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Sicilian billionaire Rafael Monteleone is determined to salvage his marriage. Nina doesn't want a Christmas reconciliation... but Rafael is very persuasive! How long before they are back in the marriage bed making up for lost time...?

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Booklover says

Very Good read,a keeper for me,the issues were talked out and misunderstandings were cleared,what i loved about the book was there was no jealous OW,only misunderstandings between cousin sisters,enjoyed it very much
Recommend it.

Kiki says

All thanks go to StMargarets! I'm glad I listened to her and gave this a go!

Jasbell76 says

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I am going to re-read this one :P I don't remember too much, I read it in 2010 :/

Becky says

Definitely felt the love. Short but satisfying story about grief, misunderstanding and true love. Hero did the wrong thing, should not have stayed in touch with the cousin and broken the promise, he was very arrogant. But really loved his wife... I think when she realized he loved her, she knew he didn't cheat.

Giovanni says

i rarely choose to read a novel about second chance marriage. but after read this i found myself loving it.

it's kind of intriguing more because you read not only about their first meeting, but also their big step of marriage and all their flaws.

this one has a pregnancy-miscarriage thing. heroine had got pregnant but hero didn't believe it was his, so they got in a row that ended up with heroine slipped and fell down the stair. she got miscarriage, hero's in agony of guilt and unable to see heroine get up/downstairs without being in a freeze-gut-wrenching-fear stance since.

i particularly like the way hero tried to get into heroine. i almost believe that he would do anything for the heroine' sake.

unfortunately, because this book is a novella, then you get a short version of this interesting plot. it's difficult to feel them when it glimpe in front of your eyes so fast. if only it's more describing about their stagnance of marriage, heroine's phase when she becomes the ice queen, and how the hero coped with all that.

and it won't hurt to know a little bit more about the reasons behind their jealousy too. i felt kind of surprised and confused when the OM's name suddenly came out from nowhere, i went like *eyes blink* 'Huh?'

StMargarets says

Nice angsty novella about an h who thinks her husband was in love with her cousin before marrying her as a business deal. The H/h have been estranged for six months since her miscarriage. The H thought at the time that the h must have cheated on him since he had a vasectomy. The miscarriage was even more tragic because it was caused by the h falling down the stairs after an argument with the H.

When the story opens in Sicily, the h's mother is telling her that she saw the H and her cousin together in London and saw them going into their apartment together. The h is convinced that the hero always loved her cousin because he never said he loved her during their marriage - so it doesn't take much to convince her they are having an affair.

The lies and misunderstandings finally come to a head at the her grandfather's dinner party where the cousin announces she is pregnant and the father is a married man. Everyone assumes the H is the father - including all the h's male relatives who arrive on the H/h's doorstep spoiling for a fight.

The H/h finally begin to talk and end up in bed together after declaring their feelings for each other. After fleeing to London, the cousin and the h's mother show up to set the record straight. The H is not the father and has eyes only for h. Then Grampy shows up and all is forgiven - there is peace in the family again.

Leona says

For a short novella, this one packs quite a punch. A story about a troubled marriage and how two people who love each other work through their grief, pain, misunderstandings. Add some rather complicated and intense family dynamics and you have a really mesmerizing read.

I highly recommend.

Jacqueline says

Sent off to England for this thing which I don't think they published here in the US. I gotta say I didn't love it. I know it's a novella but it really seemed like a really long epilogue to a book I might have liked to read. The majority of the story of their relationship takes place before the book starts and the story is basically they meet up again and explanations ensue.

Chitra *CJ* says

"A Sicilian Marriage" is the story of Rafael and Nina.

Rafael and Nina came together in a whirlwind courtship, where he chooses Nina over her cousin and steals her away from her beau.

Their blissful existence is put to halt by a heartbreaking trauma- after which both suspect each other of cheating and how they reconcile is the story.

TBH if it wasn't for the inner monologues of the h and H, and how much the hero genuinely cared for her, this would have been rated much lower. However, I love me an obsessive devoted husband, and even though the heroine was very stubborn- I enjoyed their somewhat renewal of vows and HEA.

Safe

2.5/5

Vashti says

What an emotional little novelette this read was. The emotional distance and sense of coldness, the heroine, Nina displayed literally poured off the pages following a miscarriage six months prior. Her marriage to Raphael is in shambles and she believes that he is having an affair with her cousin. I was fully prepared to dislike Raphael, but with his inner dialogues, really felt that he has always loved the heroine. If you like some angst in your HP reads this is the book for you. Michelle Reid excels at this trope.

Bubu says

I loved this little angsty thing.... unfortunately I'm not exaggerating.. it's short...really short but with a punch.. The story starts with them separated and her mother yapping away.. god woman maybe a little support for your daughter then boom she is pregnant but he reacts badly because he had a vasectomy so she must be cheating (facepalm) then another boom and another... I won't spoil everything..

It could have been great if only the book was longer and she would have time and space to explore the characters.

Adensanti says

Ridiculous is what came to my mind as soon as I was finished w/this book. All the activity that happened from chapter 1 to chapter 10 was happened in the span of 2 days! and then it's end. I know this is a short novela. but let's be real, one whole novel and all that messy problem between the H and h was end in 2 days? the whole 10 chapters? LOL.

and I have many wondering why. And many questioning banter from the h toward the H was being cut in their fighting conversation. neatly covered as being "let's focus on what the topic was", so nothing fully satisfied coming from his explanation. like why would Rafael ever need/want to break his promise to Nina when she asked him that he should never contact Mariana again when he married Nina? when after all the time

throughout their marriage in fact, rafael was never broke the contact at all. he still keep answering mariana's phone and help her. why would he do the thing that his wife ask and made him rpomised to? as he claimed that he fell in love with. surely the promised that was asked by the women you married and you love was crusial, right? even if he said that he was sorry for dumped mariana to marry nina, still, why would he felt the obligation to take care of mariana and broke his promised?? why??

secnd, was louisa's story to nina when she spotted rafael n mariana at his apartment bulding , was louisa's delusional vision? she said that she saw rafael brought his hand to touch mariana's face. why would rafael did that caring gesture to her? i believed what loisa saw was all spot on and not made up. so, why rafael made that gesture? and why the hell does he think to brought mariana, his ex-fiancee, the girl that his wife asking him not to contact her again, to sleep in his apartment while he also in the same apartment? i mean... what the heck? even though noting happen, but still.. doesnt make sense to someone that knw clearly that he love his wife, and his wife would never like what he did at that moment. i mean, brogh her to his n his wife's apartment?? come on!

third., so, If fredo didnt trigger his jealousy, he wont ever took his send test about how his vasec was broken?? nice.... then when will he ever comeback to his "unfaithful" wife then? if he never realize that nina was indeed pregnant w/his baby. and not w/other guy?

blagh.

Pravana says

Books wherein the Hero and Heroine are already married appeal to me. Loved the Hero. He does get get minus points for not believing the heroine when she tells him that she's pregnant with his baby. Scenes describing his emotions especially the ones where he wants to drag his wife back into the land of the living were simply good.

Rebecca says

I didn't like it. It wasn't bad or offensive and it started out ok, but the middle was boring. The heroine was really cold and she made the whole thing feel cold. She thought her husband had cheated on her and she asks herself if she even cares over and over again. Then, they magically got back together. Literally it felt like magic because there's no other way it would happen.

They never dealt with the fact that he promised her he'd stay away from her cousin, the OW, and instead of fulfilling that promise he was still seeing the cousin from day one, a cousin who was in love with him and intentionally messing with their marriage, and he was pretty unrepentant about it. Instead the issue ended with him telling her he'd be waiting for her to eat humble pie because he never cheated with the cousin, instead of taking responsibility and saying maybe I shouldn't be hanging out with my ex if my wife doesn't like it, I sneaking around to do it, I'm lying about it, I promised I wouldn't and want to keep my wife happy. The betrayal is as important as the cheating. If he'd been honest with her about keeping in contact with his ex I doubt that she would have ever fallen for him, so basically it's manipulation on top of everything else.

Fiona Marsden says

This is a little shorter than a standard category length romance but still packs emotional punch. Rafael and Nina have what appeared to be an arranged marriage organised for the convenience of her financially strapped family and to give orphanage raised Rafael a background (I think. Not really sure what he got out of it.) In any case, things seemed to be working out well, in bed anyway when she falls pregnant and all hell breaks loose.

It's now six months later and the miscarriage on top of all the emotional trauma that led up to it has left Nina frozen, her emotions dead. So much so that her mother's visit to inform her that Rafael has been seen with her cousin, his ex-girlfriend and was probably having an affair hardly touched her.

It's not until Rafael turns up again on the heels of this news that things start to happen to break down her emotional stasis.

Rafael is adorable. And also a little foolish. He broke his word to Nina about contact with her cousin so there was a potential disaster waiting for him at any false step.

I really enjoyed watching Rafael break down Nina's barriers and slowly reveal the truths behind their marriage and what happened with her cousin. It's a very short story and takes place pretty much over a 24 hour period but it's believable enough for me to consider the way things turned out to be a HEA.
