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### Sania says

[No (hide spoiler)]

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### Debbie DiFiore says

So he loved his first wife so much he could never love again? This book made me sad. If there really was a Heaven, who would he spend eternity with? The first wife or the second one. I don't think that Heaven takes into account human failings. Is there really a chance that we won't have jealousy in Heaven? That is my fear for if eternity is meant for is there room for three or four or more? These kind of books make me sad. Makes me question God and HEA's. I am feeling low tonight I guess. This book just made me sad for Bianca, his first wife and the Queen, his Mother, who I think still loved her cheating bastard husband, the King. Just all in all a depressing book. Probably because I think too much. This book just didn't make me happy. Sorry.

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### Tarsis says

De los tres hermanos, Marcello fue el que más me atrapó.

Él siente la necesidad de mantener su vida en privado, incluyendo a su amante Danette. Después de seis meses juntos, él está irrevocablemente unido a ella, pero ella ya está cansada de ser su "sucio secreto" y aunque él afirma que lo hace para protegerla, una foto en público con una rubia como uno de los solteros más deseados, acaba por completo con la paciencia de Danette que decide acabar con la relación. Pero todo cambia cuando ella descubre que está embarazada, y todo aquello que Marcello creía no podría tener se le colocó en bandeja de plata. Él ya había renunciado a ser lo que más ansiaba: padre. Y Danette le da esa oportunidad.

Pero después de tanto rechazo y secretismo, ella no se lo va a poner fácil.

AMO la escena cuando Marcello va después de la cena a la casa de Danette y le dice, menos mal que Ramón no está aquí porque es que si lo encontraba aquí.... Jajajajaja.

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### Marajean says

So the heroine is in a secret relationship with her boss. He's also a prince and he hates the media attention. They agreed to no strings but exclusive. Now the heroine is ready for something more. She believes the hero actually has developed feelings for her. They went from spending a couple of nights a week together to practically living together and he was very cavalier about using condoms, knowing she wasn't on birth control. But one of her friends/coworkers brings her a magazine showing the hero dancing up on a hot model at his father's birthday bash and the heroine is pissed. So she's shocked that the man of the hour shows up at her house that same night.

This heroine is so brilliant. She immediately confronts him and even shows him the article. She questions him, she doesn't fall prey to him either. She tells him that she wants a public relationship and he tells her no.

The heroine actually stands up to him so much. She's secure, knows what she wants and she goes for it. She's not horrible, not a b.... either. The hero sees no problem with himself being pictured dancing up on a model like a single guy because if he doesn't act like a playboy the press might be suspicious. And then the heroine is set up into going on a date with another man because everyone thinks she's single. The hero actually has to see her on a date and he concedes that it wasn't a nice feeling.

He tells her that he won't marry her, he'll never marry her, he doesn't love her, he'll eventually leave her. And it'll be better if no one knows about their relationship when they do break up. And he doesn't really have any feelings about her, just that he's got a really low sperm count and if he couldn't impregnate the only woman he will ever love, his late wife, there was no way he could impregnate his bed partner either.

And the heroine ditches him! Yay.

Everything goes wonderfully until the heroine winds up pregnant. Now the hero wants to marry her and then guilts her into thinking that if she really loved him, she'd be willing to try rather than just break up with him.

And the heroine has the stupidest epiphany ever. True love is unselfish and she's being selfish in thinking of herself and her future hurt instead of just taking what scraps the hero throws her way.

Danette, the heroine, is so wonderful at the start of this book. I really loved it. But over the half way point she falls off the wagon and flounders. I read this book immediately after The Prince's Virgin Wife and comparatively, this book is awesome, but it's still not the greatest.

It is worth it to see the heroine actually ask for things she wants, and give the hero crap for using and abusing her. It didn't turn into a horrible book, more of a same old same old, but after the beginning I didn't want a dishrag, take whatever you want to dish out as long as I can be with you, heroine.

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## **Virginia says**

Synopsis - Prince Marcello Scorsolini and American Danette Michaels first met when her friend's fiancé asked Marcello to hire her at Scorsolini Shipping. He was impressed with her work ethic and drawn to her beauty, eventually initiating an affair. Their 6 months together is the longest relationship Marcello has had since the death of his wife, and while he refuses to make a long-term commitment to Danette, he has no desire to stop any time soon. Because of the intrusiveness of the press in his marriage, he wanted to keep their relationship a secret, for both his and Danette's sakes. Thanks to her friend's experiences with the paparazzi and her own concerns about having a baby, Danette is initially on board with these restrictions. When she realizes that she is falling in love with Marcello, her perspective changes and suddenly everything he says or does seems like proof that she's unimportant to him.

Realizing that the secrecy is hurting Danette and unwilling to lose her, Marcello offers to curb his public playboy façade and then to even take her as his date to his brother's wedding. He tries to explain why he doesn't intend to marry again, citing his father's inability to be faithful to his mother (the King's second wife).

Danette reminds him of that when her pregnancy is discovered, but Marcello is determined to give his name to both his child and the woman he has come to see as his own. There are a lot of insecurities between the two, but they can't only think of themselves; there's a child and the royal line of Isole dei Re to consider now.

Review - Lucy Monroe hit upon one of my ongoing inner conflicts between pride/dignity and true love. I always feel that real love is centered on the other person, not on getting something for ourselves. We're human, so of course we're not perfectly selfless, but perhaps Danette is being premature to label her feelings as love. On the other hand, it's totally valid to want to protect yourself from being hurt. If you're in a relationship where can't trust that the other person cares as much as you do, it makes sense to hold back before you get too deep. Might make for a sucky love story though, haha!

Marcello isn't deliberately cruel (quite the opposite), and he demonstrates that the relationship is about more than sex to my satisfaction. He tried not to lead her astray, but also showed that he respected her as person and that making time for her was important to him. Yes, his beliefs about being unable to love again are screwy, but kids tend to trust what their parents teach them. His insecurities about infertility and his first marriage compound all that, but he doesn't use that to excuse bad behavior. He actually apologizes and says "please" multiple times, from beginning to end, in the story (unheard of for the hero of a Harlequin Presents book!).

Danette makes a good point in her musings about "how stingy unrequited love could be," and that Bianca (Marcello's first wife) might have been better at expressing love because she knew she was loved in return. She can be forgiven, initially, for not realizing that she is hurting Marcello, but it takes a long time to sink in, and even longer to translate into action. I was really glad when he called her out on her behavior not seeming very loving, without turning it into emotional blackmail. The whole set-up/discussion could have easily gotten ugly in that way, but Monroe's skill made this a far better read than I was expecting.

This is the second book about the Scorsolini princes (preceded by *The Prince's Virgin Wife* and followed by *The Scorsolini Marriage Bargain*). I enjoyed all three, but the aforementioned discussion about the meaning of love elevated this one to my favorite.

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## **Paula Legate says**

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This book had a good a story line. The love between Danette, and Marcello was sweet. I liked the way Marcello thought love should be shown through actions, and not words. Anyone can say words, and not mean them, Actions on the other hand speaks loud and clear.

This book was a little annoying at the beginning. It switched for past, to present several times and was hard to keep up with. In this story Danette was afraid she would pass a deformity to her child. The book finished, before we knew if the child was ok. The book would have been better with a epilogue.

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**Ladyacct says**

I really got wrapped up in the characters and wished it would have been longer instead of a short. I usually enjoy this author's stories and this was no exception. I felt the heroine was a bit immature due to circumstances and it showed in the story. The hero underestimated his feelings for the heroine and almost waited too late to fix it. But there of course was a HEA and it was a satisfying one too. As the couple actually communicated - whoa go figure....

Would love to see a short story on the parents of the hero, there could be a really good story there.

By the way just one typo/editing issue in this book.

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**Desi says**

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**Johanna Juntunen says**

Se oli hyvä!! Aika intensiivinen ja koukuttavakin. Onneks tuli onnellinen loppu.

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**Jenny says**

Loved it! The heroine shows tremendous courage in falling in love with this particular Prince since he's got some serious baggage, being a widower and infertility issues(or so he thinks.) So of course he is arrogant and bossy and he feels that in denying himself a future with Danette he is protecting her. Thus he is not ready to commit and when he finally changes his mind cause of her pregnancy she is the one that is reluctant to marry him. And she is quite stubborn about it as well.

I felt that after a while their arguments got a bit repetitive and so did the plot but once again the Danette/Marcello chemistry was sizzling and their journey to happily ever after was sweet and touching !

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**Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says**

Apparently, I didn't read Debbie DiFiore's review and got my second I genuinely-loved-my-first-wife-but-she-died story in a row. Not good. And as I've stated it before, I won't repeat why I don't like this kind of stories.

That part of the story aside. It started angsty enough to give it a chance but somewhere along the way the hero started irritating me, I don't know if I have to blame her pregnancy hormones but her hysterics turned me to

the H's team.

The story opens with the h hurt after seeing paparazzi pictures of the H dancing with a blonde at his father's something. They've been in a relationship for 6 months and both agreed to keep it *secret* because she works for his company and he hates paparazzi. She's in love and doesn't want to be his dirty little secret. He thought they were fine because from the beginning he told her that their relationship couldn't end in HEA because he loved his first wife and didn't have intentions on remarrying. The h's change of heart doesn't fit with his wishes and she ends up breaking up with him.

He's not happy with it and is prepared to make concessions to get her back. Next day she finds out she's pregnant. He is so thrilled because he was diagnosed with low sperm count and was resigned to be childless. He is a prince with honor and all that stuff so he tells her they'll get married.

The h had a not so perfect childhood because of her disease and her parents' overprotectiveness and emotional blackmail. And now everything he says, every concession he makes, everything he tries to mend and do for her is just wrong and cause of misery. So I jumped sides.

Blah, blah, blah and HEA.

I need an Alexa Riley to cleanse my palate.

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### **Kiki says**

Read Fanniny's 3-star review of His Royal Love-Child by Lucy Monroe  
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### **Kay says**

4 1/2 Stars! ~ Prince Marcello Scorsolini had vowed never to marry or love again. He felt immense guilt over his wife's death and their child-less marriage. A friend asks him to find a place in his shipping company for a young woman, and Marcello finds himself breaking a rule never to become involved with an employee. Danette Michaels knows she has to do the job of two people to prove that she deserves her job on her own merits. At first she discourages her boss' interests, but their attraction is very strong and she soon finds herself agreeing to a secret relationship, one that will never lead to marriage or a life time together. This arrangement adds spark to their affair in the beginning, but after six months Danette realizes she's in love with Marcello and no longer wishes to be his secret. Marcello attends his father's, the King of Isole dei Re, birthday celebrations and acts out the carefree playboy for the press. Danette confronts Marcello with photos that appear in a tabloid of him dancing intimately with another woman. She's hurt and when Marcello refuses to take their relationship public, she ends their affair. Marcello isn't ready to end their affair, and neither is he ready to publicly introduce Danette as his love interest, he knows the press with torment them. A shocking surprise changes everything. Danette is pregnant, and now Marcello insists that they marry. Danette has no doubt that Marcello is esctatic about the baby when he confesses that he had believed he could not father a child. His confession only confuses Danette more, and she refuses his proposal not wishing to be included in Marcello's life only because of the baby.

This one was as riveting a read as the first in the trilogy. Marcello and Danette both have painful pasts. Marcello's guilt over his wife's tragic death and his inability to give her a child, clouds his feelings for Danette. There are quite a few emotional scenes, the one where Danette comforts Marcello and thus finally allowing him to unburden himself of his guilt, is quite poignant. Ms. Monroe always gives us so much depth to her heroes. They can be arrogant and domineering and yet still be able to hold their women close to their hearts with the utmost tenderness. Bravo!

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### **Lady Raven RAVE! says**

Loved it the chemistry between Danette & Marcello are great their little arguments are real entertaining and they both had a great story to tell...

Makes you can't even wait for July for Therese & Claudio's story..I'm just in love with the family altogether

My fav.. line in the book if you don't mind me saying is

" A low sperm count doesn't mean no sperm count" that line made a smile come to my face but anyway when you read the book you will know what i mean...

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### **thadine says**

Danette Michaels has been Principe Marcello Scorsolini's secret lover for six months. They agreed to keep their relationship secret in order to avoid the paparazzi, but now it's not enough for her. Marcello makes it clear that he doesn't want to marry anyone again after his wife died several years ago. That all changes when Danette discovers she is pregnant, but she doesn't want to be married simply for the sake of her baby.

This is the second book in Lucy Monroe's Scorsolini Princes (or Royal Brides) series. It's marginally better than "The Prince's Virgin Wife," but not much. Danette is supposed to be a smart woman, but she sure thinks like an idiot. Marcello forgets to use condoms half the time, and she excuses this by deciding that he wouldn't mind if she gets pregnant, ergo he wouldn't mind marrying her, ergo he must secretly love her, or at least care deeply for her. What? It's pretty clear to me that if a guy doesn't bother using condoms even though you are not in a long-term relationship, he just doesn't really care about you and he's pretty irresponsible.

Marcello is a jerk. He discovered years ago that he has a low sperm count, and his wife never got pregnant. He assumes that this makes him sterile, but the reader of course knows he's going to get Danette pregnant. As soon as characters interpret low fertility as being infertility, you know there's going to be a surprise "miracle" pregnancy. Although I understand his reasons for keeping his relationship with Danette secret, it doesn't explain Marcello flirting with other women. He claims that he has to keep up his playboy image so that people won't question his sexuality and pry too hard into his private life. Seems more like a very flimsy excuse to play around, to me. I wasn't impressed to say the least.

In the end Marcello and Danette manage to convince each other that they love each other and live happily ever after. They both annoyed me so much that I really didn't care.

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