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He needs a husband to create the perfect family. . .

Months after his oldest brother's death, Callum O'Donnell's unrelenting grief is interrupted when he learns his brother's daughter needs him. Seeing Sophie neglected and exploited by their other brother, Callum has no choice but to take her in. He's barely in a position to support himself, much less his eight-year-old niece, but Callum is duty-bound to step in and care for Sophie just as Jon cared for him growing up. He needs a place for them to stay, and an old friend offers just that in his new brownstone house.

Reid Ainsworth is happy to help Callum out of his crisis. Though he harbors a secret crush on his handsome friend, now isn't the time to act on it. As it should be, Callum's priority is Sophie's well-being. But living with Callum full-time only makes Reid want a long-term commitment to him--something he's never wanted before. When Callum's bid for custody of his niece is jeopardized by his single marital status and lack of financial resources, Reid suggests they marry and create a stable home life for Sophie that is sure to impress a family court judge.

Despite the seemingly perfect solution to his problems, Callum is torn between his need to create a perfect family for Sophie and his growing desire for Reid, a man he is convinced is out of his league. Callum's self-doubts and insecurities risk ruining the chance he and Reid can turn their marriage of convenience into one of love.

Husband To Make A Family is a standalone gay romance with no cliffhangers or cheating. It has a HEA ending and explicit scenes.

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From Reader Review Husband To Make A Family for online ebook

Jenn C says

Cute but thing special.

Gigi says

I tried but only made it to 27%. It wasn't working for me. I hope it works for some of you!

Original observation:

That blurb! A kid and a forced living situation and marriage of convenience... My crack! But I've been burned by this author before so I'm gonna wait for some reviews to come it.

Denise H. says

*** Callum is younger, 22, working as an intern for a Senator's Office,

hoping for a permanent position. Callum's older brother and his wife died and their daughter, sweet Sophie, 8, lives with his other brother and his wife. When Callum visits his niece he's been close to, he finds his brother drunk, and the wife passed out cold. Sophie hasn't been taken to school, and there is paperwork saying his brother was taking money from Sophie's trust fund. Callum took Sophie home with him. His best friend Reid offers them a place to stay,

and to help Callum get custody. Reid is moving up, bought a house and got his research job, not relying on his wealthy family's money. Reid has been in love with Callum for years, and works with Callum to get her back in school, fed properly, and back to an established schedule. In their research with the lawyer, Callum needs to be in a home, married, and have a steady income.

Reid says, "marry me" and so they do just that. Callum has always liked Reid, but doesn't think he's good enough for Reid's high society family, but Reid isn't like them. He wants Callum for his own. Events take place, things change and the guys must face their true feelings. These characters are vivid, realistic, intense, and full of emotion. The story flows well, and the guys sex scenes are super hot ! We see some dramatic times, and heartwarming scenes, too. We are left with a happy feeling, and wonderful HEA. ENJOY !

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Crazychriss889 says

3 stars :D

There might be some tiny spoilers in there.

Characters?

Liked them :D

I think Callum is pretty mature. I mean, goodness, he's 22 and is totally up for taking care of his 9 year old niece. Liked that.

I liked that he had some insecurities he had to deal with but those never really stood too much in the way. I loved that he was so into his career and just a great guy in general.

Didn't like about him, though, that he doesn't talk to his niece for months after her parents died. I mean, with?? He should have been there for her. He was on the edge? Well, think about her!

Reid?

Like that he stood up for Callum. Like him for being such a good friend and for making Sophie feel welcome at once.

Definitely nearly hated him when he pushed Callum away. I mean, the two of them haven't even ever dated and Callum is just kinda supposed to fall in love with him just like that? With Reid at least could have given him some time but it was just like: Decide now or go. Thanks. Then I'll leave. The way their relationship ends was just unbelievably immature and Reid is supposed to be the older one! I kinda get that he wants to save his heart but come on...

Writing style?

Liked it. There were some mistakes, though.

And I wasn't really okay with the fact that Callum never talks with his niece about her parents. Plus, it's almost like her mom didn't die because it's always just about her dad. Sure, he was Callum's brother but Sophie lost both her parents and no one really ever sits down with her and talks to her about this.

Plot?

Liked the idea.

Didn't like some of the parts. Also, their love story is only made up by the last 30% of the novel...

Anyways, 3 stars is alright :D

It's still a book I would recommend, though.

Rachel says

Eh

This was okay. The relationship was rushed and felt forced. There was a lot of telling and not a lot of showing.

Rhowena says

So meh. 2.75

***~*~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~*~* says**

Holy shit, this book was horrible :-/!! See the 1 star rating? Now imagine a "-" sign right before it. I wish I could unread this ... the book was THAT bad. I do believe I am completely done with this author and I most definitely DO NOT recommend this. Oy.

I'll say it again, thank goodness for KU. THIS is why I use it ... to try books I am completely on the fence about. Just goes to show that instinct is a many splendored thing!!

KU. On my KU shelf and I've been wanting to knock this one off before heading back into my regular book queue.

Heath Greenfield says

Couldn't suspend my disbelief

This story lacked enough strength to carry itself. The author's choice to use a heavy storyline (man takes on care of orphaned niece because other brother is neglecting her but to get custody, he marries roommate). The topics were heavy, and the character development was weak. The good guys were so good, and the bad guys were just awful and, of course, the good guys get HEA, and the emotional fallout of death, gambling addictions, drug abuse, a child not being fed more than once a day and being kept out of school for six weeks with no visit from DCFS, a fake marriage openly done only for custody reasons...all gets solved with giving a kid cake for dessert. The main characters have such abrupt emotional shifts it's hard to vest yourself in them. It seems like this was a rushed story. The author's voice was readable, though, and the plot, itself, catches the eye (very romance novel 1970's theme). I made it through to the end, and I didn't hate it...there's that, I guess.

Michelle says

2.5 stars

I read this through KU. I loved the idea of the story. Getting married to keep family members together and safe is something I love to read. However, I couldn't get into it because of the setup. Callum lost his brother, who basically raised him and was his best friend, and had a hard time dealing with his death. So of course he ignores the rest of his family for six weeks, until he gets his head out of his ass and realizes that maybe he should go see his 8 y.o. niece who was being cared for by his other brother. When he goes to visit her, he sees the horrible way she's being cared for and decides to take care of her himself. Good for him.

From there he comes up with a plan to show the court that he can raise his niece, which includes marrying Reid to provide a stable family.

I couldn't get over the fact that no one questioned the whereabouts of an eight year old at school. Sophie would be in the second grade and after her parents died and she went to school once or twice, she disappears

off the face of the earth. How does any respectable teacher or school system not try to find out what is going on? The fact that the only thing her teacher tells Callum when he goes to talk with her, upon returning Sophie back to school is, "Oh, well I tried calling but no one picked up..." How is that okay? Livid.

And lets completely ignore the fact that there was no mention of getting Sophie into the therapy. First she lost BOTH her parents just 6 weeks earlier. And in the next six weeks she was emotionally and physically neglected by relatives that were supposed to be taking care of her.

Thinking back on this book, this was more a story about child custody than romance. It didn't feel like a romance book until the very end of the book.

Final notes:

- minor character death [off page]
 - minor child neglect
 - minor age difference between main characters
 - a gross stalking/agressive ex boyfriend
 - a cute 8 year old
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Kazza says

This is a sweet book... and not as in saccharine or sap overload. The main characters are likeable guys who always think of Sophie. They make choices, for the most part, that are good for an eight year old who has had her life ripped up by the death of her mother and father, and was then looked after by a selfish aunt and uncle. There could have been a bit more emotion on Sophie's part but this is meant to be light reading.

A couple of incorrect words used - nothing big - one tense issue, and the author really does need to learn to use contractions in dialogue. But whatever, I enjoyed the story because its heart was in the right place, and I liked Callum and Reid. Sometimes you just want decent, no-problem people in your reading

Yes, Cindi. I actively chose a book with a family *AND* a child. My anti-Kazza read. You can stop laughing at me now, I see you, because it was a nice, uncomplicated story and I enjoyed it.

If you're looking for something quick, light and easy to read, if you *do* like kids in your gay romance stories, then this is a nice book and it was inexpensive to buy - bonus.

Joelle says

This was a sweet story that addressed some pretty intense stuff like death, child neglect, drug addiction, embezzlement, gambling, and a child custody battle.

I liked how Callum stepped up to take care of his niece. He should have stepped up before he did but he's only 22 so I'll cut him a little bit of slack. Sophie was really cute. She's been dealt a tough blow in losing both of her parents but she's kept some of her sweet innocence. I loved when she was texting Reid for Callum. She was too funny! I really loved that Reid stepped up and offered to marry Callum so they could present a united front to the judge. I adored them with Sophie. They were so sweet together. They made a

great little family and I wanted them to stay together permanently.

So it totally frustrated me that neither one of them could open their mouths and tell the other how they felt. They made me want to scream. Not as much as that leech Dolvin though. Ugh! I haven't hated a character like that in a long time. He was such a slimy jerk. I loved when Callum put him in his place!

Raj says

With two likable lead characters and a story that is sweet without an excessive amount of sugar makes this a pleasant read for just about anyone to enjoy!

StoneWolf says

Loved it....

I loved this story, wish it had been longer actually, I would have liked to read more family interaction. This one could easily have been fleshed out into a longer novel. But it was still a good read even as is. A+++ Author and total recommendation!

Pebbles1374 says

2.5 stars

That wasn't really a romance in my eyes.

Pianisuparse says

4 'This was really easy to read and I loved these types of fake relationships becoming real scenarios' stars.
