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She isn't a true Bravo—

And now she's inheriting a temporary husband!

It's shocking enough discovering she was switched at birth. Now, to fulfill the terms of his adoptive father's will, Aislinn Bravo must marry Jaxon Winter or he loses his beloved ranch. Living together as husband and wife for three months only deepens Aislinn's desire for her longtime crush. But how can she dream of a future with Jax when her whole life is a lie?

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Charlotte says

i loved this book. I had trouble putting it down.

Deanna Vrba says

Aislynn only had to marry jaxon for him to keep his ranch. But found out love conquer all in the end

Marie Campbell says

I just loved Almost a Bravo by Christine Rimmer!!! Aislinn Bravo's life is turned upside down when she learns that she may have been switched at birth; but, her new life might just come with a chance to reunite with a past love! Jaxon Winter's life is full of shocking surprises when he learns that his inheritance comes with an odd price tag in the form of marriage to one Aislinn Bravo!

I could not put down Almost a Bravo by Christine Rimmer!!! I was immediately captivated by the characters and the story line. Aislinn is a wonderful, warm woman that is struggling with getting everything she has ever wanted and losing her identity. Jaxon is immediately drawn to Aislinn but can't believe he has to wed a stranger to gain the inheritance he always believed was his.

Aislinn has a wonderful, big, warm family that she is terrified of losing. She also feels lost and struggles to find her footing in this new wonderful life that could either be everything she has ever wanted or a nightmare of loss.

Aislinn and Jaxon are compelling, rich characters that immediately capture your imagination. You will be cheering for them as they start their new lives and overcome their pasts to find each other.

Rimmer is a masterful writer and skillfully captures the reader's attention and keeps it! I can't praise the Bravo series enough! I know every time I pick up a Christine Rimmer romance I will not be disappointed. I can't wait for the next Bravo romance!!!

Therese Lopez says

Another amazing story in the Bravo series!! This is the story of Aislinn and Jaxon. To save his ranch they have to live together as husband and wife, but what happens when you start falling for each other and the feelings for each other are becoming real? Then what happens when you find out you're not a Bravo? In this case, nothing. I loved how her Aunt and Uncle basically told her you can't change the past, so just move on. This was a beautiful story of forgiveness, falling in love and family. I can't wait to see what's next for this Bravo family, but I'm sure it's going to be fantastic.

Cassie says

Imagine waking up and finding out everything about your life was a lie! Aislinn Bravo has her world turned upside down and the man responsible has left her in an impossible situation with her long ago crush Jaxon. These two are destined to be together but they have to overcome her doubts and questions about where she came from and who she believes she is first. I thoroughly enjoyed this story. Christine Rimmer has outdone herself for sure.

Amary Chapman says

Sweet Western Contemporary Romance with a HEA

Ms. Rimmer's newest addition to the Bravo series.

Aislinn Bravo finds out she is not a biological Bravo, and that her bio-dad has put her in an untenable position. She must marry Jason, his adopted son and the man she fell hard for years before...the one who was married and she threw herself at....or he will lose the ranch he loves.

Turns out he was much smarter than she realized. Close proximity reveals the reason he did so.

I requested and received a NetGalley ARC to peruse. And loved the tale.

Tami says

Awesome books with a lot of twists and turns that made it even more amazing love the plot.

Amy O'Neal says

Loved Book 2, I was not expecting the nail biting beginning and how it would turn out. Love the Bravos and Valentine Bay

Kim says

Her life has been turned upside down by a deceased relative. He's going to lose his ranch if they don't marry. Can she overcome the hurt and pain and will be able to keep his ranch? Will they fall in love along the way? Christine Rimmer takes her back to Bravos of Valentine Bay for the story of Aislinn Bravo and her former college crush Jaxon Winter.

Aislinn Bravo grew up with her oldest brother as her legal guardian along with her 3 brothers and 3 sisters. They lost their parents when their oldest brother was 18. Aislinn has always been grateful for him taking care of them. She has drifted from job to job but her true love is making jewelry and her 2 rabbits. Out of the blue 5 years after working at the Winter ranch one summer during college she gets a call from the owner with news that his son who she had a obsessive crush on back then is single again. A short while later a letter arrives informing her of the owner's death and she must come to the reading of his will. Where she meets Jaxon and his hired help for the first time in 5 years. When the will is read and its secret revealed Aislinn is so thrown for a loop that she runs out of the office. Thinking that its all a mistake she talks with her 3 brothers and her great uncle and aunt. She finds out that most likely the information in the letter is probably true. Meanwhile Jaxon has been trying to get in touch with her because of the part of the will that

has them marrying to save his ranch. Aislinn finally decides that the marriage will go forward and her family is invited to the ceremony. She moves out to the ranch and settles in butting heads with the cantankerous old cowboy who's the ranch foreman. Aislinn and Jaxon settle in and think that this will only be for 3 months. They stumble through getting to know each other. Jaxon is falling in love with her and she keeps putting distance between them because of all that has come to light. With the help of her great uncle Aislinn gets information. When her best friend who married her oldest brother return from their honeymoon the real reason for the marriage is revealed to them and then to the family. As time goes by and they try to no avail to get in touch with a long lost Bravo relative her family gets frustrated. When the 3 months come to an end Aislinn moves back to her former house but can't seem to let go of what happened. Jaxon is being patient but doesn't understand her feelings and tries to help by saying she needs to let it go. She goes to the great aunt and uncle for advice and is told the same thing. Contents of a safety deposit box are revealed and a test done. A decision is made and a family gathers for Thanksgiving.

Christine Rimmer's Bravo series has always been a favorite of mine and I always look forward to reading any of them or any other book she writes. You can feel the emotion and pain that they are going through. I look forward to getting the next book in the series and reading more about this group of Bravos.

Julie says

Almost a Bravo by Christine Rimmer is a 2018 Harlequin Special Edition publication.

Five years ago, Aislinn Bravo worked at Martin Durand's ranch, and developed a huge crush on his adoptive son, Jaxon.

After Martin dies, Aislinn, mysteriously enough, is called to sit in on the reading of his will. Curious as to why she was summoned, Aislinn agrees to attend. Unfortunately, the information she receives is devastating. She learns she was switched at birth, which is shocking enough, but one more added decree upends Aislinn's life for better or worse.

Jaxon has been married and divorced, and now Wild River Ranch is his life. But, his adoptive father has thrown his inheritance into doubt by forcing him to marry Aislinn Bravo and stay married for at least three months. Although, Aislinn will get a cash payout, the inability to rob Jaxon of the ranch he loves, convinces her she must agree to the stipulations of the will. But, her guilt over her teenage machinations five years earlier, her sadness and disquiet over learning she is not a Bravo, and Jaxon's announcement that he wants her in his bed, has her feeling confused and vulnerable.

Will Jaxon convince her to stay married, or will Aislinn pick up the pieces of her life and move on?

This is an emotional story, tender and poignant, but also very romantic. The Bravo's rise to the occasion, which was one of the most awesome parts of this story and Jaxon turned out to be breathtakingly sexy, sweet and thoughtful.

The story also has some lighter moments, and I even enjoyed watching Burt, the curmudgeonly ranch hand, meet his match in Aislinn.

While Jaxon has been thrown a huge curve ball it is nothing compared to losing one's entire identity. So, in

my eyes, Aislinn had a lot more to deal with emotionally, which was evident in the panic attacks she suffered at night. However, Jaxon was an Oak! Solid, patient and supportive when many men would have given up.

I will confess to getting choked up a couple of times while reading this one.

Jaxon made a big heartfelt speech to Aislinn, the added information about Martin, and of course the unconditional love of the Bravo family is heartwarming and sincere, proving that family is still family, even if they aren't blood related. So, maybe you'll want to keep some tissues close by, just in case.

Christine Rimmer touches all the right buttons with this one. It's a deep, reflective story, with an amazing romance, topped off with a sweet and touching HEA!!

4.5 stars

Nancy says

Christine Rimmer continues the Bravo family with an added twist in this newest edition. Aislinn Bravo might not be a Bravo after all but the family doesn't feel that way!! Aislinn and Jaxon get thrust into a situation not of their own choosing but make it work in a way that makes you want them to succeed.

Christine's telling of Aislinn's birth makes you want to fight for her to understand that she can't change the past. I loved the way Aislinn relies on family to get her through the tough decisions and think Aunt Daffy and Uncle Percy have it right - you can't control actions from the past, just learn to live with them and make the most of what you've been given. Thanks Christine for adding another classic story to the Bravo family tree!!

Marcie Robinson says

“Almost a Bravo” by Christine Rimmer is book two of the miniseries, The Bravos of Valentine Bay.

Aislinn Bravo learns she was switched at birth (no worries on spoiling the plot – this is mentioned on the back cover copy) and her world shifts. She also learns she has to marry the man she once had a crush on. Jaxon Winter needs to get married to inherit the family ranch. He barely remembers Aislinn when she spent a summer working at Wild River, but he sure notices her now.

The attraction Aislinn had previously toward Jaxon comes roaring back and the two make the most of their temporary marriage.

“Almost a Bravo” has a unique premise and the opening pages draw you in. The book also leans heavily on Aislinn’s point of view and her journey in self-discovery.

Personally, I prefer a balance between the hero’s and heroine’s point of view in the romance books I read. I was disappointed there weren’t more scenes in Jaxon’s POV, even though we did get to know him through his scenes with Aislinn.

Ms. Rimmer’s stories deal with family and family relationships and lets us know that “family” encompasses more than what we think.

Susan says

Captivating and emotional story. What do you do when you discover that everything you believed about yourself is a lie? Five years earlier, Aislinn had briefly worked as a ranch hand for Martin Durand, where she developed a huge crush on the man's adoptive son, Jaxon. Now she's been called to attend the reading of Durand's will. She is shocked and horrified to be told that she was switched at birth with his daughter, meaning that she doesn't have a drop of Bravo blood in her. To top it all off, Durand made it a condition of his will that Aislinn and Jax must marry or Jax will lose his inheritance.

The opening scene in the lawyer's office sucked me into the story and grabbed me by the heart. Aislinn's disbelief and pain at hearing the story of her birth was heart-wrenching. Her meltdown was understandable and believable. Getting the news that she also had to marry Jax was one more blow. Though she claimed that her crush was long over, it was obvious that something was still there. And as much as she hated the circumstances, she still likes and respects Jax and doesn't want to be the cause of him losing the ranch. She struggled over what to do, but the outcome was really never in question. Jax is just as stunned over the will's conditions. To lose the home that has been in his family for generations is unthinkable, and he'll do whatever he must to keep it. After all, it's only for three months.

I enjoyed the development of the relationship between Jax and Aislinn. The sparks between them were undeniable right from the start. Jax was a bit wary at the beginning, slightly suspicious that Aislinn had found a way to get to Martin and manipulate him. Those feelings didn't last long, as he got to know and like her. I loved the way that he did everything he could to make her feel welcome on the ranch. He's also a pretty straightforward man, and as his attraction to Aislinn grew he made it clear that he wanted her. Aislinn has a harder time of it. Spending time with Jax deepens her feelings for him. Giving in to the desire isn't hard, but believing in a future together is another matter. I ached for Aislinn and the panic attacks she would have each night, and for Jax, who tried to understand but was hurt by the way she pulled away. It was pretty clear that she was fighting against the feeling that she had no control over her life, but she didn't know how to fix it. When the three months are up, both Jax and Aislinn know that they are in love, but Aislinn is still fighting for identity. I loved Jax's patience with her fears and that he never gave up hope. I admit to being somewhat frustrated with her at the end, but I also could feel her pain. Her conversation with Percy and Daffy at the end finally helped her put her fears to rest. I loved seeing Aislinn and Jax come together at the end. There was a sweet little twist involving Martin, also.

I loved the importance of family. The love and care that Jax had received from Claudia and Martin made a great foundation for the love he had for Aislinn. For all the love he had for Martin, Jax was also well aware of Martin's faults, and tried hard to help Aislinn see the good side of the man. The closeness of the Bravo family is a huge part of Aislinn's identity, and the news about her birth threw her into a tailspin. She wasn't sure what the news would do to her relationship with her siblings, and that added to her stress. I loved the unquestioning support she received from all of them, especially as she tried to come to terms with her marriage. I really enjoyed seeing her sisters Haley and Harper playing devil's advocate, to get Aislinn to see the truth. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens when the family finally gets in contact with Madison.

Norma says

Another great story from a wonderful author.

Judyrudy says

Almost a Bravo is the second book in Christine Rimmer's The Bravos of Valentine Bay series. I absolutely loved this book! I was hooked from the opening pages. How does one react when they discover the life they've led wasn't theirs to live? When Aislinn Bravo is summoned to an attorney's office she has no idea her life is going to change. When she sits for the reading of the will and discovers what Martin Durand has put in motion for not only her but Jaxon Winter's, they realize immediately how their lives are going to change.

I've got to say I fell in love with Jaxon. I loved the heartfelt compassion he had for Aislinn from the outset. He had a lot to lose if she didn't accept the terms of the will but he gave her the time she needed to make a decision that ultimately changed the direction of his life too.

I enjoyed watching them fall into love. It was heartwarming watching them as they gave into their hearts desire. I can only image the hurt and confusion Aislinn felt when she discovered the family that she grew up believing was hers wasn't. Ms. Rimmer did a fantastic job putting the reader into Aislinn's head as she delved into her feelings. She couldn't get over the fact that all of the good times and bad that she experienced really belonged to another person. I can totally understand why she questioned her life and why she needed to work though her issues on her own.

Almost a Bravo is a story filled with its ups and downs. One thing Jax never gives up on Aislinn as she learns to deal with her past and her future. I highly recommend reading Almost a Bravo. You won't be disappointed!
