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Lady Emily Ashton accepted Colin Hargreaves's proposal only after a significant amount of wooing, but what rational woman would refuse a man who deeds to her all the books in his library?

After a harrowing investigation in Vienna, they have arrived at Emily's villa on the Greek island of Santorini, and the time, at last, has come for them to marry.

THE BRIDAL STRAIN is a three thousand word short story in the bestselling Lady Emily series. This edition also contains two short essays on writing historical fiction.

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Chrissy says

This was a fun and fluffy interlude story dealing with, well, Emily and Colin's wedding (exactly what it says on the tin). Not much meat to it - not even really a mystery - but it's meant to be a light break before the next book has Our Intrepid Heroine rushing off to solve the next big murder and scandalizing society (read: her mother) while she does it. Sometimes, you need a palate cleanser when you're binge-reading through these big book series and this short story does that quite nicely. It would have been silly to have their wedding one of the books proper (these things usually get in the way of the main story), but I still wanted to see it happen.

At least all this jealousy and "will-they-won't-they" nonsense can be put aside. Was I the only one who saw this match coming a mile away? I sure hope not...

Donna says

Fascinating

Tasha Alexander writes about people and places of history that have always fascinated me. She has a wonderful ability to take you where your imagination is set free. I totally lose myself in her books and actually feel I am there with Lady Emily and Colin. As a satisfied reader i couldn't ask for more.

Nicole says

Not worth the buy! It's a romantic but very short story of how Emily and Colin's wedding came about, it's really only a chapter long, not exactly worth the \$1 and you're not missing anything detrimental to the story. If you want a few seconds of cuteness then by all means spend the \$1. The authors extra little notes on writing and her research for the next book "Tears of Pearl" are interesting tidbits thrown in. Definitely all would have been better if these were just added to the publication of "Tears of Pearl".

Melissa says

Very sweet. Not quite up the usual level of Lady Emily writing, but since we missed out on their wedding in the actual novels it was a nice addition to their romance.

Rsquared says

Bait and switch. The author took advantage of her Lady Emily fans by positioning this as a novella about Emily's and Colin's wedding, when, in reality, it was a treatise about herself and her writing experiences. All

in all, it was a sneaky way to make a quick buck off of her dedicated fans. Very disappointing.

Stefany says

This is a short story found here: <http://www.heroesandheartbreakers.com...>

Terrible writing. I felt as though it wasn't even the same author. It did fill in the gap left by jumping from the proposal to the honeymoon, though.

Kathy Randol says

The wedding was maybe 8 pages at most. The rest of the book was the author sharing her research and traveling to Istanbul. All and all, it's an okay read. Honestly, it would of been a lot better if it was more of Emily and Colin's wedding. I would of enjoyed hearing how they meet, fell in love, how Colin proposed to Emily (I'm certain it was a grand affair, with no stone unturned!!??)

Lynne says

I generally love all of the Lady Emily books and Tasha Alexander's writing but this was just a bit flat. It wasn't even long enough to be a novella. And even though it was a charming interlude for Emily and Colin it wasn't even substantial enough to be a long chapter from a book. Pleasant reading but not much to it.

Anna says

short story ... this would have worked better as either the epilogue or the prologue to the next book rather than a stand alone work

Nora Carroll says

A fun bit of extra story to add to this long-running favorite series, Alexander takes us to Emily and Colin's romantic wedding on Santorini! Kudos to the author for making this sweet short story available to those who can't get enough of this duo. I'm a bit puzzled as to those who complain that the story is too short or that they are not sure where it falls in the series-- as it is clearly labeled on the story's Amazon page. "THE BRIDAL STRAIN is a three thousand word short story in the bestselling Lady Emily series, coming between A FATAL WATZ and TEARS OF PEARL. This edition also contains two short essays on writing historical fiction."

Gawelleb says

C'était bien mais ça fait cher le chapitre LOL

En plus le reste je ne peux pas le lire, ce sont des explications historiques de tomes que je n'ai pas encore lu

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Janet McCord says

I wasn't expecting much with a novella that's slotted in between books and, possibly written as an afterthought. I really got it as a diversion between books and waiting for another to arrive. Still, this was a disappointment. A few pages and it seemed over. There wasn't even as much detail of the wedding itself. The author spent more words talking about Lady Emily's bath and dress decision. It all seemed offhanded and just an outline. I also wasn't expecting two essays at the end, one talking about writing historical fiction--somewhat interesting--and the other about doing research for Tears of Pearl. I suppose the essays made it more worth the time to read than the actual story.

Cara says

I liked it, but I think it is really too short to be a separate book. Only 6 pages. Should have been an epilogue to book 3.

Kim says

Excellent in-between!

Susan Pola Staples says

It was a totally enjoyable read. The only thing it was too short. They married at her Greek villa on Santorini. A planned elopement to avoid a society wedding, possibly at Windsor.
