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**A million reasons to say "I do"**

Athena Howard can't believe she did it. In an outrageously large wedding dress, she climbed out the window and escaped The Wedding of the Year and the fiancé who lied to her. And she fell...

...straight into Luca De Rossi's arms! It must be fate. Luca has just two weeks to marry and meet the terms of his grandmother's will. The cutthroat businessman offers Athena one million pounds to become Mrs. De Rossi in name only, unless the allure of his new wife's purity proves too much for this cynical playboy to resist claiming their wedding night...

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# From Reader Review A Bride Worth Millions for online ebook

## Dottie says

Luca De Rossi will do anything to meet the terms of his grandmothers will so he will marry before he is 35 love doesn't need to come into it. Athena Howard finds her groom to be in bed with another just before their wedding, so naturally she climbs out a window to run away. So begins the story of two people falling literally into each others arms. What begins as a marriage of convenience become so much more to these two as they start on a wonderful journey that has more twists and turns to give us romance readers a wonderful story. Both have secrets and both find that sometimes we can't stop the inevitable. A fantastic story not to be missed. Ms. Shaw writes a fantastic story that will at time bring you to tears. It is one that you will curl up with and not want to put down.

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## Lena Papanikolaou says

Απ? τους πιο ?μορφους επ?λογους που ?χουν γραφτε? ποτ? σε ιστορ?ες αγ?πης! ?λο το υπ?λοιπο βιβλ?ο διαβ?ζεται ?νετα 3 Αστερ?κια για την πλοκ? και 5 με τ?νο για τον επ?λογο του βιβλ?ου.

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## Annie Burrows says

Unusually for a duet, this installment is as good as the first!

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## Geraldine Sadiku says

A really emotional book that tugs on your heart strings and pulls you in what is not to love about this book. Loved it.

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## Lisa (Remarkablylisa) says

This book was an interesting one because it told a whole story with a wild ride. Athena has a past that stops her from advancing sexually and to make it worse, her fiance is gay! Discouraged and embarrassed, she literally falls into Luca's arms. Bound by a contract that threatens his ownership of his house and his position in his famous designer company, he proposes to Athena to marry him for \$1,000,000. Athena only agrees because she's thinking about donating the money to her charity/orphanage.

Anyways, the only part I didn't like about the book was the fact that Luca can't have babies because he had a vasectomy. I wanted babies. They got adopted babies in the end but it's not the same in my heart because Luca was just plain afraid about being a biological father. He's scared that he's going to cause his child to have a rare genetic disorder like his first child. Yes, readers. He's already a father before he met Athena.

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## **Vintage says**

I enjoyed this one.

The tiny, but curvy virginal h just walked in on her fiancée in bed with, wait for it, not her BFF but HIS best friend. Turns out his willingness to wait for the wedding night wasn't as much of a chore as she thought it was. The h climbs out a window to escape the high profile wedding and falls into the H's arms. My kind of girl. Her parents never give her a chance to explain. Just the start of rotten relatives.

The H is in a pickle as well as his evil grandmother left a will requiring that he marry before his 35th birthday or else he loses everything. Everything being his position on the board of the company, his use of the family name for his fashion line because he is a bastard, and, most importantly, the estate villa that his fatally ill little girl lives in.

The tabloids get involved, and the H loses his fake fiancée for helping the h. He strong arms her into being the new fake fiancée/fake wife in exchange for a million pounds. Sweet girl that she is she used the money for an orphanage in India. Yes, of course.

Backstory for the h is she was sexually assaulted when she was a teenager by a tutor, but the H is kind enough, no really, to help her through it. Their overly sexualized lives proceed happily until the H realizes she may care for him more than she should and more than he should so he lets her free to find someone worthy. The h has had it with being overly accommodating and lays it on the line that she loves him. She's not weak or pathetic, and she beats feet once he says he can never...blah, blah, blah.

The H goes into a decline and hunts her down in India at the orphanage she helped redo with her new \$\$ windfall. HEA with adopted kids.

The H is quite a nice guy to the h overall. He gets angry with the h when he thinks she set them up after her wedding goes down the tubes, but figures sooner rather than later that what you see is what you get with her: sweet. His reluctance to accept good things is relatively believable with his back story of a bad mother, bad grandmother, and really bad mother to his daughter.

Issues: Her fricking rotten parents never get a good scolding which they need in spades, and the h's fiancée who set her up with betrayal never gets his.

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## **Nidhi Bhatt says**

Athena Howard finds out on her wedding day that her fiancé in bed with his best man. She runs off from the wedding by jumping out of the windows and into the arms of Italian designer and playboy Luca De Rossi.

Luca needs to marry before his 35th birthday two week later to claim his inheritance. He proposes a year long marriage agreement to Athena in exchange of a million pounds. Athena needs the money to support the

charity for orphan children so she agrees to marry Luca.

During weeks to come Luca and Athena start falling for each other and fall in love.

**2.5 stars**

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♥Sana♥ says

It was an ok read but not what I really enjoy reading

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**Harlequin Books says**

received 4 stars @ RT Book Reviews

Miniseries: The Howard Sisters

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**StMargarets says**

Note to self: this is the one where the designer hero has a sewing machine on his private plane and he alters the wedding gown she escaped in for their Las Vegas wedding.

This is a marriage of convenience story between the design house CEO hero and the nursery school teacher heroine who discovered her high society fiance in bed with another man hours before her wedding. The hero was at the wedding at the behest of his friend (and heroine's brother-in-law) who was worried about the heroine. Because the hero helped her escape and the press followed, the hero's marriage of convenience to a supermodel is off. So hero presses heroine to be his bride of convenience so he can keep the family villa where his disabled daughter has always lived.

That the H/h don't keep it platonic is inevitable, as is their love for each other.

I liked this hero and this heroine. I liked that the heroine got more and more confident as her marriage continued. It shows that this hero is good for her. Some readers didn't like the fact that the hero (view spoiler)

Other info you might need to know:

Heroine was virgin. She had been sexually assaulted by a friend of her father's and was afraid of intimacy. I thought CS did a great job showing just how damaging such an experience, even though she wasn't raped.

Neither the lying fiance or the heroine's awful parents get their comeuppances, unfortunately.

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**Rgreader says**

I wanted to love A Bride Worth Millions. It had tropes I like such as wealthy rakish hero and virgin heroine.

And the prose was compelling.

Unfortunately it had a trope I hate so much it prevented me from finishing the book. That despised trope is the hero must marry or lose inheritance. It really annoyed me how dependent this hero was on his family business.

I expect an HP hero to be independently wealthy and not dependent on the influences of family. Also the hero being a fashion designer, a turnoff. In fact I stopped reading when the hero picked up a scissor to alter the heroine's dress. It was just too much like a satirical riff on HP in my opinion.

Wish I could have finished this but a hated trope turned a potential keeper into a dnf

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## **Jenny says**

Heartbreaking passionate super emotional book. If it wasn't for the vasectomy thing I would have given it ten stars but the vasectomy thing ruined the book for me. I really wanted to see them with their own children.

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## **Danielle says**

4.5 stars

This was another great, enjoyable read from Chantelle Shaw much like book one was in this duet which featured Athena's sister Lexi. In fact this duet as a whole was very good and very satisfying. I did enjoy book one a bit more, but this one was pretty great and near spectacular.

What I loved about this story was the characters. I adored both Luca and Athena. They both dealt with some blows in life that left them with feelings of worthlessness, which in turn brought them together and help create that connection and emotional bond. I liked seeing them have that bond to bring them not only closer together but where then in turn able to understand each other, and that's not always common in a romance novel and it was nice to see here. And by them having that understanding I had it for them. It was great. It made me feel for them and like them. They were real to me.

I loved Athena and her journey in the story. She really grew and made a full transformation from page one to the end of the book. I felt I got the full view of who she was and just what she went through in her life and how meeting and falling in love with Luca made her stronger. I liked seeing her vulnerable side and how she was bruised but how she healed along the way. It was nice to see her grow.

I loved, loved, loved, loved Luca. Can I tell you how much I loved him? Words can't describe just how much I loved him. He was just so sweet and so loving and so tortured that I couldn't help wanting to embrace him, which would be no hardship since he was a totally hottie, and just felt so much for him. He was love able all the way through and never was jerk yet was very much an alpha male. He was delicious. He just cared so much and was always cognizant about Athena's feelings and didn't want to hurt her even though he was using her in this marriage of convenience storyline. And that is very unusual in Presents books cause usually the alphas don't care who they hurt as long as they got what they wanted. But not Luca. He very much cared especially hurting her. He always cared and I enjoyed seeing his tender side and the tender scenes they

shared.

Speaking tenderness, their first time scene was very beautiful and tender as well as passionate, hot and sexy thanks to Luca who treated her very much with care during that scene especially when he learned it was her first time. It was just a great to witness their connection physically and it was beautiful. And it was beautifully written too. I loved everything about the scene. It was very satisfying after all that built up tension between the two. Oh and the bit with the mirror on the ceiling just upped the edge to the scene as well as increase its sexiness as well as the beauty of it because of how the mirror was used to show their coming together. Yummy.

The sexual tension between them was really well portrayed as well. The sexual tension between them was high and felt by me as the reader but it wasn't overdone where it became overwhelming or too much that all I felt that was between was the couple where all they had going on was physical chemistry. That was not the case between Luca and Athena. There was hot chemistry between the two don't get me wrong but there was caring as well. The sexual chemistry was hot and very sexy and did in fact explode.

The relationship was done really well I thought. I enjoyed how it developed and grew throughout the book. It was nice to see that steady build. The pacing was great and made it very believable for me that they were falling in love and have a deep relationship. And just the balancing between the passion and emotion was great as well.

I thought that this book had the perfect balanced. There was just enough of everything that made this story meshed so well. Nothing was overdone or overwhelming where it felt unrealistic. Yet the story wasn't boring or uninteresting at anytime. There was angst there, which I love, and it was just enough and made the story work really well.

Only complaint about this book was the ending tended to feel a bit rushed to me. It seemed to zip on by within a blink of an eye and just wanted a bit more. I was satisfied with the ending but felt it was missing something at the same time. Other than that it was a great story.

Another winner for Chantelle Shaw. Highly recommend for Presents fans and romance fan alike. You'll thoroughly enjoy this book.

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## **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

A Bride Worth Millions by Chantelle Shaw, Athena's story is the 2nd book in The Howard Sisters series but can be read as a standalone. The 1st book, <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2...> is Lexi, Athena's sister's story.

I so much loved Athena's book. It was such an emotional and passionate story and I adored the two mc's...namely Athena and Luca de Rossi. There were some dark elements in the story, which added a lot of secrets and sad moments to the story – sexual abuse and Rett Syndrome, which I had never heard about and actually learnt a lot about it on Google.

Athena and Luca literally fall into each other's arms, when she falls from a window whilst escaping from her wedding to marry the man she has just discovered is not in love with her, into Luca's arms, who had been attending the wedding.

Two people who agree to a marriage of convenience that slowly grows into much more.

Athena and Luca were two characters that just pulled at my heartstrings from the very beginning. Both had been through so many heartache and pain in their lives and I adored the way the two were able to help each other in finding happiness in their lives together.

Luca was one of the heroes that totally grabbed me! The love and dedication he shows towards his daughter, the tenderness and thoughtfulness with Athena is astonishing. I felt so much for him.

I loved the chemistry between Athena and Luca...had a smile on my face when Athena climbs over one of the villa's wall because she wants to know if Luca is keeping one or even two mistresses in secret!!!! Yet again, she falls into Luca's waiting arms. Damn sweet!!!!

I would have given this book a 5 star rating...but I was beside myself with the epilogue!!! (view spoiler)

This is one of those books that have to be read if you like a romantic and heartfelt love story.

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