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## From Reader Review His Pregnant Princess Bride for online ebook

### Susan says

Good book. Gervais and Erika met at a soccer match in England and had a passionate weekend together. But Erika has plans for her life that don't include an affair with a hot American, so she ignores his attempts to contact her afterward. Then she discovers she is pregnant and has no choice but to let him know.

The first meeting between Erika and Gervaise gives a good feel for what their personalities are like. Erika is there representing her family. She's not happy about it and it shows. Her mind is on her own plans for her future. She is about to leave her career in her country's military, something she did against her family's wishes. Thanks to their interference she wasn't allowed to do the job she wanted to do, so she is preparing to follow her dreams on her own. Her plans are to become a nurse practitioner and she is set to begin. Gervaise is there checking out the stadium because his football team will be playing there. His family has their reputation but he's determined to make his own place in the world. The team that he owns is his and all his efforts are placed on achieving his goals. That isn't to say he isn't interested in a brief fling with Erika, because he is. Her independence intrigues him, as does her lack of interest in the sport that runs his life.

Two months later Erika shows up in New Orleans to tell Gervaise that she's pregnant and find out if he wants to be part of the baby's life. Her intent is to tell him her news, then continue with her plans, expecting nothing of him. But that isn't Gervaise's way of doing things. He immediately proposes marriage, which she refuses just as quickly. He's not going to give up, and talks her into staying two weeks so they can get to know each other, and he has a chance to change her mind.

I liked Erika, but she also frustrated me. She developed her independence and stubbornness because of her family's tendency to try to run her life. I loved seeing her go after what she wanted in spite of their meddling. However, with her pregnancy, especially after they found out it was twins, I felt like she should have been a little more open to options. Every time Gervaise made a suggestion she would shoot it down immediately. She was so determined to hang on to her independence that she wasn't thinking about her pregnancy's effect on Gervaise and his life at all.

I really liked Gervaise. He's ready to step up the minute he hears that Erika is pregnant. He has experience with the kind of man who doesn't, as his father has quite the philanderer's reputation and he doesn't want that for himself. He understands her goals and he doesn't ask her to give them up, just alter their timing a little bit. I loved his protectiveness and how he tried to do everything he could think of to get her to stay. I really liked that he tries not to push her to give in, but gives her the space she says she needs.

As the visit goes on and they get to know each other, the passion grows into more. Erika slowly realizes that she doesn't want to be wanted just because she's pregnant and it's the right thing, she wants to be loved for herself. She's afraid of risking her heart so she doesn't tell Gervaise how she feels. Meanwhile, Gervaise doesn't want to drive her away by confessing feelings that he thinks she doesn't want to hear about. It doesn't help when her entire family shows up, adding their own special brand of pressure. I have to say that I didn't like them much, except for one surprising conversation with her oldest sister, Astrid. I loved the ending and seeing them finally opening up to each other.

I'm really looking forward to the rest of the series and seeing what happens with Gervaise's brothers.

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## **Winfield says**

Good quickie read... not a true fan of Harlequin... good airplane book, if you leave it on a bus, boat or train do not be upset for the lose.

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## **Nancy Luebke says**

I enjoyed this romance. I received this for free and I voluntarily chose to review it. I've given it a 4\* rating. The heroine in this goes back and forth so much, it's hard for anyone to tell what she will do. In the meantime the hero is almost clueless in what she wants to make her happy. Once she allows him to talk more, they finally find out. Interesting couple. A little bit too much sexual scenes for my taste but good story.

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## **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Posted on What I'm Reading

Well, His Pregnant Princess Bride was an all right read. Okay, I struggle with the princess. Erika frustrated me to know end. I was afraid I would crack a tooth, because I was grinding so hard on my frustration on Erika. Don't get me wrong I get that she wants to be independent and thought as her own person. Understand that, and I understand that she didn't want to be under her parents thumb. Her title as a princess was kind of like a courtesy title, because they didn't really rule the land. However, I saw her self more times than not. When she found out that she was pregnant she wanted to continue on the path she set out for herself with no regard to others. I liked that she wanted to be nurse practitioner, but she was kind to Gervais hey I'm going to do my own thing, I'm pregnant too. Ahhhhh!

I adore Gervais, because he wanted to be a standup guy and be part of her life, but she wanted him to stay at arms length. I liked that he straight up told her he wanted to be in the babies life which kind put a damper on her plans, but at the same time she was going to press forward with her plans with no regard towards his feeling. Yes, I had the urge throat punched her when she shut Gervais down. I mean he could have been a dick and said I want nothing to do with the kid be gone. No, he was like not going to happen. So, he set out a plan to try to win her at any cost. WOOT! Fortunately, she's going to have a complicated pregnancy, which had to rethink her plan.

Overall, His Pregnant Princess Bride was an all right read. I struggle with Erika till the bitter end, but I adore Gervais for standing up and try to take care of his unborn child. We get a glimpse of his brothers here and there and I'm curious to see what happens with them.

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## **Andrea Guy says**

His Pregnant Princess Bride is really a great quick read. I love Catherine Mann's books and this one was no exception. Erika is an exceptional heroine. She's strong and smart and really no nonsense.

She has a fling with Gervais when he was in London a few months prior and she ends up pregnant. In an uncharacteristic move for a Desire Heroine, she actually tells Gervais that she's pregnant. Gervais immediately offers to marry her and she refuses.

I liked how Gervais works to convince her to marry him, and prove there is more to their relationship than sex. I also liked that he wasn't really an alpha male, at least in the usual Harlequin standard of alpha male. Actually if Gervais were alpha, so was Erika, which is really awesome.

My only gripe was about the football team Gervais owns. The story is set in New Orleans. There's already an NFL team there. I'm not a huge sports fan, but I have a hard time when contemporary fiction messes with reality. I would have been ok with this being an arena football team, but The Saints are New Orleans.

That didn't change that I loved the characters and the storyline in general. Another thing that I liked about this book was the lack of the conflict that causes one character to do something stupid that makes the other run away. It was more an action that caused a wake up moment and boom love, which was really there all along.

This was a fabulous read!

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### **Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says**

DNF

This is just not working for me. Made it to 50% and decided it was time to move on.

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### **Paula Brandon says**

Gervais Reynaud is the rich owner of a football team. Erika Mitras is a Nordic princess (although the royal line is technically defunct) eager to make more of her life than being a pretty ornament. They have a hot weekend together in the UK before going their separate ways. Until Erika turns up in New Orleans to announce to Gervais that she is pregnant! She agrees to move into his palatial home for a couple of weeks so that they can get to know each other better, and see how they should go about raising their children together. Of course, how would falling in love affect all this?

How refreshing! A heroine who doesn't hide the paternity of her child! A hero who isn't afraid to love or have children! You don't often find such things in category romance! Rather, the story is about how two reasonable adults navigate the reality of being forever connected to one another by children, and how that might work, with the added complications of genuine feelings developing between them. No silly artificial drama conspiring to keep them apart, and the characters are easy to get behind.

A few things bothered me. Firstly, why is it always twins? If real life were anything like category romance, the world would be overrun with twins! They would band together to take over humanity! Seriously, though, does every surprise or unexpected pregnancy have to result in twins in these books? However, what bugged me the most was Gervais' insistence on getting Erika to marry him, saying they would only have to be together for a year. Huh? This makes absolute zero sense to me. Is it because he doesn't want the children to

be born out of wedlock? Is this another category author who still thinks we're back in the 1950s? In this day and age, it is perfectly normal and acceptable for a child/children to be brought up by unmarried parents. Or single parents. Or whatever family unit system they have in place. So long as they are loved! And since both Erika and Gervais were both on board and ready to love and support their children, I didn't see what the problem was.

But I'm getting all political! This was a strange mix of more level-headed than usual protagonists, along with a smattering of the same tired romance tropes. I liked the main characters, but ultimately it was all a bit too short and sweet for me to feel any real dramatic punch!

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### **Melissa Morr says**

Gervais Reynaud owner of New Orleans Hurricanes football team & Princess Erika Mirtas a Nordiac Princess meet during a soccer game at Wembley Stadium, where Gervais was previewing the stadium due to his team having a pre-season exhibition game. After spending a weekend together of amazing mind-blowing sex, Gervais doesn't hear from Erika, who never answerd any of his calls, until almost 3 months when she walks onto his practice field. The news she is about to tell him will rock his world, that he is going to be a father. Erika had just planned on telling Gervais he was going to be a father, to see if he wanted to be an active father& walk away, but Gervais had other plans. After Erika turns down his marriage proposal, he ask her to stay with him for 2 weeks to get to know each other & after those 2 weeks they would re-evaluate the situation. Will Erika change her mind after 2 weeks or will she take his babies & leave.

" I thought I asked you to join me for gumbo not sex. But now that we're talking about sex-"

Gervais is loyal, protective & will do anything to keep Erika & his children with him. After having a father like he did makes him more determined to do that, if it means grade A romance Erika will get grade A romance. But he is determined to be a full-time responsible father. But Erika has plans of her own she wants to go back to school an be a nurse practioner & marriage isn't in the cards for her especially to a man who only wants to marry her cause she is having his children. Boy does Gervais have his hands full trying to convince this stubborn, proud woman that their is more to their relationship than sex.

"Thank you, my brother. That means a lot to me. But this my child. Not some mistake, Not just a responsiblity. My child."

This is the first book of the Bayou Billionaires series with Catherine Mann & Joanne Rock. Also this is my first read by Catherine Mann and I can tell you it will not be my last. This was a touching , sincere, moving book, I just couldn't put it down. Catherine has me wanting to read the rest of the Bayou Billionaires to find out about Gervais & Erika's babies. I can not wait to read about Dempsey, Henri & to hear about the mysterious Jean-Pierre. You will not regret picking this book up, but beware, make sure you have a few hours you will not be interrupted, you will not be able to put it down.

I received a free copy for my honest review

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### **Cathy says**

"His Pregnant Princess Bride" by Catherine Mann. We meet Erika and Gervais in this tale of a whirlwind fling that has lasting consequences. I liked Gervais - he's a hard worker that wants to prove he's a good guy. And he is! He is a bit stuffy but when he lets his guard down, he's uber sexy. Erika was an ok character for me - she frustrated me often. She is quite stubborn and her resistance to Gervais became a bit annoying after a bit. Despite that, there were many qualities that I did like about her - she's independent and knows what she wants in life. The story line was a bit predictable but enjoyable just the same. I did like the secondary characters, especially Leon. I hope in future books of the series, we learn more about him. This is a pleasant read that didn't take too long - it's just what you need to take your mind off of everyday life for a little bit. (received copy for honest review).

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### **Jamie Leigh says**

#### **Sweet read**

This is a great story that was sweet with a wonderful family and some amazing brothers that are there for each other. I can't wait to read more.

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### **2kasmom says**

Gervais meets Erika while in London, and they spend a magical weekend together. Neither one expects to see the other again. Then she shows up a couple months later in New Orleans, to see him.

Erika is afraid of what this pregnancy means for her and her child's future. Gervais just wants to take care of them both. Maybe see where the future is headed? There may be more family complications once the extended families are told...

Gervais is fiercely protective of his child and its mother. He vows no one will take them from him. After a near tragedy occurs, he discovers his feelings may go much deeper than he thought.

Such a moving and compelling story. Really good read that I could not put down. Touching and sincere, it has moments that moved me.

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### **Paige says**

Another cover wins me over. I love this cover, but unfortunately I didn't love the story.

Erika was really tough to like with her indecisiveness. Disappointed nothing really got resolved by the end other than their feelings.

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### **Melody Cox says**

It is never a good sign when I struggle throughout an entire book because I can't tolerate one of the two main characters. In this book that person was Ericka, the heroine. I thought she was a very poor main character and I disliked her all the way through. She was a very difficult heroine for me to warm up to and I never did.

The one positive was that I fell in love with Gervais, our hero. It was too bad he didn't have a better heroine to play his counterpart. That could have made all the difference. It just all fell apart for me. She was on my last nerve from page one and it really didn't get any better until the last page and a half. There was hardly any amount of happiness in this story so the ending, while an HEA, just didn't do it for me.

It seemed Ericka's every thought and comment throughout the entire book was repeated over and over. The redundancy drove me mad until I wanted to scream and call her unkind names. Their relationship was too one-sided and I felt so sorry for Gervais. I felt badly for him because she shot down everything he said. The story stalled in a couple of places and moved slowly in others. There was so much negativity out of our heroine that I simply did not care for this book.

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### **Toni says**

His Pregnant Princess Bride is one of my favorite titles of all time. Course that could be because I am a die-hard Princess Bride fan and that reference immediately takes me to a happy place. I do admit a mild disappointment that author Catherine Mann didn't manage to work in an "As you wish" reference. This series starter for the new Bayou Billionaires series by Mann and Joanne Rock is everything you want in a series launch. You nominally meet all the remaining heroes and the family dynasty is clearly laid out. Even with those requirements, Mann manages to focus the story on Gervais and Ericka. Though I enjoyed reading the story the first time through, I really liked Ericka more after reading the second book in the series. She is a Nordic princess and her icy demeanor is hard to break through. She thaws out some in the second book when the focus isn't directly on her. Mann plots a believable and heartwarming love story that keeps pages turning quickly. Ericka and Gervais make a great couple and I love the family dynamics. I can't wait to see the rest of the Reynaud dynasty fall.

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### **Delacey says**

Boring. Dialogue was stilted. DNF around 50%. Couldn't even bother to read the end, just couldn't care for Ericka and her refusal to hear and think on his suggestions. Back to the thrift store where hopefully someone will like it.z

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