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*Don't miss this fan favorite from #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery!*

The last thing Devlin Hunter expects is to find himself in a marriage of convenience. But he just wants to do the right thing for Noelle Hunter, a young woman who has just lost everything at the worst possible time. He certainly didn't anticipate that his beautiful bride would be the one to capture his heart...

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## Kari says

When you read this book, you have to let go of reality a little bit to fully enjoy the story. The title is a little deceiving because in *Having Her Boss's Baby*, Noelle finds out she is pregnant with her boss's BROTHER'S baby. The problem is that he died in Iraq. When Dev finds out, he immediately proposes to Noelle so that the baby can be taken care of and have the family name. He proposes a 2 year marriage of convenience. You know how that will turn out because marriage of convenience stories always end with a HEA.

The problem that I had with the story was the lack of confirmation that 1) Noelle was actually pregnant and 2) that it was in fact Jimmy's baby. I just found it pretty unlikely that any guy would do something like this without confirming paternity and an actual pregnancy. But, once I got over that, I ended up finding the story very sweet. Noelle and Dev end up falling for each other despite trying to keep things platonic. Noelle was good for Dev and helped him realize that taking a chance on love was the best thing for him to do.

If you are a fan of this author, I think you will like this early work by her. It's the first in a trilogy, so I'm on the hunt for the next book, *The Ladies' Man*.

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## Marcy says

When Noelle Stevenson saw the positive results of her pregnancy test, she didn't know what to do. The baby's father was gone, killed serving his country in Iraq. And nineteen-year-old Noelle was barely making ends meet putting herself through college and working part-time. So when her take-charge boss, Devlin Hunter, offered to marry her--in a purely temporary business arrangement--how could she possibly refuse?

Dev wanted to do the right thing for a woman in need. But he didn't anticipate that his beautiful bride, wed in a marriage of convenience, would stir his hardened heart. This platonic partnership was rapidly headed down the road to romance

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## Julianna says

Reviewed for THC Reviews

"4.5 stars" For quite a while now, I've been hearing good things about Susan Mallery's work, but until I finally picked up *Having Her Boss's Baby*, a book that has been on my TBR pile for a long time, I didn't know what I was missing. If this story is any indication of what Ms. Mallery is capable of as a writer, I would say I have a lot to look forward to as I explore her backlist. She definitely seems to have a talent for creating characters who are relatable, the types of people I'd like to have as friends. In this novel, she has also written a story that is tender, romantic, emotional and a little angsty, just the way I like it. *Having Her Boss's Baby* definitely kept me turning the pages to see how things would work out for Dev and Noelle, and in the end left me feeling very satisfied.

Dev impressed me as a man who is successful in business and very responsible, so much so that he was completely willing to enter into a marriage of convenience in order to take care of his dead brother's

girlfriend and her unborn baby. From the moment Dev finds out that Noelle is pregnant, he is there for her, offering everything she would need financially to have a comfortable life. He even willingly went with her to her doctor appointments and wanted to take parenting classes with her. Even though he practically raised his little brother, Jimmy, Dev feels completely inept as parent, but as he slowly learns throughout the story, he has a lot more to offer a child than he thinks. I thought it was great of him to pledge his fidelity to Noelle, even though he was under the assumption that he would have to remain celibate for the agreed upon two year marriage. He was also pretty good at reading Noelle's cues and recognizing when something was wrong. Now, it may sound like he was the perfect guy, but in reality he had one very big fault that almost ended their budding relationship. Having lost everyone he ever cared about, he's afraid to love anyone else, and because he blames himself for Jimmy's death, he feels unworthy of being loved too. With Dev being such a nice guy during the first half of the book, I never would have guessed he had it in him to be so cold, but when Noelle declares her love, it has him running scared. However, all the baggage gave him a pretty decent reason for his actions and behavior, and of course, love eventually wins out to save the day.

Noelle is a very kind, caring and responsible young woman too. She doesn't want to have to rely on Dev for support, but when she realizes how difficult things are for her family financially, she knows she can't burden her parents further with a baby. Even though she feels rather mercenary for doing it, she willingly marries Dev to make sure her baby is taken care of. Right from the start, she was quite thoughtful, trying to make things as easy on Dev as possible. I thought it was really sweet how she was so curious about sex and concerned about his "needs," and even sweeter that she offered herself to Dev so that he wouldn't have to go without for two years. Being the stubborn man that he was, he thought that would be a mistake, so Noelle had to seduce him. Even though she lacked finesse, her innocent seduction just about drove him wild, and yet he was a very tender lover. Noelle is also a bit of an enigma, always surprising Dev at every turn. I think Susan Mallery did a very good job of finding a balance in Noelle's character between the moments when she seemed very young and her being emotionally mature enough to handle almost anything to the point that she seemed wise beyond her years. When Dev practically threw her declarations of love back in her face, Noelle could have easily gotten angry or upset with him, but instead she kept a clear head, was completely honest with him, and tried not to give up hope that he would eventually change his mind. She was just always loving and patient, giving him the space and time he needed even though it hurt to think he didn't and might not ever love her.

*Having Her Boss's Baby* may be a short novel, but it surprised me with it's depth. It was a nice, easy read, but at the same time packed a pretty good emotional punch. I really enjoyed the slow building attraction and feelings between Dev and Noelle as they bond over the pregnancy and simply living in close quarters as a married couple. Even though the marriage of convenience seems less likely in the contemporary setting, the story was completely believable for me, as were the characters fears and foibles. I loved Noelle's family. They were loving, supportive and pretty normal, just the type of family I would choose for myself if I could. Noelle also has a couple of good friends, Rachel and Crissy, with whom she can share confidences and who also become the heroines of the next two books in the *Positively Pregnant* trilogy, *The Ladies' Man* and *Her Last First Date* respectively. *Having Her Boss's Baby* is the first in the series and my first read by Susan Mallery, but it really has me looking forward to reading the other books in the series and trying some of her other works too.

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**Alesha Walker says**

Susan Mallery is consistent. Quick, good, and easy read.

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### **Caroline Yamashita says**

Como um bom romance de banca, esse não me decepcionou!  
Ele é fofo e rápido!  
Vale a pena a leitura se quiser um boa história de amor!

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### **Hanieh says**

it was a disaster.... and the relationship between the characters is awful

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### **Jane says**

I had a few scratch my head moments but they were mostly about more minor things so I didn't let them hang me up and detract from my enjoyment of the overall story too much... like how a seemingly poor pastor supposedly got his daughter a car for graduating high school... but I could sorta explain it away. There's certain plot devices I tend to like seemingly regardless of the writing and this story contains one of them.

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### **Maria says**

The first in this series, Noelle is having a baby and the father has died. His brother Dev finds out and insists on marrying her. Marrying first and getting to know each other later is an interesting concept, but the plot seemed contrived in places and the characters not as well developed as I would have liked.

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### **Lou Anne says**

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### **Maura says**

20-year-old Noelle discovers she's pregnant, only her boyfriend died in Iraq a month ago. When she tells her boyfriend's brother, Dev, he insists on doing the right thing and marrying her. But only temporarily of course, since he knows he can't love, since that would make him weak. Noelle is reluctant to lie to everyone, but agrees to pretend that Dev is the father, marry him and live in a marriage of convenience for 2 years. But they find attraction and passion in their marriage and it isn't long until Noelle is declaring her love. But Dev insists that he doesn't want love.

I'm not typically a fan of those stories where the heroine is pregnant with someone else's baby, but I got over

it for this story because by the end of the book, the main characters have pretty much forgotten. So I didn't mind it so much...but it did raise a question about the book's title, since the baby is not, in fact, her boss's. I have yet to find a Harlequin Special Edition that I REALLY like, since they usually don't have the steam, the angst or the OTT drama I tend to enjoy, or lacking that a serious emotional punch. They remind me of Lifetime movies I guess.... This was the next step up, more like Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman or Full House because it had that strong sense of faith, family, forgiveness and tradition. Cut out the sex scenes and this could be inspirational romance. This made for a good read and it had some angst and tension sandwiched between some cute and fluffy moments, but it was a 3-star read.

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### **Esther says**

I found the storyline somewhat forced, not to mention a good looking bachelor proposing to someone he barely knows highly implausible. I found the heroine somewhat naive and not believable. The whole reasoning behind their obstacle didn't make any sense to me. And the writing. Too many internal monologues with characters asking too many questions and not offering enough answers. Good thing I didn't buy this book. I checked it out from my online library.

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### **Peggy Puetz says**

#### **Loved the book!**

Very good book. Lots of romance.

Loved how sweet her family was and it was a very good love story.

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### **Triinu says**

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### **Geovanna Maya says**

(2.5)

La verdad no me gusto tanto la historia, sobre todo por la protagonistas (de hecho ambos protagonistas) y la relación de romance, no sé, algo tuvieron que no alcanzaron de convencerme, simplemente fue algo raro y el final me pareció incluso ridículo.

Al menos yo no lo recomendaría, pero si quieres darle una oportunidad espero que te guste más que a mí.

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### **Paula Legate says**

The book had its twist, and turns. The relationship between Dev, and Nichole was more like brother and sister at first. The book was sweet, but dragged in places.

Below is the best sample to describe this book. Sample taken from chapter 4

Instead she sat on the pale leather seat and did her best to keep from passing out. He glanced at her, then reached for her hand. "Breathe." "You tell me that a lot," She murmured, once again aware of the warmth of his fingers against hers and how being close to him made her feel safe. "You've been panicked a lot lately. We're fine. We'll get through this and then the worst will be over." She wasn't sure about that. "I've never done anything like this before." He grinned. "Run off and get married? It's a first for me, too." She smiled back at him. "It's not just the running off. It's everything else." "Piece of cake," He told her. "Pretend it's just a regular weekend. We're here to have fun." "Regular weekend?" She asked with a squeak. "We barely know each other and we're getting married because I'm pregnant with your late brother's child. I don't know what you do for fun, but I tend to avoid situations like this," He leaned in and kissed her forehead. "You'll be fine." She wanted to believe him, but wasn't sure she could. She kept a hold of his hand and studied the sights as they drove from the airport to the Vegas strip.

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