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From pure - to pregnant! Lovely Neve Macleod's life is shrouded by scandal. The tabloids delight in branding her a scarlet widow, but in reality her marriage was for convenience. She's still a virgin, and a caring single stepmother - but no one wants to hear the truth...That is until she finds herself stranded and snowbound with brooding tycoon Severo Constanza - an unlikely saviour. As the magnificent Italian comes to her rescue he knows nothing of her salacious past - just that she's pure at present!

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Mudpie says

This book has a terrible title...but in 3 words it summed up the plot nicely so go on, no need to read any further LOL.

Neve inherited a 14 year old stepdaughter in her marriage of convenience to her father's best friend; James left her 'some' money and properties which painted her a gold digger and scarlet widow in the tabloids.

Reading how Hannah the stepdaughter treated Neve was damn painful; plus her TSTL actions charging headlong into a blizzard in a 'borrowed' car belonging to Savero made me real frustrated. But I tell myself if this didn't happen we would not have gotten a story...so I had to bear with it and read on.

I'd say the stranded scene alone was like 50 percent of the book, if not longer! Wish we had been told what happened in the household where both Neve and Savero took refuge that night.

Anyway it was the usual shock and denial when both found out Neve was pregnant. But I really like the ending!

SPOILERS

WHen Severo's off the cuff remark to his nasty stepmother was used by her to spread baseless rumours about his financial situation, Neve immediately went to find out how much James left her and offered it freely to him.

She was never interested in James' money and did not even cared to find out the full extent of her inheritance, proved to Severo she ain't no gold digger. And based on Savero, James left her A LOT of money so if she's with Savero it's not for HIS money.

I wish James and Neve had trusted Hannah enough to explain the real reason why they got married. If she at least knew her father was no lecherous fool and Neve was not a gold digger their relationship would not have been so bad.

Kudos to Savero for the lecture after the blizzard rescue and she did turn out to be a smart and lovely girl instrumental in bringing Neve and Savero together.

Luckily I did not DNF the book! I really wanted to in the first half!

RomLibrary says

She had a MOC and is now a wealthy widow. She follows her stepdaughter into the snow. She offers her all

her inherited money when it is falsely reported that he is bankrupt. He throws flowers at her, he thinks are from OM when she is in the pool. She goes to his bedroom to seduce him that night. Lovely Neve Macleod's life is shrouded by scandal. The tabloids delight in branding her a scarlet widow, but in reality her marriage was for convenience. She's still a virgin, and a caring single stepmother—but no one wants to hear the truth....That is, until she finds herself stranded and snowbound with brooding tycoon Severo Constanza—an unlikely savior. As the magnificent Italian comes to her rescue, he knows nothing of her salacious past—just that she's pure at present!

Danielle says

I'm giving this a generous 3 stars, though I could give it a 2.5 stars as well, but I'll give it the 3 I guess even though I liked my 3 stars books a lot more than I liked this one, but I'll keep my rating a 3 nonetheless.

Overall I thought this book was just okay. I'm a little back and forth about this book with some things I liked and some things I didn't. There were things that I didn't really connect with like the characters for example that just didn't draw me into the story. Just the emotion and emotional connection just wasn't there for me, and even felt a little bit unrealistic and contrived between Severo and Neve. There was no way that I felt like he was in love with her even at the end, and was a little bit forced or rushed to make even more unbelievable. There was just no build up for me that I like to see in a book to a character's progression as well as emotional growth, which was where the story kind of fell flat to me.

There were parts that I felt dragged and then other things I felt rushed and not really satisfied with. I just expected that there would be more tension between the character or at least I would feel it more than I did. More I just didn't feel it, I know they said they wanted each other, but really didn't come across to me. I needed more show before they jumped into, which seemed a bit too soon in my view, I would have liked more built up or more of struggle before they decided to go that way. I like when it spaced out and the characters have to wait because that builds the anticipation not only for them, but me as the reader as well, and I just didn't get that. In this book, they shared their first kiss and first time in the same scene, and though it was passionate, it still didn't feel right and rushed too quickly like I said. It was almost unbelievable especially on her part, I don't think she would have jumped in just like that, and would have thought about it more because that just seemed like her character than randomly hoping in bed with a stranger. I get that she was curious and that she was a virgin and she wanted to do something for herself for once and just enjoy what was given to her, but it just felt out of character for, therefore making it unbelievable. I would have been more satisfied if they shared a kiss in one scene, building up their attraction for one another, and then they stop and they both think about it first then give into temptation. It would have like that better and it would have made it more believable, not that people don't just jump into bed with strangers in real life because they do, but in these types of stories I would more of the build up and not rush into. Or maybe my problem was that I just didn't feel it or felt like they were quite there yet with me feeling it was just thrown in there or something. I just didn't feel the steam and chemistry coming off the page between the two of them where I would see they give into temptation. I think that was really what it came to was that I wasn't feeling it between them quite yet.

Another point which relates to the point I just made above was that I was disappointed in the development of their relationship, which was practically nonexistent and kind of just there with no rhyme or reason. It just didn't make sense, and I see the growth of the relationship especially on his part, I think he could have had a bigger revelation than he did and realize the mistake he made with his accusations. I was just expecting so much more especially with the whole them getting stuck in a cabin in a snow storm and having no where to

go and only having each other to entertain each other. And don't get me wrong they do that, and have some disagreements along the way, but I was just expecting more and more drawing out the love scenes. There could have been so much that happened and many possibilities there that could have added to the steaminess and the believability to it, but it wasn't there, which was a shame. It just took them so long to get to the cabin that there wasn't really development of their relationship. It was like they were stuck then were knocking boots all of a sudden. Really? I can understand where he was coming from since he was a guy, but not so much her and it just didn't feel right when they did do the deed. I wanted that build up of tension while they were locked in this cabin and drawing that out while getting to know each other and discovering who the other was, but that didn't happen. They just slept together, and that was that then they have a misunderstanding and he was gone. Then they were separated for months with no relationship building along the way then he was back because she got pregnant and even still there was no relationship building and kind of rushed on from there. There were just so many summaries to let the reader know the passage of time, but nothing really meaningful happened until the end. So the relationship and the fact that they were supposedly in love was a little hard to swallow.

Also I wasn't really a fan of the characters either. Wasn't really swooning over him, who I felt was attracted to her, and gave into it because they were stuck in that cabin together, and I really felt nothing emotionally coming off of him. He really didn't do anything fantastic to make up his harsh judgments of Neve. There were no big romantic gestures or actually anything really romantic in this story period. He just fell flat to me, and I didn't care for him or root him really.

Neve was okay, and I felt sorry for her especially in that beginning with that bratty stepdaughter she had with her dumping everything on poor Neve when she didn't deserve it. I thought at the beginning that this was a promising start, and I was really anxious to see her love story play out in the end where she got her own prince charming. There was just so much potential there and then when Neve ran right into a blizzard to try to get her stepdaughter back and ran into Severo and stole his car, I thought that was great and a unique way for them to meet and I really liked that, which made me think that this story would be really good. It was also a good way to show how she cared about her stepdaughter despite the fact Neve was dumped on by her. And that showed her character to real well. But then as it continued on it just kind of flattened out after that. Which another point with her being out of character with the whole love scene was that I don't think she would have done anything until she knew her stepdaughter was safe since that was her main focus all along. I get that he convinced her to give in and not worry about it so he could sleep with her, but I really don't think she would have done that and discounted her worry for Hannah just like that just because he said so. And though I felt for her and all and all she went through, I am not sure if I liked her or not. I'm kind of neutral about her, and wasn't necessarily rooting for her or against her either.

And Hannah was just a little brat. I get why she was mad and why she didn't trust Neve, but some of the things that she said were way out of line and not fair at all to Neve, who just took it. I wanted to just wring Hannah's neck at times. But then she changed pretty much overnight once Severo yelled at her, I was glad he did that and that was one redeemable thing he did, and put her in her place then just liked that Hannah and Neve were bffs. Really? That doesn't sound realistic to me. I would have preferred if there was a gradual progression of the relationship between Hannah and Neve instead of this 180 degree turn. It was good for Neve's sake, but it didn't make a lot of sense either not after all the stuff she said to Neve along the way and how she treated Neve like garbage and then all of sudden they were close and close can be. I don't think so. They were almost too close. And then the fact that Hannah called Severo and told him that Neve was pregnant seemed a little weird to me too. I get it was to get him back in Neve's life, but it still didn't make a lot of sense either. It was just too much of a shift of her character.

This book was okay, it wasn't great, but bad either with some highlights along the way. Despite the fact that I

didn't like when and how the love scene occurred, it was very passionate and hot to read. The beginning with the twist of how Severo and Neve met was good too, and sounded promising. I wanted more from them stuck in the cabin, more emotional scenes and getting to know one another instead of just the physical stuff just to show how their relationship developed and how they each grew emotionally because of their time together. I expected more of a build up and tension and friction between the characters before they gave into one another, and just there could have been so much more done with the cabin scene. More anticipation and steaminess could have been there. The characters were not my favorite and I really didn't connect to them overall much, and I was kind of indifferent to them with me not really rooting for their love story like I usually do in Presents. I just didn't feel it from them. Just something wasn't clicking for me, which is a shame because I was looking forward to reading this especially with the whole them being stuck in a cabin thing. Maybe it was the whole stepdaughter thing that took up a majority of the plot and the romance was kind of pushed to the side and not really the main focus with the emotional roller coaster you're suppose to go in these books. The love story just didn't do for me and just felt off to me. In fact the whole book kind of felt off to me and I didn't enjoy it as much as I thought I would.

Lisa Kay says

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Jenny says

Neve is a young widowed woman whose marriage was on paper only. After the death of her much older husband she finds herself trying to build a good relationship with her teenage stepdaughter. When her daughter goes missing she starts searching for her and ends up stranded with Severo due to snow.

Neve and Severo spend one hot night together. Afterwards Severo finds out who Neve is and he thinks she is a gold-digger cause her much older husband left her a fortune so he cuts all ties with her. Neve discovers she is pregnant but she thinks Severo is married so she stays away from him that is until Severo finds out about the consequences of their night together.

Very sweet book. Kim Lawrence always writes heartwarming romances. I love her sweet cute heroines and her alpha heroes. These two had great chemistry and i was rooting for them! I loved how heroine offered all her money to hero once she thought he lost all his money and how this action of hers made hero see the pure generous woman Neve really is!

Vanessa says

Neve Macleod was recently involved in a MOC – this was a bit creepy if you thought about it and didn't make a lot of sense if you did the same, but....okay just.....DON'T. So she tries to get on w/ her teenage stepdaughter, but she doesn't trust that Neve married her father for good reasons and doesn't give her an inch. Seems stepdaughter is a bit spoiled, but that just sets up the whole story. Severo Constanza has a nasty stepmom who was awful to his father and Severo doesn't think much of women that he categorizes like her. However, when he first sees Neve she has captured him in some odd way as she then immediately jumps into his vehicle and flees after her stepdaughter in blizzard like conditions. Inevitably Severo goes after her.

I liked Severo for the most part. He was a good guy and I liked both him and Neve together. I found him to be a great hero and he did show a bit of his fear because of his childhood at one point. When he showed this reversal I SSSOOO loved Neve's set-down to him! That was so worth it and spot on. Severo truly didn't have a reason to believe what he did given what he knew, but he couldn't seem to see past what was tossed out at him then. Both these characters had some humorous moments, and they truly seemed to care about one another despite Severo's brief episode and Neve's belief of the very thing she told him not to trust in. So if you suspend belief just a bit, as is required apparently in this HPland, then it really was a romantic read.

RLA says

The heroine Neve is trying to build a relationship with her teenage stepdaughter and ignore all the public scandal about her and her late husband's marriage. But her stepdaughter seems determined to hate her, and she ends up running off in the middle of a blizzard taking Neve's car with her. Neve impulsively jumps in the nearest car to go after her, and that turns out to be the hero Severo's car. Severo and Neve end up being stranded due to the snow and take shelter in a nearby empty house. Even though Severo thinks that Neve's actions were stupid and irresponsible, he can't help but be drawn to her seemingly innocent nature. While they are stranded, Neve and Severo end up acting on the desire between them but after they are rescued and Severo finds out exactly who Neve is he thinks she is a gold digger and wants nothing else to do with her. Neve goes back to her life and tries to forget all about Severo, their brief affair, and her humiliation but when she discovers she is pregnant she had to work up the courage to see him again.

I had a difficult time deciding what to rate this book; I liked it, but there are certain elements of it that I found quite frustrating. The plot itself is interesting and kept me reading. But the heroine at times acts childish and whines, a lot. Plus she lets the overly dominant hero boss her around so much - I really don't like heroines like this.

However, I did like the story. It's an OK read.

Originally posted at <http://everyday-is-the-same.blogspot....>

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

3.5 stars

It's the title's fault, I was expecting something more scandalous.

For starters, why were both the H and h at that place?
And the evil step-mom at the train station appearance, how and why did she arrive there?
id I skim those parts and missed the info? Very possible.
Do I care? Not really.

Also, the Hannah transformation was a bit overkill.

I needed a bit of groveling from the H but I can let it go, I guess his heroic actions during the blizzard

compensate it (?)

Esther says

Rating 3.5

Was a nice read but found it did drag at times.

Laura Kaye says

This was my third Harlequin Presents (I went on a Presents reading binge LOL). I'm more torn about this one than I was the other two I read. The heroine was likeable sometimes, and at least I understood her when she wasn't being totally likeable (i.e., overly whiny), but I think her characterization needed work to be more successful. The hero was introduced as he threw repeated orders at her and continuously chided her for acting like a child, so it wasn't the most favorable introduction--and, oddly, the reader didn't know what made him the typical presents hero (i.e., rich, powerful, high status, etc.) until late in the story, so we didn't even have that allure initially. By the middle section of the book I started connecting more with the characters, but like another Presents I've read, I found the ending to be rushed and unsatisfying. Is it a trait of all Presents that the hero just announces they're getting married? I've now seen that in 2 of 3. This one also wasn't as plot-driven as the other two I've read either, which made the weaker characterizations more noticeable. Quick read, but mixed, but some may enjoy more than me.

Taya M says

This was such a sweet read.... I love the way that the characters get along and I think that the balance of happiness and sadness was perfect. I wish Hannah had been in the book a bit more because she was hilarious and made the plot so much more interesting.

I would recommend this book for people who like happy endings and want to read a relaxing book that makes life seem as though anything can be fixed.

Over all this book was a pleasurable read and it wasn't one that took a lot of effort to get into, I was hooked right from the start.

Lemon says

If there were a prize for the stupidest book character ever created in the history of man kind, this would be a top contender. Completely unreadable story with possibly the most annoying and moronic heroine ever written. I DNF'd this at chapter 4, I just couldn't take being annoyed by the heroine's whining and epic

stupidity any longer. I am a Kim Lawrence fan, but this was an EPIC FAIL with a totally implausible and ridiculous story line. This is saying quite a bit considering we're talking about a Harlequin here, both in the annoying heroine and implausible story line territory. A completely disappointing Kim Lawrence.

Vanessa says

Ohmigod this heroine is just ridiculous. She didn't act like a person who could get the attention of the guy she's with. I think I could try to guess at what the author was going for, but still, painful.

Chantal ♥? says

Awesome read!!! It was great and they had a lot of chemistry hot! She is a virgin widow who had the stepdaughter from hell. She runs off and Neve steals the Heros car to find her ending up in a cottage in a snow storm with nothing to do but each other...wow. Shen ends up pregnant because He forgot the condom once (yeah it's not that easy to get pregnant most times). He wants the true and the baby.

Missy says

Read as "The Price of Scandal". A wonderful entertaining read. Adventure and scandal abound in this witty story as Neve and Severo battle a snowstorm getting trapped alone for a night of passion. The passion between them is amazingly romantic and lovely. The scene is written so well it seems to come out of your romantic dreams.
