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Behind him, beside him, before him, the synchronized cathedral bells began to ring out.

One, two, three . . .

Then she said it first. The words his heart burst to share. “I love you, Stephen. You are my true prince.”

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Rachelle Cobb says

The finale in the Royal Weddings series tells a sweet love story...that actually began before all the others.

From the first line Corina Del Rey had me cheering for her. Still recovering from the grief of losing her twin brother, she launches back into work she loves. All the while harboring a secret only one other person in the world knows. Strong and determined to do what God wants her to do, Corina has no idea her whole life is about to change.

The only other person in the world who knows her secret soon shows up in her company's parking lot. Prince Stephen of Brighton needs Corina's help...but then she decides to ask for his help in finding out what really happened to her brother. And the adventure of secrets begins.

Rachel Hauck is a talented author; I became a fan when I read the first two in this series, inspired by the neat story of William and Kate of England. Brighton is a fictional kingdom set in Europe, but the people who populate these stories are very real.

Or are they? There are two characters in How to Catch a Prince who are quite mysterious. I'll let you meet them for yourself.

Suffice it to say, I highly recommend this book to those looking for a great spring read. Part fairy-tale, part contemporary love story complete with tragedy and sorrow, How to Catch a Prince carries the message of Love Well home in the capable hands of Rachel Hauck.

Corina and Stephen are people whose love story you will want to read.

Disclosure: I received this book from Litfuse to review.

Cait • A Page with a View says

The first book is definitely still my favorite, but this was a fun conclusion. I think if one of the main characters hadn't been in the first book then I might not have cared as much, though.

Cassie says

Corina and Prince Stephen may have not seen each other in six years, but that doesn't mean their relationship is over. When their marriage is discovered as still legal and binding, Prince Stephen is pushed to re-open the door to Corina. But, while his plans are to quickly and painlessly have annulment papers signed, God has a different plan. Will Corina and Stephen learn to trust their hearts or forever let the past hold them back?

I loved the flashbacks to Corina and Stephen's relationship, giving the reader glimpses into their love story. Despite their circumstances, they had fallen in love and seized the moments they had together for all they

were worth. In present day, Stephen's secret has put a wall between them, and his refusal to share with Corina is a big part of this book.

At times, I did feel like the argument the couple had was becoming circular. I was ready for something to happen to move past said argument, and when it did, what a breakthrough! I enjoyed it so much more from that point on (I just wish it had happened a bit earlier in the book). With the secret revealed, progress in their relationship could finally happen.

Death, painful memories, and unanswered questions surround their relationship. Will they find a way to love one another? With a bit of whimsy, Rachel Hauck takes readers on this journey to love well.

Once Upon a Prince remains my favorite of the series, and I think this book will appeal to any reader who loves contemporary with heart and fairy tales.

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Rissi says

On my list of most-anticipated 2015 releases, this novel ranked high. It's the final in a series of books that to some may appear to be no more than fluffy romances. I am here to deflate that mindset – or give it a go. These are really much more than just a happily-ever-after. Corina Del Ray is grieving. Her twin brother's death shattered her family and now they are a shell of what they used to be. She's trying to move on after a move to Florida and pursuing her journalism career, but everything about her past comes right back to the surface when Prince Stephen finds her. Married in secret to the prince once upon a time, Corina is shocked to learn that they are still married. The marriage was never annulled. In America at the order of his brother, Stephen is not completely over events of the past either. Stumbling in his rugby career, Stephen feels lost while recovering from an injury. The weight of a secret he still carries and coupled with seeing the woman who still owns his heart isn't helping.

I can still remember when this series first debuted and some Goodreads reviewers/readers being skeptical about its premise. Fairytale lover I am, there were likely only stars in my eyes as I consumed that first book. Disappointment is not a word associated with this series. The final book follows that same path. Beautiful covers translate to an exquisite story, waiting to be uncovered inside. The resounding theme in How to Catch a Prince is Corina's conviction to not give up in the stoic face of defeat but instead to love well. Any of the falling-in-love after marriage stories that I've read have been favorites. This one is no different. Beautifully told, this book is easily one of my very favorite contemporaries. The romance is so much richer because of the past the character's share, more "whole" because of this, while still allowing for plenty of happy sighs because of the fun events or topics that are incorporated with Stephen's role as a royal.

Secrets do play a pivotal part to the integrity of the story, however in spite of what the normal clichés would have us believe, this eventual reveal doesn't end the same way most do. Naturally there is separation, yet it's not because of an I-don't-ever-want-to-see-you-again meltdown. How many times has this been the case before? The amount of books that play this card is exhausting. Instead of that, Hauck has a classier solution and it makes the eventual reunion all the more rewarding and emotionally healthy. If you've read about this

book and think Stephen sounds familiar, you'd be right. He's the brother of King Nathaniel from book one. Because of this, we are able to hang out with our favorite King and wife, Susannah, which was lovely. Stephen and Corina have their own love story to tell and the way it evolves, grows and changes is defined not by the past, but how they get to know each other in the present.

All that's left to say is, go forth and read *How to Catch a Prince*. Bittersweet as it is to say goodbye to this world, these books are not ones I'll easily give up. They're enchanting, romantic and each couple's love story is poignant and purposeful. Stephen had to learn how to forgive himself before he could love his wife without regrets. The challenge for Corina was moving on and healing so that she could love well. Each vignette was beautifully written and if ever there was a story that "came off the pages" for me, I do believe this would be it.

Sincere thanks to the publisher for providing a complimentary ARC copy of this book for reviewing purposes.

Cara Putman says

Rachel Hauck writes what I call supernatural romance. Or spiritual fairytales. Whatever you call them, her books are rich romances with strong spiritual truths woven through the story in such an organic way I can't imagine the stories without them. *How to Catch a Prince* is no different.

In this story, a series of secrets has kept Corina and Stephen apart while also binding them together. The future seems settled until the whisper "Love well" breathes across Corina's heart. The tension pulls them together and thrusts them apart while the past forms a barrier that seems insurmountable.

Love well.

It's an urging that resonates. What does it mean to love well? How does one do it? This novel whispers at the power of the concept while issuing a challenge wrapped in a romance that is laced with attraction, desire, and secrets dark enough to keep them apart forever.

This book is perfect for those who love modern fairytales and a book with rich spiritual threads. Think grown up *Princess Diaries*.

Caitlyn Santi says

An excellent conclusion to an absolutely fantastic series!

I admit, I have a soft spot for all things Royal. And I have loved this entire series. I have been looking forward to Prince Stephen's since I first met him in the first book *Once Upon A Prince*, and I have to say that I was not disappointed! Of course I loved Stephen, his story of believing himself unworthy, not only of anyone's love, but also unworthy of being alive, was incredibly moving. It touched my heart, especially when he finally opened his heart to Jesus. I think all believers have probably gone through a time where they have felt unworthy of God's love, I know I have and that part of the story resonated with me very deeply, and I think will be very relatable to readers. I also loved Corina, she and Stephen were perfect for each other, and I

was cheering for them the whole way!

Every time I finish a Rachel Hauck novel, there is one thought that always goes through my mind: God works in divine, mysterious ways. This is so true in life, and I absolutely love the way this author illustrates it so beautifully in her books! Speaking of which, I loved Adelaide and Brill, they were two of my favorite characters in the whole series! I love this entire series soooo much, and while I was sad to see it end I also thought it was a perfect ending!

I don't want to risk spoiling anything so I will just say that I loved How to Catch a Prince, and I highly recommend it as well as the entire series! If you like stories about modern day princes and princesses, you should definitely treat yourself to the Royal Weddings Series!

I was honored to receive a complimentary copy of this book from the author and publisher via Book Look blogger review program in exchange for an honest review.

Above is my honest review, I was not required to write a positive review.

All thoughts and opinions are one hundred percent my own.

Dawn says

American heiress Corina Del Rey and Prince Stephen of Brighton secretly married over five years ago, right before Stephen went to war in Afghanistan. But when Stephen returns home, broken and wounded, he gives Corina her freedom. Corina lost her twin brother in the same battle that Stephen was wounded in. At a time when she needs her husband the most, he is pushing her away. Hurt and confused, Corina returns home to Georgia and attempts to put her life back together. Until Stephen shows up very unexpectedly one day. Prince Stephen thought that his marriage was over. He's a star rugby player and the days of war and romance are behind him. When his brother, King Nathaniel discovers a document that Stephen thought was buried, he has no choice but to contact Corina. Will this pair find their happily ever after or will they say good-bye to the love they once shared?

I have adored every single book in this series. This one was no exception. I literally dropped everything to read it. I think it may very be my favorite of the series.

I loved how both Corina and Stephen were bound by the same grief yet needed each other to move on. Their entire romance was so sweet. I loved how they kept being thrown together to make things right. I think what I loved the most was Stephen's breaking point.

I was so happy when Corina finally learned the truth of what happened to her brother and that she was willing to forgive those involved. Those answers brought healing to her family as well.

This is a series that I highly recommend for anyone who loves fairy tales and happy endings.

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Recommended to fans of happy endings, romance, Becky Wade, Rachel Hauck, fairy tales

Rating - 5 stars

Abbi says

After loving the first two books in this series I was so excited to read this third one especially since it was about Stephen, whose character I really liked when reading the other books.

After having two heroines who were thrust into the world of opulence it was fun to have one who was quite used to and at home in the world of the rich. But I was very glad that she was down to earth about it all and didn't put on airs, the same was true of Stephen. Both of their characters were awesome and it was sweet to watch them as they realized they'd never stopped loving each other. Stephen was a bit bullheaded about it but at the same time I understood where he was coming from, and it was a beautiful moment when he finally broke.

I thoroughly enjoyed almost everything about this book and really the only thing I didn't love was the whole "heavenly help" bit with The Manor, Adelaide, and Brill. I'm not saying it couldn't happen it was just a little too far out of my comfort zone. That being said it didn't affect my enjoyment of the book at all and I would highly recommend it!

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Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #3 in the "Royal Wedding" series. {I have read book #1 and #2, but have not reviewed them on here.}

Spiritual Content- Talks about God, letting go, Him caring & being worthy; 'H's are not capital when referring to God; Church going; Prayers; A couple mentions of those in the Bible; Witnessing; Tower bells and singing; Thinking that someone might be not from this world (from Heaven); Corina's parents stopped going to church after her brother died; Corina has a pretty strong Faith; Since returning from Afghanistan,

Stephan has doubts about a kind, loving God. *Spoiler* (view spoiler)*End of Spoiler*

*Note: “even the nightmares of h*ll were not strong enough to resist it.”.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a 'heck', a 'hush', a 'son of a gun', a 'sucker', two 'freaking's, two 'oh my word's, two 'shoot's, two 'stupid's, three 'blasted's, three 'darn's, three 'idiot's, three forms of 'shut up', four 'oh my gosh's, and five 'blimey's; Stephan swears under his breath once (Not written); Blood, war & an explosion (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of smoking & drinking; A mention of a married couple separating.

Note: Mentions of Celebrities (Paris Hilton, Kardashian, Bill Clinton, Bush twins, Steven Tyler) and Doctor Who.

Sexual Content- nine semi-detailed kisses and five detailed kisses; Wanting to kiss & almost kissing (semi-detailed); Wanting to touch & Touching (semi-detailed); Staring & Noticing (semi-detailed); Flirting; A guy is called yummy; a ‘sexy’ and eight ‘babe’s; “*Corina was a goody-two-shoes. How? Gigi would never know. The girl ran with the likes of Paris Hilton when they were teens and never once got busted for drinking, smoking or s*x taping.*”; eight mentions of love making or a honeymoon; A mention of trying for a baby; A mention of a gay lover; A mention of an affair (no details); A baby was born out of wedlock (the woman says they “*did things backwards.*”) Love, falling in love, & the emotions.

-Corina Del Ray, age 30

-(Prince) Stephan Stratton, age 31

P.O.V. switches between them & Gigi

368 pages

Pre Teens- One Star

New Teens- One Star

Early High School Teens- Two Stars

Older High School Teens- Three Stars

My personal Rating- Three Stars

Ahh. There's just something about royals that piques my interest. Maybe it's the fact I'm American and we obviously don't have royalty. (Shout out to those reading this blog outside of the USA! :D) Miss Rachel Hauck has written some fun novels for the "*Royal Weddings*" series (which I still haven't posted my review of Book number one or two. *sigh*) and while the kisses got to be a bit much, the couple kissing were *technically* married. So it depends on what your opinion is of that. The Spiritual content at the end made my rating little higher. :)

Link to review:

<http://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot.com>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

*I received this ebook for free from the Author for this review.

Jen says

My thanks to NetGalley and Zondervan Fiction for an eARC copy of this book to read and review.

Let me please state before starting this review that I read the book that proceeded this one, "Once Upon a Prince" by the same author and liked it enough to give it 4.5 stars. This one had a sophomore slump, at least to me.

Warning: Rants and possibly spoilers follow.

If you like highly improbable characters of princes and heiresses, if you enjoy the "I have a secret that I am keeping from you for your own good...and so you won't hate me" plot, if you enjoy men full of guilt and God being shoved down your throat so fast and hard you bring up stuff you haven't eaten for years, then THIS is the book for you!

Ok, I may be a tad harsh here, contemporary romance isn't my genre, but this is such a flight of fancy, it should be labeled romantic fantasy. No elves and wizards and whatnot, but princes AND heiresses.

An heiress MC who buys a painting worth TEN MILLION DOLLARS that she GIVES to the male MC, (who is the prince of the title btw), to help remind him of the love they once shared. And the ten million dollars she spent wasn't even a drop in the bucket in the money her family had.

Dude, really? Is it too much to ask to have at least ONE main character that I can connect with?

And the prince spent waaaaay too much of the book, about 90% to be exact, feeling guilty over what happened to the heiress' brother and his part in it. And at 90%, we get his conversation with the bishop or something from the beginning of the book and we get IN YOUR FACE THEOLOGY and the prince's miraculous lifting of guilt, etc etc.

And don't even get me started on what the boss Gigi did to the heiress to make news. The heiress' father was all like, "We can OWN her. The paper is doing poorly, we can buy it and HIRE Gigi to do the job she is doing now." Awesome! She gets what's coming and it doesn't involve a lawsuit! That's thinking!

But no, the heiress is all, we must be forgiving.

HA! On what planet??? The Bible is VERY emphatic that actions have consequences. Yes, God is the ultimate judge, but why can't they buy the paper and make it thrive with Gigi in a place where she can work and not harm anyone else? To let her be free to hurt others isn't the right thing to do, IMHO.

So yeah, this book bothered me on multiple levels. I freely admit, I skipped from 29% to 87% and honestly, I don't think I missed a BIT of plot or story that was necessary for the ending of the book. I also stopped at 93%, because the last 7% was not going to change my view of this book in any way, shape or form.

If you like completely unrealistic characters, locations and tissue-thin plot, brain candy in other words (which is completely fine, sometimes you need a piece of fluff now and then), then this is for you. I was not in the right frame of mind to read this book right now.

One star.

Jessica Gillies says

Torn between 4 and 5 stars. This series had an addictive quality to it, and I'll definitely be reading more from the same author. I really appreciated the raw, "real" feeling this book had, in the sense it didn't make out that our lives are perfect because we have decided to follow Christ, and showed the ups and downs along the way. While I still feel I probably enjoyed the first book in the series the most, this one has gotten a higher star rating from me for the added layer of depth . Absolutely recommend. I would also say as Christian fiction goes, this series is fairly accessible/enjoyable even if you aren't a believer.

Hannah says

So...I loved the premise—and REALLY loved the characters! So why the low rating?

Two things took away a star each because they were huge to me. First: what drew me in and made me fall in love with the first book was how "real" it seemed despite the invented country—like it really could have happened just exactly that way. That sense of reality slipped a bit in the second book, with unexplained happenings like a glow in the sky and a barn that was only visible to the good guys and not the plundering Nazis of two generations before; but it was still mostly believable. This book takes a huge leap into the mythical, with Corina staying in a nonexistent hotel, even! What? I'm not a fantasy reader, because I like fiction to have that classic "could-have-actually-happened" quality. I kept popping out of my characters' heads to digest the bits of fantasy, and it jarred.

Second, WHO forgot to hire the editor?? I kept thinking somehow I'd gotten my hands on an unfinished ARC, but no; it has every evidence of being the final copy. This reads like a free ebook. Missing periods (20+), interchangeable words (who's/whose, reign/rein, might/mite, etc), run-on sentences, and even missing quotation marks (15+)!! My mental red-pen was reeling by the time I slogged through all the errors. I don't understand why the publisher would print an unfinished proof-quality book, especially not in a series that has sold pretty well. It drove me absolutely batty.

Rosie says

An awesome, beautiful release from Hauck!

How to Catch a Prince is like watching your favorite chick flick on a rainy (or snowy, as the case may be) day. It's the kind of story that even if you think you see something coming, you read on to see how the characters will face the challenge. Why read on? Because there's a fair chance they'll mess up. We mess up too. That's why we like them so well. We can relate to them. This is but one of the many things about Hauck's latest release that had me glued to the pages. I wasn't always right in my "predictions", which isn't a bad thing. I was glad to watch Corina and Stephen both grow in their struggles.

Something I just recently became particular about in novels is a strong positive theme or message and Hauck accomplishes that in a lovely manner. Hmm, I don't want to spoil the beauty of it so I suppose I'll be vague. Honestly, I couldn't see the story without that element. It's weaved so carefully in with everything else it

simply belongs. In addition, the theme itself is fresh when compared with novels I've read in the past. Is it in actuality all that new? No. But the presentation changes a lot.

All in all, I highly encourage you to check out *How to Catch a Prince*. You'll be in for a beautiful story with darling characters and a lovely theme. I didn't know I would enjoy the story as much as I did, but it definitely beats out *Once Upon a Prince* for my favorite in the series. If you love cute, endearing stories and characters this book will be a good fit for you. ;-)

I received an ebook copy of this book from BookLook Bloggers in exchange for an honest review of my opinions, which I have done. Thanks!!

Brittany says

Princess stories, stories where the hero or heroine feels unworthy, and stories involving couples with a complicated past are just a few of my favorite topics in books. And my, oh my...*How to Catch a Prince* has all of this, and more!

The two main characters, Corina Del Rey and Prince Stephen of Brighton, just captured my heart right from the beginning. Corina is definitely a strong woman. She is someone who has had it all and lost nearly as much. She is still a very wealthy heiress, but part of her heart has never recovered from tragic events in her past. We get to know Corina both in the present, and in various small flashbacks throughout the story. These are some of my favorite portions of the book, as we see who Corina was during one of the most special times of her life...when she first knew Prince Stephen.

Speaking of Prince Stephen...I am so happy that he has his own story now and that it is such a great one! Since reading *Once Upon a Prince*, I have wanted to know his background. He is a deep and complicated character who is shouldering some huge burdens. This is a man who has loved large, given his all, and feels weighted down with unworthiness and guilt. Although I did not agree with every decision he made, I could understand where he was coming from and it made for such a great story.

How to Catch a Prince has many fun and lighthearted moments, as well as a deep storyline, and a beautiful earthly reconciliation and heavenly redemption theme. I loved it from start to finish and it goes into my "re-read" category for sure!

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher, through Litfuse Publicity, in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at (and enter a royal giveaway ending 3/23/15):
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Beth Vogt says

I am an avowed Rachel Hauck fan -- and she did not disappoint me in *How to Catch a Prince*. Yes, this is a royal romance novel, but Hauck has a way of making it so much more. She weaves in elements of faith, fairytale, and a tangible touch of the divine, creating a story that both charmed and challenged me. With two

words -- "love well" -- Hauck deepened the significance of the romance between Corinna and Stephen. How to Catch a Prince is a beautiful example of how relationships are affected by the choices we make.
