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A Practical Proposal

Though Lady Elizabeth Wayland would rather spend her days with her beloved books than an uncaring spouse, scandal forces her to find a match posthaste. To escape the scoundrel who almost ruined her, Elizabeth accepts an unconventional proposal from a childhood friend. But when she finds herself falling for her husband-to-be, will she be able to convince him to return her love?

Widowed cotton mill owner Miles Hawthorne vowed to never marry again—until Elizabeth's reputation is on the line. Their betrothal begins as a simple favor. As he spends more time with his fiancée, though, Miles finds that there's more to her than he ever saw before. And Elizabeth just might be the only woman who can slip into his heart.

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Bonnie says

A Hasty Betrothal by Jessica Nelson. Miles Hawthorne is a widower and vows never to marry again and he owns several cotton mills. One he just purchased and is trying to bring it up to standard. There are children working at this plant. He wants to change that.

When childhood friend Lady Elizabeth Wayland is at a party she goes to the garden by herself. A man follows her and tries kissing her. Miles follows and knocks him down to protect Elizabeth. The bad guy spreads rumors about Elizabeth. Miles agrees to marry her in name only.

A romance happens. Miles cotton mill he just bought burns. The guy running it cheated Miles and took off with Miles money. Elizabeth is teaching the children at the mill to read. A very touching story. A good read.

Rachel says

Absolutely loved it!

Ashley says

Elizabeth serves as a strong lead with an even stronger love of reading who refuses to let anyone hold her back, including herself? I found her to be an extremely relatable character in this and many other ways. While all of us do not have such an obvious reason for self-consciousness, it is still something that all of us struggle with. Miles is an unlikely hero for our bibliophile heroine, yet their attempts at avoiding love land them squarely in one another's path. The marriage of "convenience" that was anything but convenient kept me on my literary toes. I was never sure which of our betrothed was going to ruin things first, or worst, or if they would ever figure out how to just enjoy being. The historical elements were woven (seemingly) effortlessly throughout the text and served to really bring the story to life. With the constant concerns for appearances and propriety I found myself both cringing and laughing at the archaic dating habits that society has almost entirely abandoned. I'm not sure which would be more painful to endure; fancy balls and elaborate courting attempts or netflix and chill requests... A Hasty Betrothal is most assuredly the quintessential book to read as you curl up on the couch and indulge in some chocolate and wine.

Emily says

Quick romance that I read because I love the time period, and hey, she loves books!

The premise was excellent, and I enjoyed parts of it, but for the most part, the characters got on my nerve. I DID however love the subplot with the children, and the moral wrestling involved with that. I thought the

author handled that beautifully.

Alisha Grant says

the bookworm n the realist clashing n annoying at times but a charming read

Jeanette Levellie says

Delightful and worthwhile.

In addition to being delightfully entertained by Jessica Nelson's stories, I always learn something from her expert weaving of history throughout her books. This time it was the inner workings of a textile factory and how it affected both employees and workers.

I loved Miles and Bitt and was entranced by their story. Although much like a roller coaster ride, the happy ending made up for all the careening about! I highly recommend this delightful novel.

TheOtherWinchester says

Full disclosure, I got this book as a free gift from Harlequin after sending in a slip thing, but they didn't specifically choose me to send it to for review or anything.

This was a pretty cute story. Parts of it were predictable, but there's nothing wrong with that as long as it's still enjoyable, and it was still enjoyable. It's about a hasty marriage of convenience between two people, so the woman could avoid becoming a "ruined woman" in the public eye, which is an annoying idea, but it also works with the time period, so I can't be mad about it, really. Everything in regards to the couple and how they interact is obvious and predictable, but again, it didn't bother me, because I liked the characters. The protagonist is a shy bookworm and her love interest is an old childhood friend of hers that happens to be a successful businessman. It's definitely a cute Christian romance, and worth a read if you're in the mood for something light and fluffy.

Casey says

Best of this genre I've ever read. Much more realistic than some of the other novels I've read through this publisher, but still sweet and romantic.

Briana LS says

3.5 stars

Kav says

Squeeeeeealllllllll!!!! A bibliophile heroine in Regency England -- can it get any better than that? Never mind the hero, I was swooning over Elizabeth's love of reading! "I simply want you to understand the great scope of stories. Their extraordinary ability to draw out the imagination, to teach life lessons and to inspire one to greater heights of creativity." (p 188) Yes! I love Elizabeth! Even though she finds it "very exhausting to be the heroine of her own story." (p. 279) I personally found it exhilarating! :-) I seriously got all swoony over the book references.

Mind you, Miles made me weak in the knees too. He could be gallant and charming one minute and brooding and distant the next. What a complicated man -- but -- oh my goodness, he has a tender heart, especially where Elizabeth is concerned. Though he can be a dunderhead about her as well. He's pegged her a certain way so she discombobulates him at every turn. Just when he gets his balance she lambasts him with something else. So much fun keeping up with their banter -- like watching a tennis match! Back and forth. Back and forth. Witty and riveting.

Stupendous fun -- a Regency romance not to be missed!

Brittany says

I love stories set in the Regency time period! A Hasty Betrothal is a beautiful example of clean Regency fiction that is witty and romantic. I absolutely loved these two main characters and the situation they found themselves in. It was so easy to want them to both find the best in life, especially knowing the scars that they each carried.

Lady Elizabeth had a lot of inner uncertainty due to a very obvious birthmark. She weathered many hurtful gazes and comments in her young life. Miles carried his own inner turmoil due to the way he lost his first wife. What complicated emotions this man carried around with him! Guilt and blame, along with confusion, seemed to follow him and haunt his decisions. A Hasty Betrothal tackles some deep topics and does so with grace.

But, through it all, I loved that Miles came to Elizabeth's rescue, even when he was a bit hardheaded about it! The back and forth between these two was priceless and this was a story I loved from start to finish!

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

You can read this review on my blog at:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Jennifer says

This was a sweet love story that I didn't want to end! I don't recall how I stumbled upon this book but I fell

in love with the characters and the story. I would really like to hear more about Bitt and Miles.
Any chance of a part 2, Ms. Nelson?
