds out that his name is Maxim, and in the back it says that he is

Maxim Romanov.

The timeline of the story is in the present, and takes place in Paris, France.

Maxim goes to the bookstore where Finley is representing her book on the Romanov Family history, trying to get some information, and meets Finley. Somehow the two feel a deep attraction. Finley's past reminds her what has happened to Maxim, and she can relate.

I love the way the author describes the museum, and Paris. It sounds so romantic and appealing.

Will Maxim find out who he is? Is it possible that he is a Romanov? Is it possible for Finley and Maxim to have a Fairytale ending?

I would recommend this charming, enchanting and delightful novel for those readers that enjoy a light and easy read. I received an ARC for my honest review.

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

Maxim just woke up in a hospital in Paris. With no idea who he is, what happened to him, and why he only has a notebook filled with Russian history with him.

Finley is working at the Louvre. She's an expert in Russian history. She's busy preparing for a huge exhibition on the Romanovs.

Together Finley & Maxim need to find out what everything in the notebook means, and if Maxim is really the grandson of the famous Anastasia. Which can't really be, because she was killed in 1918 ... but maybe she escaped, like some experts believe! But then Finley's whole exhibition would be in danger - if Maxim is a Romanov, he has, by french law, the rights to ALL the pieces that used to belong to his family.

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I really enjoyed this story.

This is the second book in the Royally series, but the first book doesn't have anything to do with this one.

You don't need to read it. But I liked it ? so read it! Royally Roma

I haven't watched that Anastasia movie and I didn't know much about all those Russian royals. So it was very interesting to learn more about that. But don't worry, it wasn't just some dry history thing. It was an adorable and mysterious and exciting and romantic lovestory!!!! I just couldn't stop reading!!! I had to find out if Maxim was a con man or a real Romanov. And what happened to him that night! He didn't know himself, so we're right there with them hunting for the truth. I really loved reading it!!!

ROYALLY ROMANOV was an amazingly exciting and interesting and romantic lovestory! What's

more romantic than Paris?! Run to your nearest amazon for your own Maxim - this one is MINE! ?

If I had to complain about some little things.... the french in the book - which was a lot - was not always correct. I know it's hard for americans to differentiate between our european YOU's, but they do exist, and a stranger gets another word for you than a friend!

Also, the end of the book felt a tiny bit too rushed for me. And I always like an epilogue :/

Christi Snow says

My Review:

Wow, I'll admit I'm surprised by just how much I adored this book. I've always been fascinated with the possibilities of Anastasia's story and while this was definitely a new (wonderful) twist on that, it was even better because this book was an incredible love story to Paris, too. After reading the book, I felt like I'd made a quick trip to Paris...and fell in love with it all over again.

Okay...so the story. The hero is Maxim and the story begins with him in the hospital after he's been attacked in Paris. Now, he has no recollection of just exactly who he is, so he has to follow the clues, which quickly lead him to believe that he's Anastasia's grandson.

The clues, and the one memory he has of a gorgeous woman, lead him to Finley, an assistant curator at the Louvre who just released a book about the Romanov's.

The book is a romance, but even more than that, it's a huge mystery built in some of the more interesting parts of Paris. I had no idea how the story would work out and that suspense kept me reading long past when I should have put my kindle down. The story was addicting.

It was also...gorgeous. The mental visuals of this book were fantastic. From the bookstore and the ideas of the tumbleweeds to the romantic idea that one of the Romanov line could have survived...I loved every minute of reading this story.

I completely enjoyed the romance and the conflict between Finley and Maxim. Indulging his ideas could cost her the dream job she has at the Louvre and every time she sees him, she plans it to be her last, but then they just get more and more drawn to one another.

The book was the perfect mix of romance, mystery, and intrigue...and I absolutely loved it. I highly recommend it!

I received a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

3.5 Romanov stars

ARC received via Netgalley for an honest review

A retelling of Anastasia? This had me intrigued.

I find the story of the Romanov family and the mystery of whether Anastasia survived or not fascinating, so it was not hardship to read Royally Romanov.

I liked the cute and quirky Finley, adored her passion for her work.

Then there is Maxim in all his amnesiac glory. Broody and surrounded by mystery, I could understand why Finley gets swept away in all the mystery and romance of the "lost Romanov".

Whilst I enjoyed the cuteness and the romance of it all, I did feel that the conclusion of things felt a little lack lustre. I felt that there was so much lead up, so much suspense all building up, and then ... nothing. It kind of fell flat - however this could just be me.

I haven't read Royally Roma, however I did like Romanov enough that I will go back and read it too.

Miranda (MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It) says

3.5 / 5 Fangs

Royally Romanov was a charming and romantic book! I fell in love with the setting and plot of this story, and it was like nothing I have read before! The nods to *Anastasia* throughout this book warmed my fangirl heart! Also, the history of the Romanov family was extremely interesting to read about, because I really didn't know much about them besides what I know from the animated *Anastasia* movie. I thought this was a fast and fun read!

Having this book take place in Paris was such a delightful treat. The author did such a wonderful job at describing the city so well that I felt like I was actually there! I was entranced by the city and everything it had to offer.

The main female character, Finely, was great! I thought she was a smart, dedicated, resourceful, and kind woman. Her fascination with art and the Romanov family were such unique and interesting characteristics of her personality that I loved reading about. Another thing I liked about her was that she was wary of trusting strangers, even hot ones! That felt extremely realistic, and I was grateful for it. I really connected with her

character and I enjoyed learning more about her as the book progressed.

The romance in this book was fun and full of steam! I really liked Maxim and Finely as a couple. I liked the tug and pull of their relationship and the mystery behind it. The connection they had was intense, and I could feel the sexual chemistry coming off the pages of the book! The steamy moments were also balanced with some sweet and romantic moments, which was wonderful! I will say that I felt like their feelings became too intense too quickly near the end of the book, but I still enjoyed their relationship overall.

The mystery surrounding Maxim was addictive and intriguing. I loved not knowing what happened to Maxim and not knowing who he was. I was able to predict a lot about Maxim, but I still liked watching the characters piece together the clues and solve the mystery. Some of the reveals felt a bit too rushed, but I still thought the mystery was intriguing as a whole.

Overall, this was an enjoyable and romantic read. If you are looking for a quick book with romance, history, and mystery, then this is the book for you!

3.5 / 5 Fangs

This ebook was given to me in exchange for an honest review.

MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It

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Wit & Wonder Books says

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Royally Romanov is a beautifully historical love story that is recreated in our modern day world!

If you aren't familiar with Teri Wilson, let me introduce you to an amazing author. Teri Wilson is known for her novel *Unleashing Mr. Darcy*, which was made into a Hallmark Channel movie.

I have been a fan of Teri's since I read *Royally Roma* back in March and now she has done it again with Royally Romanov. She never disappoints with each installment to her books.

Follow Maxim, who woke up in the hospital not knowing who he is let alone what happened to him. Everything he knew is gone. Only thing left is a notebook containing information that could help him. What happens when your life is taken out from under you? Can Maxim find out who he is?

Finley's only thought is to get through her day. If she can make this exhibit happen it will be the best thing to happen for her career. Everything she has worked for is staked on The House of Romanov, an exhibit that showcases the Russian Royals. But when the mysterious Maxim comes out of no where, can Finley make her dreams come true?

Finley knows things happen for a reason and for her, what are the chances a supposed Romanov falls out of the sky right in her path? Both of them find themselves on the journey they never saw coming, will they find

the answers they are looking for?

I thoroughly enjoyed Royally Romanov. I am a huge Anastasia fan and this is the modern day fairytale come to life. Teri is able to give you a new twist on the beloved Anastasia movie.

Teri Wilson's style of writing is one you must experience. The way she brings different aspects of culture is compelling and the time she takes to research is astonishing. I will admit once I started reading I couldn't stop and I finished it before I was ready to; now I can't wait for what she has in store next. I give **FOUR** stars to Royally Romanov. You will enjoy reading this novel, more so you will be grasping for the next novel by Teri Wilson!

Inês says

you got me at "*charming modern day retelling of the 1956 classic Anastasia*"

Lesley says

Romantic and Charming.

I loved this up-to-date version of Anastasia. It would in fact make a great film. The tragic end to the Royal Imperial Family has always spawned legends and this one is top notch. The author weaves a believable story with amnesiac Maxim as the grandson of the Archduchess Anastasia. It doesn't hurt that he is smoking hot and that he falls in love with an assistant curator of the Louvre, who is an expert on Romanov treasures. Highly recommended.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley. I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own.

Isha Coleman says

The story of Anastasia has always enamored me. Whether fact or myth, the idea that hope and courage can rise out of one of the most tragic events in history appeals to the heart. Maybe it's the humanity that keeps me from believing that cruelty and hate can be the victor over love and optimism. Teri Wilson gave a fresh face to a haunting story that has echoed through time but still proves no less powerful. The fact that people can't forget shows the impact. Maxim was a creation of that legacy and the fact that Ms. Wilson took on the task of creating a fictional character that embodies such a historical figure is amazing.

Vicky says

The plot of Royally Romanov is a twist on the original film. A man named Maxim wakes up in a hospital

having been beaten to within an inch of his life, and the only clue he has to his identity is a notebook that claims he is the descendant of Princess Anastasia, who survived the brutal murder of her entire family in 1918. Finley Abbot is an American curator working in the Louvre, who Maxim is mysteriously drawn to....and who starts to suspect he may actually be who he says he is.

Everything about this novel is geared towards romance. It's set in Paris, the city of lovers, and the two main characters, Maxim and Finley, are likeable people in their own right. Finley is strong, determined, sceptical, and haunted by an assault that took place in her youth, whilst Maxim is lost, and struggling desperately to uncover the truth behind what he wrote in his notebook before he lost his memory. Though it's nice to see them support, and gradually heal, each other, over the course of the story, I must admit to feeling a bit of Romance fatigue in the way they were irresistibly drawn towards each other from the get-go. I like my romantic leads to have a bit of friction between them, but they fell for each other more quickly that seems plausible when one of you has no memory and the other is a traumatised historian who doesn't believe the other person is who he says he is. Even if they are very sweet together.

The most interesting bit of the novel was for me the Romanov plotline, which took a bit of a backseat to the romance. Having one of your characters lose his memory of course sets up the fascinating question of whether Maxim actually is a Romanov or is just very confused, and I felt that Wilson did a great job in treading that thin line, especially as the novel progressed. Introducing touches such as the famous Romanov Fabergé eggs, and having Finley work in the Louvre, were interesting as they added a new twist to the Anastasia story, especially when a mysterious menace who wants to kill Maxim pops up later on. I felt more could have been done to play with that mystery element, but unfortunately romance tropes such as Maxim's sudden and irrational desire to protect Finley and therefore stop her being a part of his journey of discovery-despite having asked her to help in the first place- came in the way of the subplot.

That said, this was a lovely, breezy tale that captured the magic of the original film, and added a sprinkling of its own. Finley and Maxim's love story is sweet, supportive and it's fun to see them work their way through investigating his true backstory, adding a touch of royal glamour to it as they go. For a romantic summer read, this is definitely a go-to: it's a right royal Romanov feast.
