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A fan-favorite story from New York Times bestselling author Candace Camp, originally published in 2003.

Rachel Aincourt fears that she's trapped in a loveless marriage. Her husband, Michael Trent, the Earl of Westhampton, is cold, enigmatic, and completely unreadable, and Rachel herself is miserable.

But what she doesn't know is that behind Michael's stiff demeanor lies a man who thrives on danger and intrigue. And now he's been drawn into a dark, dangerous mystery—one that involves Rachel herself. To solve it, he'll need to take on the most difficult, but rewarding, task of all: convincing his wife that he loves her.

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Lori Quick says

I enjoyed Secrets of the Heart by Candace Camp. She has always been a fantastic storyteller and this book is not exception. There were a lot of things going on in the story and I could not put the book down, I could not wait to see what happens. I loved the characters and the sub characters. Well worth the read!!! I received an advance readers copy and have voluntarily reviewed the book.

Μαρ?α Γεωργοπο?λου says

I wanted to read the story of Rachel and Michael since I read the first book in this trilogy and I have to admit that it was worth waiting! I liked them very much, although sometimes both of them were too stubborn but the chemistry between them is great!

The plot was very good and the characters (faults and all!) were likeable! What I didn't really like was the hasty ending because I wanted to learn more about their future together!

Candace Nagy says

Secrets of the Heart by Candace Camp took me on an emotional roller coaster. I really felt for the hero and heroine, and felt connected to them. This story had me very emotionally invested. They both had their reasons for not communicating and misinterpreting each other's actions but I wanted to shake some sense into them a few times. Beyond that, Michael and Rachel were amazing characters. Both very likeable. The story was a bit far fetched, but I think that's what make it stand out. I was able to predict the ending but it was well written. I enjoyed this story a lot.

Rachel says

I've read all the books in this series and this one is my favorite. Hero and Heroine get married and have a marriage that is not a happy one due to events that took place in the days before the wedding.

We find out that Hero is also working as a spy.

Heroine has been approached by her former Beau for assistance in a matter that a spy would be able to help with.

Heroine and Hero(in disguise) work together to solve the problem at hand while learning about each other as they had not in the 5 years they have been married.

Conflict arises when it is discovered that our Hero has been in disguise this whole time. But with more heartfelt discussions and declarations of love we wind our way to a happily ever after.

Desi says

Engaging, if far-fetched mystery. Features a borderline Superman vs Clarke Kent ridiculous disguise (seriously you didn't recognize him?! Miss me with that bs). Endearing characters with sufficient emotional depth.

Nia says

I started this trilogy thinking "Wow, this isn't impressive at all.". The second book was better but 'not by much'. The third book however was the true gem of the series and it teaches me that in books that come in series, sometimes you just have to stick with it because you may just uncover something you will like.

I felt more for these two then I did for a lot of various heroes and heroines along the way. It was nice to get away from the 'brooding hero' stereotype that most regencies/historical seem to through your way. I like reading about other kinds of men. The silly goofball, the shy scholar, the happy go lucky rakehell. Because men come in different flavors aside from 'tall, dark and brooding' and seriously.. that gets a bit boring at times (Yes Amanda Quick, you're on notice.)

Michael was quiet, gentle and scholarly.. granted he liked to throw on investigative disguises.. well that made him even more interesting and varied. He didn't brood and you could see the ache of his heart where he loved his wife even though there was a whole lot of backstory there that invariably muddles it up. But there was something about him too that caught my heart, and made me root for him and Rachel from the very core of my being. I love a good love story and this one was it.

As they say, for one book... an entire author is saved. Because of this book, I would be willing to read anything else that Candace Camp dragged out of her repertoire, yes it was just -that- good!

Adriana Fogaça says

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Na minha humilde opinião, este último livro da trilogia Aincourt é o melhor romance. Não só pelo casal fascinante, mas pela trama num todo, onde se encontraram muitos mistérios e intrigas. Sem dúvida podemos classificá-lo como um excelente romance policial.

A princípio estão cegos com suas respectivas paixões que nem percebem nada que está acontecendo ao redor, nada além do que há na superfície. Michael está apaixonado pela primeira vez, e não percebe que Rachel não corresponde ao seu amor. Já Rachel, não se dá conta dos sentimentos profundos que Michael tem por ela, só tem olhos pro seu próprio amor.

Mesmo descobrindo os sentimentos um do outro, eles acabam se casando. Um casamento de fachada, são extremamente formais um com o outro, até parecem meros desconhecidos. Michael se sente o maior egoísta do planeta porque se casou com Rachel mesmo sabendo que ela amava outro. E Rachel não se sente digna de

Michael, porque acredita que ele foi forçado a casar com ela para evitar um escândalo. Desencontros!!!

Cada um vive no seu mundinho, até que esse se funde de uma forma inesperada, eles vão ter que colocar do sentimento a prova, vão viver uma aventura e provar que são muito mais inteligentes que seu inimigo.

E depois de 7 anos vivendo em mundos separados, eles serão obrigados a mudar a situação, será que vão conseguir perdoar um ao outro? E viver o amor que tanto anseiam? Para descobrir você terá que ler.

ADORO!!!

RECOMENDADÍSSIMO!!!

Su says

I don't remember reading a book from this author. I don't know about her other works but I didn't care much about the writing style in this one. His side of story, her side of the same happenings, redundancy of her and his thoughts gets quite boring. Other things that bothered me is he doesn't know her own husband because of darkened hair color, change of dress and pretended accent! By the way, wouldn't a daughter of an Earl be addressed as Lady? She was called Miss before her marriage even though she was daughter of an Earl.

Isa says

Compré el libro sin fijarme que era una serie. Los he adorado; a los dos. Me encantan las historias de matrimonios rotos.

Me comprará el resto si los encuentro también.

Mou says

Two betrayals...

Not for me...

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/2114828574>

Suzannah says

I think this is the book that I have been waiting for. I loved the character of Rachel Aincourt. I enjoyed her sweetness I have grown weary of hardened “strong” female heroines. This book can be read as a stand alone; however, it is always best to read an entire series to get the depth of the characters. I enjoyed how Camp deepens Rachel and Michael’s relationship. I hope she has more coming in this series.

Lori D says

Another amazing story by Candace Camp, full of wounded hearts, second chances, spies and a whopper of a mystery that I did not see coming!! I knew when I picked up this third installment of the Aincourt's Heart series, to be prepared to read straight through. There is no putting down Candace's books once you start. This is a tale of a marriage definately not starting off well and left stagnant for years. Rachel in her first season falls in love with an inappropriate gentleman, that is one with no money. Michael Trent, The Earl of Westhampton had fallen in love with her and asked for her hand. With no choice (there is a lot that happens before the blissful day) they marry but Michael does not make her a true wife because he feels she is still in love with the other gentleman. Yes a tangled mess but things are not always as they seem. Michael presents the demeanor of a studious, scholarly man with not a lot of emotion. But there is a lot hidden underneath that is takes years for Rachel to grasp! There is also a mystery involved that runs the gamut of suspects but is very involved and there is a surprising ending. I really did not want to turn the last page knowing this was the end of this series. But know there is more from this author I cannot wait to read!!

Preeti ♥? (Romance She Reads) says

This is one of those books where I grappled with the rating, as there were things that I liked and disliked – equally and a lot. And I'd waited so eagerly to get to Rachel and Michael's story!

Much as I liked, even loved both the H/h, they both contribute to the problem. Definitely the h more so.

Spoilers

So the book's about a marriage in trouble (an understatement!) -7 years and unconsummated! Their's was an arranged match but the H had agreed to marry her as he secretly loved her and the h agreed for duty. She loved another and ran away with the om (strike one!) a couple of days before this arranged h/H wedding. The H is shaken but marries her regardless, and so saves her and her family from ignominy.

In the present, they live apart - she in London, partying and socializing. She has plenty of friends and admirers. But is careful to let no scandal touch her as she respects her husband too much to humiliate him (again!). While he stays at their country estate, ostensibly a content gentleman farmer now.

The book opens with the h getting hints that her quiet, unassuming husband may in fact be leading a double life. Exactly what, she's not sure till someone mentions a secret mistress. Why she gets upset and feels betrayed, I'm not sure but she does. And feels she has to get to the bottom of all this. Having always been seen as dutiful and appeasing, she feels it's time she took matters and destiny in her own hands.

So she goes to confront this mistress and ends up meeting her husband's 'bastard' half- brother – a rough rugged version of the H. Attraction flares between the two and a few hot heavy scenes ensue (strike two!). So basically she betrays and is emotionally unfaithful (at the very minimum) to the H (as a fiancé then and a husband now) **twice!** That was quite unforgivable for me, much as the author plays out and sorts this bit out. She may have a lot of respect and may feel obligated towards the H but what about love and passion? That came too late (for me), and also the author seems to authenticate the point that the h prefers an alpha version to a gentle, patient beta one and that bad boys do win the girls!

In the previous book, when this H endangers his life in a heroic gesture, her reaction made me certain that she loves him secretly but it doesn't pan out that way in this book. Her feelings don't metamorphose till the

very end!

But taking out these bothersome bits, there were a lot of sweet and winnable parts that elevate this book and it's a very good 'marriage in trouble' book.
So I'm going with a 3.75 after my discontent-disgorging-rant!

ChloeLeeNH says

The relationship between h/h was very detailed and very frustrating... how they can't communicate and things in the past make it hard to move forward... but I like how a second "character" comes in and makes it what it should be. The mystery was a good bonding tool as well in the whole relationship. Another strong novel!

Maggie Whitworth says

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This is a book that keeps you guessing from beginning to end .

Will they , won't they , who's the culprit, it's all very nail biting stuff .

Another gem from Candace that grabs your attention, and from the start makes you want to hug the life from Michael , I felt for him so much .

Read it yourself and see the outcome .
