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From the author of Inconvenient Relations Simi K Rao!

If you enjoyed Inconvenient Relations, you'll love The Accidental Wife, a new contemporary romance from Simi K. Rao.

Some accidents are meant to happen...

Dr. Rihaan Mehta is a brilliant young neurosurgeon who has no inclination for love or marriage. According to him wives and girlfriends are annoying accessories that one can do without. But when his mother dangles the sword over his head in classic Bollywood style, he succumbs, and sets out in search of a bride who would fit his 'requirements'. But can Rihaan deal with what he gets instead?

The Accidental Wife Details

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Lee says

Great book

I loved this book
I want to read more by this author.
I love indish love stories
More books please

Oindrila De says

The Accidental Wife is the story of two strangers - Naina and Rihaan, who agree to get married for reasons of their own. Rihaan, a successful neurosurgeon and an incredibly attractive Harvard graduate, is sick of his dominating mother constantly badgering him to get married. All Rihaan wants is to get his mother off his back and live his own life freely as a bachelor in New York. Meanwhile, Naina, a stunning Delhiite, who teaches school kids and ardently pursues her passion of freelance photojournalism, wants to remain independent and single.

By both design and deceit, Naina and Rihaan find themselves in wedlock and are forced by social-appearance-pressures to keep up their little "drama" even as they both outwardly detest being with each other. Life, however, plays cupid, and with time, the two protagonists of this story fall in love with each other.

In a few months, their love story is met with a tragic incident that shatters their tranquil lives. This is when the true test of love is administered by fate. Will Rihaan and Naina persevere and pass this test or will their story end in tragedy? Only this novel holds the answer.

The story at first seems like a regular chick lit or romance novel with the usual elements of two attractive characters besotted with each other, some tiffs and some scenes of unbridled passion. But Simi shows her real skill when she brings in the surprise element in the latter part of the book. That is when the book gets really intense, and enters the realm of a serious novel.

My Verdict:-

The two lead characters are undeniably well fleshed out and have interesting personalities. The plot is very tight and the editing rather good! (I could only spot a couple of typos in the entire book.) Simi is quite adroit with dialogues, and she creates very natural scenes, especially with the words exchanged between Naina and Rihaan. Despite the predictability of the romance scenes, the adept writing makes you enjoy every moment. The first half of the book seems like a run-of-the-mill Bollywood romance movie, but the author ups her game in the second half with the story taking a very grave turn. The animal-passion in the former half of the book transforms into a deeper love that has little to do with bodies.

This book gets an overall rating of 9 on 10 for putting an unusual and interesting spin on an otherwise

regular love story. The good quality of writing, easy pace and charming story makes 'The Accidental Wife' an unputdownable book!

Surabhi Kaushik says

A love story with a compelling story line and strong emotions. Naina and Rihaan get married, but they are pretty sure that they do not want to spend a lifetime together. But life has other plans for them. Author Simi takes us through the journey of their relationship and how they discover their love for each other, under unexpected circumstances. Lots of twists and turns to keep the reader guessing.

ashim danda says

Amorous !

A lovely tale of true love! The author, Simi, has skillfully brought out the emotional feelings of two persons who simply love each other. A wonderful story recommended for an escapade to a world of pure romance.

Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

Dr. Rihaan Mehta is a second generation American Indian. He is a neurosurgeon who is completely dedicated to his work and has no time or inclination for love or marriage. But Rihaan's mother, like most Indian mothers, has plans and dreams for his marriage. She even has some 'appropriate' proposals ready at hand for him. When she finally entraps Rihaan to agree to get married, Rihaan puts up a condition that he would be the one to choose his future wife. After some thoughts and research, Rihaan finds Deepika online and gets married to her in a rushed ceremony in India. But on his wedding night, he has a surprise waiting for him in form of Naina...

Rihaan comes across as this typical workaholic in the beginning whose requirements in a bride seems almost offensive – he doesn't want a life partner as such, he could do with a robot. Fate has something for him in store that changes his life forever. Naina on the other hand feels a bit naïve in the beginning but slowly her character unfolds and grows so much that one cannot help but like her. These two people are poles apart, yet brought together by a cruel joke. From strangers to friends to lovers to strangers again, Rihaan and Naina take a journey of a lifetime, where they not only discover each other but also discover hidden parts of themselves.

The plot seems simple and straightforward in the beginning, but then the author introduces certain twists in the novel that elevates it to a higher level than just a romance or just a simple chic-lit. I felt that the beginning was a bit rushed, specially the part with Deepika and I would have loved to have seen more of their online matrimonial site courtship. Once Naina is introduced, the pace settles down to a leisurely one. The author has done a great job of setting up the two characters and narrating their story to us in a way that is entertaining and captivating. I loved the doses of humour infused into the story that kept things light.

It was an entertaining read and I will be on the lookout for more from this author.

Sudha says

"The Accidental Wife" a beautiful tale of a beautiful couple Dr.Rihaan & Naina. They say "Love is magical & it gives you the strength to heal & transform your pain" & this could be the best description to this amazing story... Yes, Rihaan & Naina's love is so magical... I wonder when they discovered their love for eachother but no wonder its eternal... Naina believes marriage is convergence of two hearts but Rihaan mocks saying its a puerile romantic crap & its all biology but Naina made him eat his words... He fell in love head over heels with his accidental wife... He became her pillar...her support system... Her companion... Loved the portrayal of the protagonists... Two different persona with two different frame of mind. Dr.Rihaan Mehta, a brilliant well accomplished neurosurgeon, a very practical man & an adorable husband & Niana, a beautiful, independent, bold, a hatke desi girl... They both accidentally jelled in the name of love... & also loved the amalgamation of Indo-western culture. A very pleasant contemporary scenarios which made the story even more interesting to read. Hats off to the author for giving two stupendous stories "Inconvenient relations & The Accidental Wife" in a row. "Some accidents are meant to happen" only then we get to read a soul touching love story of a lovely couple...

Modesty_b says

Okay... first of all ... I really should stop reading stories based in my region. They are too close to home. After all... I read to escape :)

Now, This story was an Indian soap opera on pages... That is the shortest, to the point review I've ever written. I confess I skipped a lot of pages after 35% where the story started going flat and never really managed to convince me of the chemistry between characters... I could see the caring but not the chemistry. And this being of soap opera in nature... I confess I really hate them... I should say I'm not really objective here.

Shonnie says

Twists and turns

Although I enjoyed the story, there were times I didn't understand where the author was going. An example would be an introduction to a character but no follow up on the story line (for those who read the book, I'm talking about the heroine's brother and the hero's best friend). I was left feeling like "So what happened" but no answer was giving. That's my only complaint.

I would recommend and I would purchase this author again because I liked the plot and the characters.

Anu says

The Accidental wife kept me hooked up from it's title to the end of the book. Interesting and different. A tale of two strangers Rihaan and Naina. Two different persona with different prospective finds themselves in an accidental wedlock and both detest being with each other and decides to return back to their normal life. Owing to circumstances and time they forced to keep up with the drama. Eventually they fell for each other with twist and turns in their life with contemporary scenarios which made story even more interesting to read. The story is besotted with two opposite character's with amazing personality. Their sweet bitter journey of life is portrayed beautifully with emotions, sense of humor and profound love for each other when destiny tests their relationship strength. I loved the humor induced in the drama between the leads that kept things light and hooked me up till end. Loved the amalgamation of indo Western culture induced in the book. The storyline is captivating and entertaining

A lovable story of two persons from strangers to soulmate !!

Jacqueline says

Interesting and different. Seemed a bit like an Indian Harlequin romance. It lost a bit of points for me because it lacked concreteness. There was not a lot of description and some of the happenings were whackadooddle. But there was an interesting medical issue in the second half which kept me entertained.

Aditi ~ •A Thousand Words A Million Books says

BLOG TOUR: <http://athousandwordsamillionbooks.bl...>

Okay, confession time! I'm Indian, and Indians probably will understand this book better than anyone else, because it's the culture we grow up in. The overbearing mother, the comparatively cooler father, the marriage that they're always talking about and the sibling that saves your ass no matter what...

It probably sounds similar to lots of American things, and in many ways, it is, but in many more ways, it's not (*winks to Indian Friends*)

And I'm not saying it's happened to me- the whole being forced to get married thing (yet) I'm only sixteen, but I know it will, and plus I've seen it happen countless times to my older cousins, so...

But, now, I must get to the book! The first chapter is extremely extremely weird, and I was a little put off, but then the book got SIMPLY BRILLIANT! Set it small town rural India, to a major Indian city to New York City- the culture shock, the atmosphere, the Hindi, the all Indian jokes, the absolutely swoon worthy Rihaan Metha, the storyline- everything!

It's like I can't describe it- but The Accidental Wife had me HOOKED! I loved how Naina and Rihaan slowly fell for each other, how things kept happening that kept them from being together, it was so realistic, how they let their pride get in the way of things, how they decided to stick to their stubborn ideals despite the obvious love and desire they were feeling!

All I can say is- for an insight into Indian Society- READ THIS!

Shree says

Note : A Review of this book is posted @ Readers' Muse

Having read “An Incurable Insanity” by the same author I pretty much knew I could expect a solid and intense romance which would leave me wanting for more.

Our protagonist Dr.Rihaan is an accomplished Neuro-Surgeon whose occupation hardly leaves him the free time for women. Like every other typical Indian family his mother pushes him to marry, the result of which initially turns out to be hilarious. As the story progresses, Rihaan finally falls in love (With whom you ask? That would qualify as a spoiler!)

For a seasoned reader the above written interpretation of the story line would seem annoyingly short. In fact it might not even qualify for a proper introduction to the book. If I were to introduce the story line as such I might as well be giving away the plot. Perplexed? The writer decided to have a major twist smack in the start of the story, I can't possibly elaborate without giving out that twist! Read the book please.

The characterisation was well handled. I would have preferred less predictable character. In a way, I felt the characters from her previous book “An Incurable Insanity” and this book were almost similar - Fragile yet strong female lead and a rough yet gentle male protagonist. The supporting characters – Rihaan's mom, dad and sister, his secretary and the female protagonist's colleague simply faded in and out of the plot whenever they were needed.

The plot in general was realistic enough with healthy dose of twists and turns, though I personally would have preferred a lesser amount of that dilly-dally between the male and the female lead.

The writer did a lot of justice to Indian culture. Being an Indian woman myself who is smack in the middle of the so called “to-be-married-ASAP” age group, I found the story line relatable and rather humorous in a whacky sense!

Apart from the initial few pages which were akin to a Bollywood drama, the book in general got me hooked and kept me up and reading.

VERDICT: A perfect Indian Romance drama.

RATING: 4 on 5

Priyasree says

Writer Simi K. Rao has again written an wonderful story ‘The accidental Wife’ which is totally different from her debut and previous novel ‘An Incurable Insanity/Inconvenient Relations- book 1’. The Accidental wife is the story of a neurosurgeon Rihaan and Naina, who has a doctorate degree in English literature and does wonder with her camera. Rihaan was allergic to the idea of getting married and wanted to remain bachelor for all his life. Though his mother managed to make him fall in her trap, Rihaan was determined to make no compromises and enjoy his freedom forever. Finally deciding to get married, the ‘Dimaag ka

Doctor' made use of his 'dimaag' and went on choosing his bride in the matrimonial site and arranged his marriage, which was more like a deal than a marriage. But the Almighty had already planned everything and He had his own way, that is how Rihaan accidentally ended up tying the knot with Naina, his 'accidental wife'. For Naina, love is union of two hearts, so is the marriage; while for Rihaan it is just a biological thing..such was the difference between their perspective of love. On their wedding night they parted their ways only to meet again. Naina, who thought she was favouring her friend, realized she did wrong to Rihaan and so decided to help him and act like a true couple for his family. And then a new chapter was started in their lives, a bitter sweet journey which has the process of falling in love , trying hard to resist it, reluctance to accept it leading to frustration, separation, then realization of love, persuasion, apologizing – forgiving...and finally the magical night of giving way to love. But what happened next changed their lives. Well, no more spoiler..You need to find out that on your own. So go, get a copy and read on.

The characterization of the story is realistic and the way the author has narrated them, I felt I have known them from a long time. Rihaan is smart, intelligent, strong, honest, dedicated doctor, impulsive, spontaneous and has a good sense of humour; Naina is sweet yet strong, bold, independent and has self respect. Rihaan and Naina are opposite in nature from each other. There are more than one characters which are my favourite. Along with Rihaan and Naina, I would like to mention Shobha and Alice. There are women like Shobha in our society who 'looks' modern just by their appearances but carry those horrible ancient superstitious believes. Alice is a sweetheart. I have learned so much from her. Each and every character, be it for a small or a long period of time, has a meaningful role in the story.The dialogues are so beautiful and touched my heart. I loved the narrating style, crisp and clean. The way writer Simi K. Rao represents both Indian and American cultures in her stories is commendable. It's one of the reason I love her stories very much.

Rihaan and Naina's story gives a beautiful description of love. It demonstrates that True Love doesn't see the physical beauty, it only sees the pure heart. True love is about having faith in your love, in your partner, giving each other support, love, hope, strength and always being there for each other through thick and thin. Rihaan and Naina's love for each other develops and only get stronger when they have gone through a lot of ups and downs, have suffered together, cried together and laughed together.

This is a must read!! I would request everyone to read it. Naina and Rihaan's love story is sure to make you fall in love with 'Love' itself.

Looking forward to read more from Simi K Rao. Best wishes and much love to you always.

Mahathi Ramya says

Most of the romantic stories start with love at a first sight and end as 'Happily ever after', But this story starts with an accidental marriage and ends with 'Happily ever after'. No, it's not a story of marriage, but a story of companionship which shows love and sacrifice of a couple walking you through their ups and downs.

Rihaan is a neuro surgeon in New York who wants to marry some girl who won't distract his busy work schedule and don't expect anything from him. For him, marriage is just to escape from his mother's nagging. He chooses a girl who is as reckless as him about marriage but gets cheated by her and ends up marrying another girl Naina. Initially, Rihaan and Naina act before Rihaan's family and want to achieve their individual goals without disturbing each other. But, gradually as they realize how they are made for each other, fate takes their lives in altogether a different direction. Can they withstand the problems and let their love win? This forms the remaining story.

There are some unexpected turns in the story with a lot of emotion. Naina impresses in the first part of the

book, whereas Rihaan completely bowls us over in the remaining part. Though the climax is predictable, the ending of the book is great.

There are a few things which I couldn't understand in the book - how Naina can take the place of Deepika foolishly? This action also means that she too doesn't value marriage like Rihaan. But, the book tells us that she values the marriage as the convergence of 2 hearts. One more thing is the confusion on the character of Rudy. I couldn't understand Rudy's problem. He tries to flirt with Naina once or twice but doesn't bring up anything before her again. Naina also ignores Rudy anyways. Another thing that bothered me is - what would have happened if Naina is not beautiful when Rihaan saw her for the first time? will the story be same? Definitely no. I like to read more stories about imperfect couples and not about great looking couples(handsome hunk and damsel bride) which is very rare to find in our real lives.

I would recommend this to romance lovers who want to read about some practical and matured love.

My Rating: 4/5

PS: I have received this e-review copy from the author and this is my honest opinion on the book.

Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says

<http://www.njkinnysblog.com/2015/04/b...>

The Accidental Wife had me hooked right from its title to the blurb. I was intrigued and knew I had to read the book. The cover is also good but it is the blurb that catches your attention.

Being the first book by the author that I have read, I had no preconceived notions and expectations from her and so, was surprised when I started loving the story right from the start. The prologue is beautifully arranged to give the reader an initial jolt and raise his interest level which only keeps increasing as the story unfolds.

Simi's writing style is balanced, engaging and I could see that she had done her research when talking about the medical procedures, the lifestyle of Indian doctors working abroad and the lives of NRI Indians in a foreign land. With the usual spicy ingredients of an overbearing and over dramatic mother to the seemingly henpecked and cool father to a protective and understanding sibling to the harassed and desperately-trying-to-save-his-independence, hero; everything was sketched admirably.

Initially, I could not fully connect with the reasons given by the heroine for her actions by which she became The Accidental Wife and I thought "How can such an intelligent woman be such a fool?" but then later, I stopped caring because I was more engrossed in the intense romance and emotions developing between the protagonists.

What started out as a predictable read soon became a totally unexpected story that had me hooked and glued to my seat all through. I kept rooting for these two and praying that nothing happened to stop their happily-ever-after.

An intense, emotionally engaging and a solid story, I absolutely loved The Accidental Wife by Simi K. Rao and give it **4.5 out of 5**. Strongly recommended to everyone, I am sure you will enjoy reading it. Simi is a

talented writer and I will be checking out her other works in the future.

I received the book from the author and the tour organizers and I am very thankful to them. The above review is my honest and unbiased opinion and in no way influenced.
