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On a Wednesday afternoon, Owen Masterson asks me to marry him.

I've never met the man before.

All I wanted was a job repackaging his image. He needs to ramp up his cool-factor to attract partnerships with better designers for his family's department store. But he wants me to be his temporary trophy wife instead.

I need to get out from under my grandfather's control and don't really care how I do it. Honestly, I'll rock the hell out of being a temporary trophy wife.

So maybe I'll marry him for a year, even though he has no social skills and he's a lot older than me. But I'm not going to fall for him.

I hope.

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Izzie d says

This book continues the series about three women and their grandfather's expectations of their future.

I found Chelsea a bit hard to relate to, she shops and doesn't work, provided for by her grandfather.

Owen is an older Hero.

No intimate scenes with anyone other than the Hero and heroine.

No ex drama.

No cheating.

HEA.

Irene Sim says

A great addition to the series and apparently there will be a 4th book added sometime in the future.

Though the three books have a similar theme (all three sisters had fake marriages that turned out to be real ones in the end) somehow the author managed to deliver three very different stories.

I liked Chelsea very much in this book and it's true, in the previous book she was presented like an airhead, superficial kind of girl, in this one she was pretty much awesome... She really tried to make something significant with her life.

Owen was adorable, the silent, easygoing, unnoticed kind of guy, but once he felt at ease with Chelsea he revealed a really strong and passionate character... I loved him.

Callixta says

Noelle Adams est une auteure presque entièrement auto-éditée qui écrit de la romance loin des critères habituels. Elle emprunte souvent des thèmes très anciens et pas forcément à la mode aujourd'hui. Cette série de trois livres racontent comment trois sœurs vont contracter chacune un mariage arrangé à une époque où cela est relativement rare. Dans cet opus, qui est le troisième et dernier tome, nous suivons la plus jeune sœur, Chelsea. Le roman n'est pas parfait mais il a tout de même de très jolis moments et présentent des héros atypiques.

Chelsea n'a que vingt-quatre ans mais elle appartient à une famille très traditionnelle où le mariage est la seule façon pour une femme de s'accomplir. Si ses sœurs ont su prendre leur distance par rapport à cela, Chelsea a peu de chance d'échapper à son sort. Elle ne travaille pas, n'a pas fait d'études et passe pour le moineau à tête vide dans sa propre famille. Le seul talent qu'elle se reconnaît est celui d'avoir un excellent goût. Elle put peut-être utiliser cela pour trouver un travail. Quand elle entend qu'Owen, un ami de l'un de ses beaux-frères dirige sa petite entreprise mais peine à la faire décoller car il n'est pas très moderne ni dans sa mise ni dans ses approches, elle se dit qu'elle peut-être se marier avec lui, elle apportera son style, il lui permettra de sortir du carcan familial. Et puis ses sœurs ont déjà suivi ce chemin.

C'est clairement le point faible du roman car Chelsea engage sa vie pendant quelques mois avec un homme alors que clairement rien ne l'y oblige vraiment mais le reste est plus cohérent et intéressant. Nous suivons l'intrigue assez classique de ce type de roman qui fonctionne bien avec les thèmes préférés de l'auteure.

Noelle Adams adore montrer l'anti-coup de foudre, l'amour qui naît alors que rien ne l'annonçait. Chelsea et Owen n'ont rien en commun, il est plus âgé qu'elle, ont deux caractères opposés et pourtant à force de se fréquenter, de se croiser, l'amour et l'attraction vont naître et se développer.

Ce qui m'a encore plus plu, c'est le caractère atypique des deux héros. Owen est timide, a plus de quarante ans et est très loin d'avoir une personnalité extraordinaire. Quant à Chelsea, elle se reconnaît elle-même peu cultivée, petite fille riche sans grand intérêt. On peut difficilement montrer deux personnages plus éloignés des critères à la mode actuellement. Pourtant le terne Owen commence à briller au fil de l'intrigue et la godiche de Chelsea commence à montrer intelligence et répondant. Je doute que cela fonctionne avec tout le monde mais la romance est très mignonne, plus fine qu'il n'y paraît et sort ainsi des sentiers battus. Un bon moment en somme.

<http://romance-blumoon.com/2019/01/p...>

Carvanz says

Talk about sweet endings!!! I have loved each book in this series, but this one is by far my favorite.

Chelsea has always been known as "the pretty one". With no known talents, work experience or real guidance to lean on, she's just kind of wandered through life living off her grandfather's goodwill. Not that living that way didn't demand a cost and the cost for her was her self esteem. Now she's determined to step out of her comfort zone and make something of herself and with that decision made, she reaches out to Owen Masterson.

While this is written entirely in the heroine's point of view, it wasn't hard to get a handle on what Owen might be feeling. He's a bit nerdy, a lot behind on the times, and totally in need of repackaging. Both him and his business. I loved how he was pretty much speechless when he was with Chelsea in the beginning. It was obvious she had him tied in knots. Just the type of beta hero that I can totally get behind.

This is a fast paced book with some serious sizzle. This couple were so cute together and I loved how their relationship evolved naturally, or so it seemed. Their conflict was a bit angsty because as the reader you just KNOW what they need to do, but those darn characters are stuck in their own heads. Nevertheless, they finally find their happy ever after but not before one of the sweetest, most poignant scenes I've ever read when a hero "grovels". I need me an Owen!

Heroine POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

Laura's Book Addiction says

I just want to gush about this fabulous book. The best one of the series. Owen & Chelsea own my heart, I'm completely gone over this couple.

Age gap romance done correctly and full of swoon. The only slight disappointment was the epilogue, I wish it had been set a few years in the future.

Carol says

4 stars.

So fun!!!

I had previously read the second book in this three book series- involving three sisters that each in turn enter into a fake marriage for a variety of reasons. Now having read this one also, I am pretty impressed with how entertaining and delightful a job Noelle Adams has managed to achieve with this particular trope.

I will in fact be jumping back at some point to read the first one that I somehow missed out on as I am in no doubt that it will be equally as enjoyable.

I feel like they definitely seem to have a little bit of a "tongue in cheek" sort of style to them, which I really do like.

I loved the MC's. I have never met a character quite like Chelsea (she's different, thats for sure) and Owen was so very easy to love.

Great book, no repackaging required.

What I really liked best about this book and also this author is how well the story and the writing just really flows- before I knew it I was up until 2am finishing this book. Honestly, I am not even sure where the time went.

Now I think about it I am fairly sure that I have read all her books in one sitting, also a good thing IMO.

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Practice Husband (Trophy Husbands #2)

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Jypsy says

Packaged Husband was too typical for my taste. It's a cute story with fun characters, and fans of this series will enjoy this one. It's just not for me, though.

Kristen says

this was really cute. i didn't love it *as* much as the first two, but it was still cute and fun. i liked Owen, but I struggled a bit with Chelsea. i did like the little twist on the plot this time, because if it was the exact same as the first 2, it would be a bit much. the ending was adorable and Owen is so swoony. overall this was just super sweet, cute, predictable-in-a-good-way and i am excited that there will be one more book in the series!

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Liz says

Fuddy-duddy 40-year old who sounds decades older than he is, and a young woman who is very much still a girl trying to gain confidence and independence.

The guy owns the stores and he won't let her work whatever hours she wants, or give her an actual job at his company, because of nepotism? Why on earth is she with him??? She could get an internship or entry-level job anywhere else and not have a fake-husband play with her feelings at the same time.

And the whole convenient marriage plot seemed to have been forgotten after their initial conversation. How did it help that they were married? He treated her like a regular employee most of the time and it's not like they were having sex at home. What was the point?!

I though I liked this author's silent, antisocial heroes, but I think it was just something different. Now that it's not new to me, I find it incredibly irritating and aggravating that a grown man can only give monosyllabic answers because the heroine is "too pretty". By the way, "pretty" sounds so condescending and diminutive, at least in this book. Especially because our heroine spends half the book complaining that no one takes her seriously because she's so gosh darn pretty!

I didn't necessarily hate the heroine but she annoyed me to no end. Got no work experience? Feel like everyone thinks you're a spoiled princess? Nobody taking you serious? Then stop bitching, get off your ass and get to work! You're not the only one who starts out with a near blank resume. You're not the only one who has to get references, credibility, and experience!

To me, this book also got a little too real about hygiene and the problems of getting older. It's not news to me that your body changes as you get older, men apparently don't get morning wood anymore, morning breath stinks, bodies get flabby and it's tougher to get up in the morning (apparently); but do I want to read about all this in a romance? Nope. No. Not even a little.

Next.

Ofelia says

Amazing! I just keep loving this series. Chelsea might have followed on her sisters footsteps and gotten married out of convenience but like her sisters her fake marriage starts to feel more real as time passes by. Owen might have needed a trophy wife to up his style and make him look better in a business stand point specially when he is so shy and socially awkward. Chelsea might have agreed to marry Owen to get out of her old shell and become more independent but as they both start to get to know each other things change; they both realize that they want to make their fake marriage into a real one. Packaged Husband was a fun addictive read! A must read!!!!

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Isha Coleman says

Noelle Adams never holds back. She keeps it real when it comes to matters of the heart and healing of the soul. Through her characters she can deliver lessons of life, stories of hope and acts of courage without getting overly preachy and with a sense of humor. In *Packaged Husband*, an act of desperation has everlasting results for Chelsea and Owen. The key to understanding an Adams novel is to listen with your heart.

Debbie Oxier says

I love these books! Then again, I pretty much love anything Noelle Adams writes! Owen is looking for a trophy wife. He doesn't want to get married or have a relationship. He just wants a woman to accompany him to the many functions he has to attend for his business. Darcy has loved Owen for awhile so she suggests he get himself a wife. Someone who would be willing to marry him for a year, then once his business is well established they can divorce. Of course, she offers herself for the job. Owen is intrigued by her offer and agrees. Now that they are official can they make it work for a year? Or are they secretly hoping for more?

As usual, the author does an excellent job with her characters. I fell in love with them right away. Owen was pretty much a nerd, but thanks to Darcy's gift of "packaging", she manages to transform his appearance and his attitude into that of a very good looking, astute businessman. This entails spending a lot of time together, time to really get to know one another. And they both really like what they see.

Another winner in my book, the kind you might think seriously about reading again.

Maria Rose says

Another delightful marriage of convenience romance by Noelle Adams! The last of the Greyson sisters, Chelsea hasn't ever had a real job and has been supported by her sisters and Poppy (grandfather) since their parents passed away. She wants to do something different though, and she knows she can use her social skills and eye for fashion in a positive way if given the chance. She contracts with Owen Masterson of Masterson Department stores for a two fold venture - she'll be his temporary trophy wife and intern at his store. They'll both get something out of the deal (Chelsea can help Owen find some new designers to update the fashions at the store, and she'll get some on the job training) and as it so happens, they get more than they bargained for when neither wants their 'temporary' arrangement to end. Owen is 41 and Chelsea is 24 so it's an age gap romance, but Owen is one of the sweetest heroes I've read lately. There's even a scene where he offers her comfort during her period when she experiences bad cramps, something you don't come across everyday in a contemporary romance. They share some sexy scenes together (Owen is very clear that he won't expect sex in their 'fake' marriage so it's up to Chelsea to encourage him). It's a lovely addition to the series.

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the author for review.

Valeen Robertson (Live Thru Books Blog) says

Chelsea is known as the pretty sister. She has no marketable skills, nothing beyond her degree. She wants to prove to her Pop and sisters that she can make a life of her own, so with a referral, she sends her resume to Owen, a man in need of some makeovers, both of himself, and more importantly, for his company. She throws in a marriage of convenience suggestion just to catch his attention in her pitch, and she's completely surprised when he brings it up himself. Who knew her throwaway suggestion would actually turn out the way it does?

I thought this was such a sweet, sexy read. Owen, although a couple decades older than Chelsea, and hopelessly behind the times, is absolutely adorable. It was so obvious how much he thought of Chelsea, and she herself was a bit oblivious, even though that was what she accused him of, because it was obvious how much he cared about her even though she had no idea. I've read a couple of this author's previous stories, but I definitely like this one the best so far. Owen and Chelsea make for a wonderful couple - sweet, and perfectly matched, odd as they appear on paper.

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Full review posted on my blog ---> *Live Through Books Blog*.

Ayekah says

Book three in the series and we have the youngest sister Chelsea who is driven to get out from under demanding Granddad's thumb. He pays for everything. She decides to not go to work for the family business and since she feels she's been labeled the pretty one (but not too bright), needs to prove to herself she can make a go of this business. One of her first clients who needs rebranding is Owen, and his family business which is clothing stores. If anyone knows shopping it's Chelsea. Owen also needs a wife. Owen's much older than Chelsea, shy, socially awkward and wants the business to succeed. He needs Chelsea because she's the sidepiece that makes meeting with clients easier. She can schmooze with the best of them. Owen's business grows and so does their relationship. There's a couple interesting twists here also. I enjoyed seeing the other sisters and their spouses as well, and the seriously cranky, pushy Granddad.

This wasn't my favorite book in the series. I loved the previous books, this one just didn't have the spark the others did. A little something missing, but still an okay read. I really loved watching Owen.

He totally makes the story.

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