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Picture the scene: You wake up from a night of having too much fun. Things aren't as clear as they should be...and you're MARRIED. What would you do?

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## **From Reader Review Married. Wait! What? (Wings of Artemis #6.5 for online ebook**

### **Crystal Yawn says**

I'm working my way through these will update as I read. I love boxes and getting lots of great stories for a small price.

Married to Trouble

Carmen Falcone

5 stars

A night of heavy drinking in Vegas turns into an unexpected marriage to the mob boss' daughter. When Beck and Clarissa decide to stay married for 6 months to both get what they want , the sheets start on fire and don't start. This quick little read is full of passion

Married to my stepbrother

Virginia Nelson

3 stars

Typically I love Virginia's books and typically I love stepbrother books, but I wasn't feeling this one. Too much time was spent on why the relationship was wrong, and not enough time spent on why it was so right. The domineering stepbrother came across as forced also and was more creepy than Master/slave.

The chemistry between the two is strong, the book is pretty hot it has a lot of potential, but missed the mark for me.

Accidentally Forever

Cara Carnes

5 stars

Though I'm rating this 5 stars, I will say it has a lot of editing mistakes at the beginning and is a bit confusing on who the players are. It could use another going over with a close eye to detail.

Aside from that, I fell in love. This one just grabs you and makes you happy. Even when you are fuming at some of the behavior you can't help but love everyone. New to me author who I'll have to look for more books from in the future

Number One

K. Williams

3 stars

Took a bit more to get into this one. The characters are very flighty and unsure of their feelings, the drama seems a bit stretched Too much telling vs feeling.

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### **Anna Aurora says**

4/5 stars

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### **Linda says**

This was such a fun set to read. Each story feels very complete and there are no cliffhangers that can disappoint someone.

I couldn't stop and stayed up late reading them all. There is a great variety of stories and it hits all the popular themes. You have step-siblings, friends to lovers, paranormal romances, a mob story, a M/M romance and a sci-fi romance with a reverse harem. The only thing I would have liked to see was a MC romance.

I was drawn to the set by the inclusion of another reverse harem story by Rebecca Royce. I love her Wings of Artemis series and was excited to get the chance to read another book connected to the series. It does not require any previous reading and doesn't leave you hanging. It is a side story.

The stories are fun and sexy and the authors really do a great job of drawing you in quickly and keeping you interested. I definitely found some new authors to check out.

I am voluntarily reviewing a copy I received.

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### **Janet Robel says**

A superb anthology on the "waking up married" theme. The authors chose ingenious ways with their personal style to tell each story. This is a great collection with plenty of originality and diversity. Many were new-to-me authors, but I can't wait to see what else they've written. These are very spicy stories. If you like your romances steamy, then you will love these. Grab your favorite blanket and settle in for a night of reading.

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### **Jennifer G says**

Married. Wait! What? is an eclectic collection of surprise marriage stories. There are 12 stories by some of today's top writers, including sci-fi, contemporary, paranormal, and gay romance; something for everyone. Such diversity, but all with the common theme of waking up unexpectedly married. I pre-ordered the book for the stories from three of my favorite authors; Rebecca Royce, Ripley Proserpina, and Amy Sumida, but was happy to see several other authors I recognized as well as discovering some new ones.

Married To My StepBrother by Virginia Nelson

Paul and Liza first met when their parents started dating. They became friends and then more. They haven't seen each other in years, but haven't forgotten the other. Each has measured every date against their shared

memories. Now they are thrown back together years later when their parents decide to marry. The attraction is still strong between them and the morning after their parent's wedding they waken in a hotel room, hung over and wearing matching rings. These two want each other, but it's taboo. Will that be enough to keep them apart? This is a fun story. A little kink, a lot of sex! The sexual chemistry between these two is off the charts. I personally didn't find it really taboo; maybe just enough for an awkward introduction. I did enjoy these two together and was happy after a bit of stupidity on Paul's part that he came to his senses, found his romantic streak, and went after his wife.

### Ship Called Malice by Rebecca Royce

As a HUGE fan of The Wings of Artemis series, I jumped at the chance to read this story. It was great! Priscilla lives in a world where men drastically outnumber women. This means that marrying multiple men or women being used as a commodity is not unheard of. Priscilla was raised with her sisters knowing that she would be sold into marriage. A freak accident and head injury while being placed on the auction block leaves Priscilla unconscious until she awakens in a med machine surrounded by three strange men on the pirate ship Malice. Bo, River, and Jordan didn't plan to buy a wife, but when they saw Priscilla injured, up for auction, and about to be purchased by a dishonorable man, they acted on instinct. Now they have a wife they aren't sure what to do with. Jordan believes that destiny (the winds) intended this marriage, Bo wants to keep Priscilla, but River Sandler (yes, that Sandler family) has issues and can't accept having her around. A plan is made to drop her off in a safe place in 3 weeks unless all agree that they want to stay married. This is a story of overcoming fears, taking chances, falling in love. It's so good, as expected. Bo and Jordan are sweet and caring, but River is the challenge. His family has messed him up. He's complex and damaged, but so worth the trouble. The moments with him made the book for me. I love that Priscilla followed her heart on every level and that she made everyone better and gave them the possibility of the best possible life. I do hope that we cross paths with these four again!

### Accidentally Forever by Cara Carnes

Megan has crushed on her best friend's brother Chad forever. Now after celebrating a bit too much after the wedding of their other brother, Megan and Chad wake up, incredibly hung over with no memory and few clothes. What they do have are matching rings on their left hand. Megan is horrified. She has no self-confidence, only seeing herself as the unworthy, fat, annoying friend of his sister. Chad actually finds her beautiful, curves and all, but since he's been burned by his ex and is in a custody battle, he's less than pleased by these developments. He immediately has his lawyer draw up divorce papers, has her sign them, and then they head to a family weekend to hide from the press. In a short period of time Chad gets to witness Megan's grace as his Grandfather tries to shame her, Megan defending his son, Hunter against his Grandfather, and how good she is with his son. Plus, it's clear that Hunter adores her, not to mention how much his sister loves her, and how highly his parents consider her. Chad gives into his feelings and the two spend a special night together, but the next morning he acts in fear and anger and destroys Megan. Can he undo the damage? This was a short story with so much depth. Megan's pain and lack of confidence; Paul's bitterness were obstacles to a HEA. I enjoyed it very much.

### The Ice Bride by Ripley Proserpina

Photojournalist Betha survives a plane crash in a deserted part of Canada and is rescued by twins Raynor and Grim. They take her back to their cabin where they live with their mother Freya and their older brother, Fenris. They are Jotnar or Ice Giants from the line of Odin and Thor, and they recognize her as their skoai (their bonded). This is a problem because she is human and the Elders will see her as a weakness and kill her. After an incredible afternoon with the twins, the Elders do show up, burn the house to the ground, injure the guys, leave taking Freya with them, and returning Betha to her old life. When she awakens in the hospital, she's told she was found in the plane's wreckage and that it was all a hallucination. It's not so easy for her to return to her old life with the memories of her husbands. And in the meantime, her husbands are training to

take on the Elders and get Betha back. Ripley is an incredible author. She can move between contemporary and mythical better with ease. This is another brilliant example. The backstory, the world-building, the characters are all exceptional.

#### About Time By Kim Carmichael

Amsen lives in a world dictated totally by time. She does not fit. She doesn't want to get married and is already a year late for the acceptable time. She is an artist, a complete waste of time. She wakes up to find herself in a forced union with an unsuspecting man, Hallan. Her parents committed this shameful act because it was the only thing they could do with time being what it is. It doesn't matter that her new husband is gorgeous and their sex is the best she's ever had. He wants her to follow the set time table for their days down to the minute. She was determined to teach him about stolen moments and he was determined to teach her to follow a schedule, Lucky for him, this time he met his match with his life partner

#### Awakened Beauty by Amy Sumida

No one does fairy tale re-tellings as good As Amy. This is a twist on Sleeping Beauty with a surprise appearance by a well-known dragon. The Dragon Queen had a witch cast a spell on the Princess Seraphine of the neighboring kingdom after her parents rejected the Dragon Prince as their daughter's husband. She was placed in magical stasis for 20 years while everyone else lived and aged. The spell was finally broken by another witch, Rune who met her in her dreams. The two fell in love and married. True love woke her up, but in her real life she had no memory of Rune or their love. Fortunately, she had taken precautions for this in her dreams and Rune was able to prove that he was her true love. But fairy tales are never that simple. Magic makes it's mark in more than one way and The Dragon Queen makes a dangerous return. But in the end it is a fairy tale and we must get a Happily Ever After! This is such a clever story. The characters are a delight and the cross-overs and tie-ins are so very well done.

#### Married to Trouble by Carmen Falcone

Clarissa Garubo has a plan; her new husband Beck calls it a hidden agenda, she prefers to think of it as an opportunity for both of them. As the daughter of the head of the Garubo Family, Clarissa wants to be seen as an adult, taken serioiusly, and put in charge of her late mother's jewelry stores. To accomplish this she married the attorney vying for her father's business. After all it was his idea; he wanted to make her his wife before he took her virginity; albeit he had been drinking at the time. Still the marriage could further both their careers and since they are hugely attracted to one another, they can have fun for a while, then file for divorce. Beck isn't thrilled with being tricked, but it's in his best interest (his life) to go along and please Antonio Garubo! The plan goes well, too well and when they each reach their goal, neither wants to keep to the initial terms. This is a cute story, nothing extraordinary. Clarissa is adorable and Beck turns out to be a very lucky man. It was nice to see a young lady one-up all the men!

#### Number One by K Williams

Review to Come

#### The Hesitant Husband by Mae Hanley

One night in Vegas was all it took to get forever with the man of his dreams, sorta. Jordan has loved Alex for years and Alex loved Jordan once. However Alex couldn't disappoint his family, so he gave up on them, hid his feelings, and went after girls. Now after ten years and one drunken night in Vegas, Alex wakes up to find his beautiful man beside him in bed as his legally married husband. He's conflicted; body, mind, heart all saying different things and he hurts Jordan. Jordan leaves to give him some time to make up his mind and ends up in a deadly situation. The moment Alex gets the message that his love is in the hospital, his mind is clear. Family prejudice does not get to dictate his life any longer. He loves Jordan, always has, and isn't losing any more time apart from him. I love two hot men finding their way together. I love "love" in any

form. And I love people overcoming their fears. So obviously I loved this short story!

Wait, You Did What? by TA Moorman  
Review to Come

Destination: Wedding by Melissa Shirley  
Review to Come

I will finish reading the last three stories and have the remainder of the review completed within days. Even without finishing I can easily say that this Anthology is full of fun, sexy stories and well worth the read!

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### **Pamala Hunt says**

#### **Love!**

I totally enjoyed this book. Especially when most of the stories started in Vegas. ( I live in Nevada, I can relate. ) I would definitely recommend this book to all my friends and neighbors.

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### **Christine Glover says**

I haven't read all the books in this anthology, but I plan to because Carmen Falone's novella, MARRIED TO TROUBLE was excellent. I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review and whew! So glad I read it!

Every time I pick up a Carmen Falcone book, I know I'm going to get rewarded by a sexy, fun romance that is sizzling hot with characters who have huge hearts. And MARRIED WITH TROUBLE—one of the novellas in the MARRIED. WAIT! WHAT? Anthology of sexy short reads delivers again. Beck Anderson wants to make partner in a firm, but first he's got to make sure the CEO's daughter, Clarissa Garubo, makes it home to Vegas. Beck's sure he can deliver on his promise to this man with a somewhat sketchy business reputation, but Clarissa has a plan of her own, tricking Beck into a Vegas wedding so she can prove to her traditional father she's capable of taking over the legitimate side of Garubo's businesses as a way to honor her mother's memory. Beck's caught between a rock and a hard—really hard hehe—place when Papa catches them in bed together. Now he's got to play along with his fake wife or he'll lose his chance for the partnership or even worse because nobody hurts this Papa's little girl. Though the story is short, Ms. Falcone's characters and plot with its interesting twists and turns gives the reader a completely evolved love story with HOT HOT HOT sex, witty dialogue, and classic Falcone bravado and panache. You'll love this story and I bet the rest of the anthology is equally as fun and sexy to read.

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### **Dina Bushrod says**

The first story I've chosen to read in this set is Carmen Falcone's "Married to Trouble." Another home run for this author; her story is filled with not only a strong young woman, Clarissa, trying to show her father she can run a clean business, but an unsuspecting lawyer, Beck, trying to make partner in his law firm. The story is filled with humor and hot, sensual, steamy encounters. Both must work with her mobster father to make

their dreams come true. Promising her father to safely drive her home to Vegas is not as easy as it sounds when his passenger has plans of her own. If he can do this one thing for the father he's a sure thing to bring his business into the firm and easily make partner. But her plans are not to go straight home to daddy, but to prove to dad that she is grown and woman enough run a business by being a wife. Surely being a wife will show him she's mature enough, right? Too bad Beck has no plans for being a husband. That's enough spoilers, you need to read the story to see how much trouble a young woman can cause when she puts her mind to it and how it effects everyone involved. .

Second story I read was "About Time" by Kim Carmichael. A quirky sci-fi romance; a story of a world which had to learn to live by time schedules in order to survive. Schedules for your entire life, including everything from housework, eating, to marriage and sex. But what if you were different than most and didn't believe in going through life according to a schedule. Read this very different but thoroughly entertaining romance story with a unique world building background.

Pick up this great set of 11 stories by 11 terrific authors and be ready to have some jaw dropping, sexy and humorous moments

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### **Terri Wilson says**

I am enjoying anthologies more and more. It is a great way to get to know several authors at one time. I think it must also be a great way to challenge yourself as an author. The stories in this book are like a slice of lava cake; sinfully delicious. I loved each of them. The idea behind this book is unlike anything I have ever read before. There is a unique story for every genre lover and it is easy to read each story in one sitting, which appeals to my need for completion. The only downside to this book is now I've met several new authors and my TBR has increased by a lot of books. :)

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### **Monique says**

So far, I have read only MARRIED TO TROUBLE by Carmen Falcone, but regardless of how the other novellas fare in this box set, it's well worth it.

#### **MARRIED TO TROUBLE by Carmen Falcone**

All Beck Anderson had to do was to drive Clarissa Garubo from New York to Las Vegas. Beck figured it was a small price to pay to have a chance to land the contract that would make him a partner in Steinhause & Woods. Clarissa honestly doesn't like to fly, but riding with the handsome Beck solidified an idea she had recently. And that's how Beck woke up with a hangover and married to very young Italian mob princess.

Carmen Falcone throws in several romance tropes in MARRIED TO TROUBLE and makes it as smooth as silk, and as sensuous. Although Beck finds Clarissa very tempting, she has very good arguments to get him to see her side of the story, and I thought this was very clever from Ms. Falcone, because I agreed with the scheme as well. Carmen Falcone is rather extraordinary: she instinctively knows precisely just how far to go to make something that, at first glance, sounds entirely too outrageous and make it perfectly believable. In MARRIED TO TROUBLE, there are no misunderstandings, no miscommunication; Beck is willing to go along with Clarissa's plan because it makes sense, and they both have nothing to lose, and much to gain, as they are truly attracted to each other.

The characters are so perfectly described that I could picture the adorable Clarissa and her limpid doe eyes; I saw her father with smoke nearly coming out of his ears, his booming voice trying to intimidate Beck; and the charming if slightly befuddled Beck navigating precariously his future and his attraction to Clarissa. MARRIED TO TROUBLE is a terrific story, well-plotted; it's fun and lively; very sweet and very sexy at the same time.

Carmen Falcone keeps earning her 5 stars on a regular basis for very good reasons, and MARRIED TO TROUBLE is yet another proof of why she earns them fair and square.

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I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

### **Lesa Dunbar says**

I loved these books. I laughed my butt off on most of them but there was a couple that the hero was a true ass to the heroine. I wanted to slap their heads off before she forgave them. But a great set of books.

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### **Jane says**

I have only read Married to Trouble by Carmen Falcone so far but if the rest of the stories in this set are anything like that you WILL NOT be disappointed! Married to Trouble was a quick, steamy, fun story. A mobsters daughter and a lawyer wanting her father's business. Add in a fake marriage and let the fun begin.

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### **Arianna says**

I received this ARC from author Rebecca Royce in exchange for an honest review.

In this anthology, every heroine find herself married without remembering it. Yes, there's the Las Vegas drunken trope, but some authors used a bit more creativity.

In A ship called Malice, Priscilla, a rare woman, was sold by her parents. During the auction an incident occurred and she lost consciousness, only to awaken sold and married to three men. One is our McQueen's youngest uncle. I love my Sandlers. This three saved Priscilla from a man who would have seller her to his friends until she died. Now she has a choice: go to a planet where women are protected or became their wife for real. Loved it. 4 stars.

In The ice bride, Betha, a photojournalist, found herself the only survivor in a plane crash during her reportage in the Arctic circle. She is found by ice giants who recognise her for her mate but intends to let her go away because she's human. The mother of the three magically marry them so they cannot be parted (mothers know best).

Nice but wasn't convinced in the end.

3.5 stars

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## **Rosanna says**

Review for Accidentally Forever by Cara Carnes:

Cute little read by this author. This book is fast paced but you won't be missing a thing!

Not my first rodeo by this author and definitely not my last!!

The other authors are also quite good! You'll like every journey these authors will send you on!!

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## **Lisa books says**

Gift from Author for review.

12 author's write these short hot surprise wedding books. Waking up and finding your married and don't remember it make for a hot fun book. Rebecca Royce has her bride married suprismly to 3 different men that she comes to love. You will enjoy each of these hot new books.

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