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A legacy maid in Manhattan

In desperation to save her father, housekeeper Rose O'Malley thinks she can trap a man. But the second she faces Zac Valenti and the force of his palpable sensuality, she knows she can't go through with it!

Before she can call off her deception, Manhattan's most eligible bachelor sweeps Rose off her feet—and into his bed! Stealing away like a guilty Cinderella, Rose vows never to see Zac again...until she discovers she's pregnant and Zac demands his passionate betrayer and his baby remain under his control!

When one night...leads to pregnancy!

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From Reader Review An Heir to Make a Marriage for online ebook

Treece says

Rating: 2 1/2 stars

Zac (the H) was such a bitter bastard that it made it hard for me to like him. In the beginning, he was charming and sexy, and I could understand Rose's attraction to him. At first. But once he finds out he's been duped, he is a vicious nasty cruel jerk. I wanted Rose to tell him off and some. She just played doormat.

In contrast to the nasty grandmother Rose (the h) made the h appear to be a martyr. Especially since she is doing everything for the sake of her father. The fact she is a virgin and gullible and from the hard-working servant class rounds out the whole Cinderella theme. I guess.

Should they end up together? I'll let you be the judge.

I think Zac needs therapy to get past his issues, which means he has potential. Rose needs to kick him in the pants.

Otherwise, not the best story but not the worst. I wanted him to get his act together before he got the cookie from her(which did not happen).

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

First-read review:

A heroine deliberately (although unwillingly) trying to get pregnant with the hero's baby? That's something you don't read every day.

Although I think Ruthlessly Bedded Forcibly Wedded is insuperable this comes close, easily one of the best I've read by Abby Green.

Rose was such a sweetheart, trying to do the right thing but it's understandable that she failed to resist Zac. Zac may not admit it at first but from the beginning, he was treating Rose very different than what he would have treated any other woman.

Any butts I may have had were forgotten by the time I wrote this.

Second-read review:

You can't look too deeply (actually, it has to be from above the surface) or the stupidity is obvious BUT I loved it.

Emona says

I read, and re-read, because this one was awesome!

Rose reminded me of the saying: A rose by any other name, would still give the same fragrance (paraphrased

it).

The balance of the romance, chemistry and heart-warming scenes were well-potrayed.

When her father needs an expensive heart surgery, Rose is persuaded with the threats of an evil control-freak employer to sleep with Zach, and get pregnant to produce an heir.

It gets more twisted when Zach is the employer's grandson.

Rose realises she cannot do this, and as much as possible avoids Zach.

She cannot deceive him, and so tries to escape from the net of manipulation and deceit.

Zach has never seen a woman like Rose, and he must have her, now!

One night, that's all he needed, then he'd get her out of his blood, but she was like quicksilver; she disappeared, before he could even start.

Red-blooded as his reputation preceded him, he caught up with her, and took her innocence.

Before long, he realises he is caught in his grandmother's web of trickery.

Rose tries to explain, that she didn't really want to do this, but that the inevitable happened.

But Zach learned a long time ago, that there was no love and trust.

Zach has sworn that he will never keep the family name of his grandmother's, he is a Valenti, and his child will also be one.

But when he whisks her away to Italy, he starts to question Rose's actions and soon falls in love with her, though he refuses to admit it.

Knowing that he is getting attached to Rose, he decides he must send her back, that's when Rose gives a full explanation of how she was cluelessly tricked.

Zach clarifies her story of the father and pays for the operation, but he still doesn't believe the part of the pregnancy trick.

That's when the grandmother unknowingly clarifies that part.

Realising his mistake, he recreates the moment they first met, and then, asks for forgiveness and marriage.

And.... well, we all know how that ends!

I am really glad Abby added an epilogue, with the sweet baby!!

Dianna says

Maid Rose wants to get handsome rich guy Zac to impregnate her. Well, she doesn't really because Rose is a good girl. Her dad has a vaguely defined but life-threatening condition. He needs the most expensive operation IN THE WORLD! His health insurance isn't going to cover it.

So Rose has made a deal with the devil: a mean old lady wants a kid heir to the billions her son has rejected. And the mean old lady is not an idiot: she's locked Rose up in a whole lot of contracts and non-disclosure agreements.

Zac has denied the family name he thought was his own, until he discovered the secrets surrounding his birth. He's made his own fortune in hotels and nightclubs. He's rejected the path his family laid out for him, and is determined to not get caught by some scheming and fertile hussy keen to cash in on the will his father left, which leaves all the family money to his child.

This is some drama right here, and I'm not going to unpack it all, because it doesn't make a whole lot of sense. I totally get why you'd want to vary an impending betrayal plot, and how restrictive it is when you also have to keep the heroine nice. What it sets up really nicely is that at some highly emotionally charged moment, Zac's going to say some pretty cranky-pants things to a broken-hearted but determined not to cry

Rose.

They meet at a fancy masquerade in New York. Rose is having massive second thoughts, and Zac is having his own pretty massive response to a sexy redhead in a sheer black dress. Fortunately that's Rose, because otherwise this plot would have gone in a completely different direction ...

Zac gives Rose a brief taste of lifestyles of the rich and glamorous and he's so nice she can't possibly go through with this heinous impregnation plan. Although, she would quite like a sexy snuggle in his big bed in his big bedroom with its unbeatable New York views. He gives chase, she's reluctant. And then: perhaps it could be arranged, after all, if he promises to double-bag?

This is all such a turn on for Zac. A beautiful girl who doesn't wear jewellery (seriously, this is prime hero kink), works a low-paid job, keeps disappearing and almost hysterically insists on protection. She's a dream come true!

I totally adored this couple and this plot. Masquerade balls, nightclubs, rooftop gardens overlooking the New York skyline, and a trip to Tuscany (because why not?) are all just thrown in as completely ordinary things that happen all the time. Rose is the correct amount of torn over her terrible deal with the mean old lady. Zac is the absolute correct amount of hero with a terrible family past and lots of secret angst. He's hurt and betrayed, but unable to give up the girl he can't yet acknowledge that he loves. He's less insanely cross about Rose's betrayal than some Abby Green heroes would be. He manages to come across as fairly reasonable. While the setup has a few problems, Rose is very convincingly sweet and determined to make up for her mistake and do the right thing.

I read this based on a recommendation (thank you Emona!) and really enjoyed it.

Aayesha Khatri says

I'm giving quite a few books 5 stars lately, aren't I? That just goes to prove that spending 15 minutes picking and choosing each book I put in my TBR shelf, going through tens of reviews and making sure there are no hard limits for me pays off ;)

Also, it goes to show how amazing my GR friends are and how well y'all know my choice ;)

This book was *superb*. (Yes, I know I use italics to describe every 5 star book in the first sentence of my reviews, but I can't help it! Some books you just *cannot* describe without the use of good ol fashioned italics.)

The characters were 3 dimensional, so real and dynamic that it didn't feel like a story. I loved *both* the characters.

Rose was especially perfect, her gentleness, her loving nature, her deep concern and love for her father made her one of my favourite heroines of all time.

And as for Zac, his pure *alpha-ness*, the delicious angst caused by his cruel treatment and rejection of Rose (and the pure agony of her *pain* - Rose was one of the sweetest heroines ever!), and last but not least, his magnificent grovel. My oh my. As I said, this book was perfect in every way, complete even with a ruthless,

horrid villain who - surprise! - wasn't an OW, but the H's very own grandmother! The b**** got what was coming to her.

Oh, and the sex. 11/10 in that department. Totally shot off the hotness scale. Hats off, Abby Green. Even though AG isn't a favourite of mine, I cannot deny the awesomeness of this book.

Esther says

Netgalley for honest review.

3.5 rating. Fair to Good.

Good pacing, good chemistry and nice characters. The flow of the story had some areas that lagged at times but wasn't too bad. I did find the story line at times somewhat over the top but it is HP so it didn't bother me too much.

Rose's father was very ill and needed surgery and they lacked money. Rose works as a house keeper for a witch, okay I could use another name but I won't, and was approach with an offer from this very evil individual. The witches proposal was for Rose to sleep (and become pregnant) with her grandson for a large sum of money that would help pay for her Fathers surgery. Rose agrees as it was desperate times for her. She was given a head to toe makeover and put in a very alluring and sexy dress. Rose attends a party that the grandson, Zac would be present at and was to introduce herself and seduce him. And yes, Zac notices her and is immediately drawn to her. Zac and Rose's chemistry is immediate and they leave the party for his apartment. Rose comes to the realization she can't go through with the plan and runs. These two meet up several times, some by accident others by design but always the pull/attraction is there.

Zac's childhood was not what you would call pleasant. In fact he had a sad and lonely upbringing. Zac was used and manipulated by family and especially by his grandmother the witch. When he becomes an adult he cut all ties with his family and swore he would never have any children that way his family (the witch) could never use and manipulate his child for the "family" name or legacy as he had been.

We have two characters who go back and forth; connecting and withdrawing from each other for about half of the book until each gives into their attraction. But as things begin to develop between the two trust is broken and the secrets are revealed. Each experiences heartbreak and lack of trust is paramount for both. Rose does all she can to convince Zac or feeling and love are real. Zac with is trust issue just can't accept her feeling as true and authentic. We see towards the end how each has to let go, believe and learn to trust that in each other their love can overcome all the past hurts and heal.

Melody Cox says

I loved this story and it was close to a five-star read except...it dragged and that fact threw me out of the story more than several times. I was actually very tempted to skip ahead and get to the action.

Rose O'Malley is a beautiful, naive, 22-year-old young woman in desperate need. She lost her mother many years ago and now her father has a very-hard-to-treat heart deficiency. Pop is only fifty-years-old...much too young to go to his heavenly reward. There's a surgery that can repair his heart but the insurance company has denied them coverage to cover the surgery. If she can't figure out some way to make a large sum of money she will be watching her beloved dad die.

Rose, a maid, works for an older woman who is evil exemplified. She finds an upset Rose after she's taken a phone call and the old woman sticks her nose into Rose's business wondering why she is upset. When she finds out Rose is in desperate need of money for her father's surgery, she has a plan. She and her husband raised their grandson as their son, disowning their daughter because she married beneath her. They are as cold as ice and the one and only time the then 6-year-old grandson tried to hug his grandmother she pushed him away so hard that he fell hitting his head on the table then ended up on the floor. Yes, she was such a lovely woman...not!

This grandson, Zac Valenti, is now an adult, wealthy, brilliant and gorgeous! He basically has it all. Anything money can buy and he dates supermodels. He hates/despises his grandparents for making his life hell. He also hates them because they have passed him off as their own son and refuse to recognize his biological parents who both died shortly after he was born...the grandparents would not help the couple any at all disinheriting their daughter. In order for Zac to pay honor to his real parents, he had his last name legally changed to that of his father's and broke all ties with the grandparents, walking away from a lot of wealth to be rid of them. You have never met a grandmother in these books who is as awful as them. Now the grandmother is obsessed with Zac having an heir to carry on (the grandparent's last name..not that of his Zac's.)

His grandmother is basically blackmailing Rose to catch the eye of her grandson, get pregnant and insist the baby carry the grandparent's name. (A little bit out there but this is Harlequin Land.) Rose is really quite naive. She doesn't realize, as a 22-year-old, uneducated but bright, young woman that what his grandmother is forcing her to do is illegal and if she doesn't do what granny wants granny is going to let Rose's father die, then sue Rose for everything she has because of a breach of contract. What's a girl to do??!!

Rose simply can't go through with it...but then by pure accident, because they are so drawn together, they had a slip-up and she ends up pregnant. She tries to hide but the grandmother has her followed 24/7 and leaks the story to the newspaper, infuriating Zac and causing him to feel very betrayed.

So what happens when Zac finds out what Rose has supposedly done...Wow! Put on the armor and protect yourself because this man is furious and says a lot of mean and cruel things to his pregnant lover. I hurt for her because she couldn't catch a break and, yet, she couldn't tell him because of his grandmother's threats who was going to sue her for everything she owned and maybe send her to prison. I had a difficult time believing she couldn't just tell Zac and let him help her with the fallout so that was hard to fall for.

Great book though and definitely recommend!!

Sandra says

Rose O'Malley's father is very sick, he needs an expensive heart surgery and Rose doesn't have that kind of money. She works as a maid for her wealthy employer, Mrs. Lyndon-Holt. Mrs. Lyndon-Holt tries to force Rose into seducing her grandson (hero-Zac Valenti) so he will produce an heir. (Zac is estranged from his

grandmother and wants nothing to do with her.) She tells Rose she will pay for her father's life-saving surgery and he will go to a clinic and get the best medical care possible *if* Rose does this. Since Rose's mother died her father is all she has left and she doesn't want to lose him. Rose very reluctantly agrees to Mrs. Lyndon-Holt's plan.

She meets Zac in an exclusive Manhattan hotel ballroom party. Zac is intrigued by Rose from the moment he sees her---before they even meet or speak. He is a hotelier and a nightclub owner and one of Manhattan's most eligible bachelors. He speaks to her at the party and invites her to one of his clubs, which they go to, and then they eventually end up at his apartment.

When Zac receives a phone call and asks Rose to wait she disappears---she just can't go through with this and play with someone else's (Zac's) life.

A week later Rose is working at a health food store (she left a note and quit her job as maid). Mrs. Lyndon-Holt tracks her down reminding Rose that she signed a legal document and she could be sued for breach of contract. She gives Rose a note with an address on it (where Zac will be) and instructions on what to wear. So Rose meets Zac again, at a Manhattan buffet luncheon in which she's serving the food...

Rose discovers that Zac has been looking for her all week. The attraction between them is still very strong. He tells her she's coming with him, he doesn't want her out of his sight again. They go for a walk in Central Park,

talk, and eventually go back to his place and become lovers.

Rose leaves again. Zac looks for her. Months later a work assistant of Zac's finds Rose on the headlining page of the newspaper, supposedly pregnant with Zac's (the Lyndon-Holt) heir. Feeling betrayed and angry he looks for Rose, they need to talk...

Zac has distanced himself away from his family. His grandmother is obsessed with carrying on the Lyndon-Holt name and legacy, and she wants an heir. Zac could care less. But now, to his dismay, it seems Rose was in on it all along.

I liked Rose. She really didn't want to trap Zac, she just went along with Mrs. Lyndon-Holt because she loved her father. She even broke away a few times. She really was sweet and caring.

Zac was also likable, and handsome, and sexy. His grandmother, Mrs. Lyndon-Holt, was horrible! (She and her late husband were responsible for ruining Zac's parents' lives.)

Zac and Rose made a nice couple and they had great chemistry. This was a romantic and enjoyable read with lovely settings, Manhattan, and later Tuscany.

Mou says

It was an okay read. I always appreciate Abby Green writing style compare to other Harlequin Authors. It's not like that she is the best Harlequin Author but she actually maintains a certain level of writing style in all of her books which are pretty commendable. The story was good but I felt The Author could have expressed more of Rose and Zac's feeling for each other. I also felt that the Title didn't match the story because Zac didn't mention anything about marriage in the whole book. They reconciled at the last chapter and in epilogue The Author did mention they got married.

Jenny says

So first book I read by Abby Green was Ruthlessly Bedded, Forcibly Wedded. I instantly fell in love with her writing. Until then my love for Harlequin was all about Carole Mortimer and other vintage authors. So I was happy I discovered a new favorite author. Sadly her next books were a huge disappointment. I felt that her heroines became too slutty and her heroes too beta so I stopped buying her books.

After reading this book my love for this author is back with a vengeance. I felt like I was reading a great old school Harlequin. I adored Rose!! She was a true sweetheart, naive, pure, virginal and just adorable. I can't stand these modern bitchy bitter heroines so Rose was perfection.

Hero was also what I demand when I read a Harlequin. He was alpha, ruthless and dominant aka sex on legs. Even my favorite Lynne Graham started writing beta doormat heroes and this is such a turn off! Give me more heroes like Zac please!

The epilogue with their cute baby girl melted my heart. I think I began puking rainbows and unicorns. I guess I will start buying her books again. Lol!

Chantal ♥? says

4.5 stars. This was an amazing story of two star cross lover! How they had to over come their first meeting and how a surprise pregnancy changes everything.

Now this book worked and it did not for me:

What worked

- 1- hero was a good guy
- 2- heroine was conflicted by the choices she made in order to protect her family
- 3- evil character was already evil before the story so it made sense what she did
- 4- the story was real and had some elements of Fantasy
- 5- their love was true and developed over time
- 6- they are both faithful to each other since the day they met.

What did not work

- 1- how stupid the heroine was about her rights and allows herself to be manipulated
- 2- how long it takes for him to check into her background. Honestly, that's the first thing most rich guys do when they met someone they want to spend time with.
- 3- how long it takes for him to get his act together and tell her he loves her. When she put herself out for him many times.

4- no big drama or large gestures (she does go to the gala but that ended just too sad for me).

I enjoyed this book more than I thought I would and it is a keeper for me.

Not sure if I will reread it but maybe.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

I love Abby Green. Love her writing, her alpha heroes and endearing heroines and the fabulous settings.

An Heir to Make a Marriage has it all....the ultimate Cinderella meeting her Prince and living happily ever after!!!! It even has a character more evil than Cinderella's stepmother.....

in fact, the hero's grandmother puts Cruella de Ville to shame.....

Great storyline – heroine agrees to her employer's request of seducing her grandson and in return will be able to help her sick father. But when she meets the hero, she realizes that she cannot carry out deceiving him and after spending a night with him, disappears vowing to never seeing him again. But things don't quite work out the way we plan!!!!

I found the hero, Zac Valenti, a very likeable character.

He certainly had good reasons for breaking away from his family. Secrets, lies and betrayals.....a good reason for how damaged he was.

Rose O'Malley

I liked her a lot. She was sweet and endearing and caring and best of all, showed a backbone when it came right and wrong.

The two had great chemistry and I really wanted things to work out for them.

Loved the settings.....New York, Tuscany.....what could be better!!!

Stunning epilogue. I just love fairy-tale endings!!!

PS...I can't believe it....this is the 20th book in the One Night with Consequences Series!!!!

Vintage says

To be honest, I read this several weeks ago and it was okay.

The premise of this made me uncomfortable: getting paid to get pregnant in order to save a loved ones life.

Vashti says

This is my first read by this author in quite some time. I used to enjoy her books, they were so emotional and sexy at the same time, but somewhere along the past few years her books took a detour that did not simply appeal to me. So after reading a few reviews by a few HP friends I decided to give this author another try. Well, I am pleased to say that we have a winner here ladies. I simply loved this book, there was an almost fairytale quality to this little journey into hplandia.

The H/h were perfect for each other and throw in an evil grandmother and winner, winner, for me.

The story involves a hard working maid to the hero's wealthy and powerful grandmother. The hero has long since distanced himself from the family billions and took his real father's name, that of an Italian immigrant. His mother had met and fallen in love with said immigrant when he worked at the family's estate therefore she was promptly disowned and when her immigrant husband died in a work accident, she then took her newborn son back to the family fold with the promise they raise him, the mother then goes off and then drowns herself. Everything is covered up and the hero is now raised as the grandparent's son, instead of their grandson.

Now years later, the hero after finding out his true parentage ditches the bluebloods, and made his own billions and along the way ditches the blueblood arranged fiancée.

The heroine who works as a maid to the grandmother is now being manipulated by the grandmother to seduce the grandson and become pregnant by him and in return she will pay all her ill father's expenses who is in dire need of a life saving heart operation.

The H/h meet at a masquerade party, but after going to his beautiful penthouse with the stunning gardens, she gets cold feet and leaves the hero.

The heroine now leaves a note to the wicked grammar and tells her that she has failed and changes her mind and quits. Grandmother finds her and tells her she signed a contract and has to go thru with the plan or else. So, long story short, H/h meet again, passion explodes, they use a condom the first time, hero shocked about heroine's virginity, but the best sex ever. The second time around the same night, magical best sex, this time no condom.

By morning, heroine is gone and no where to be found.

Then 4 months later, hero is shown newspaper that proclaims that he is to be a daddy. Heroine goes to the office to explain all and now he has a deal for her, the baby will have his name, not evil grandma's quest to preserve the family name.

They go off to Tuscany, heroine finds out the hero's true parentage, have great sex again, slight disagreement, then heroine on solo flight back to NY.

After a few weeks, hero comes back and heroine tells hero that she is thru with grandma and makes a deal with him in exchange he will take care of her father's surgery bills.

Slight rocky road but these two eventually get it together with the ILY's. Really sweet ending and epilogue with the book ending one year later in an almost déjà vu scene of when the couple first met.

So for me a great read and if the author continues to write romances like this one, I will once again put her on my reading list. This book had everything I enjoy in a romance, great romantic leads, scorching sex scenes, locale (Tuscany) and an engaging storyline.

4.5****

StMargarets says

I felt bad for the hero in this one. His grandmother was evil personified and the woman he fell for lied and lied and lied some more. Yes, the heroine was desperate for her father, but it takes a special something to sign a contract to trick a man into making you pregnant.

So I had trouble from the beginning and only Abby Green's skills as a writer could make me feel any sympathy for the heroine. The hero was entirely justified in feeling betrayed and he's a better person than I for putting up with this nonsense.

I can't say I really liked the story, but I was engaged while reading it - so three stars.
