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A Texas-size pregnancy surprise!

Cecelia Morgan needs to take her business to the next level, and decorating the new luxury resort in Royal, Texas, is just the ticket. But at the meeting to pitch her designs, she comes face-to-face with Deacon Chase, her former flame from the wrong side of the tracks who grew up to be a billionaire hotelier. Turns out he's the silent partner in this project. Their chemistry is off the charts. Too bad she's spoken for.

But when the blackmailer terrorizing the Texas Cattleman's Club targets Cecelia, revealing a past secret that ruins her present engagement, she turns to Deacon for comfort...only to soon be expecting!

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Tina says

Great read! Beautiful rich girl falls for poor boy from the wrong side of town then breaks both their hearts because of her snooty parents. He leaves town, makes millions and comes back to town to show Royal how successful he's become.

She's successful in her own right and their paths cross when she is chosen to decorate his new resort in town. A local busy-body is wreaking havoc in town by digging up and exposing peoples' secrets. Cecelia is his latest victim. As a result, he engagement to rising politician Chip is broken. She seeks out Draco for comfort and sparks fly just like when they were kids.

Her parents and ex-fiancé are convinced she'll take old Chip back but little do they know she has secrets of her own.

I read this book in one evening. I couldn't put it down! Always a joy to visit Royal and the TCC. This book was no exception. Great job Andrea!

Fiona Marsden says

This is a nice reunion story. Not my favourite kind as they've been separated for more than ten years so we know there have been others on the way but I like that we don't get any details beyond the fact that the heroine, Cecelia Morgan, is engaged at the start of the story. And I seriously would have put the book down if we got any nasty details because her fiance is a real jerk.

Deacon Chase left Royal (yes this is part of a Texas Cattleman's Club series) at around eighteen after Cecelia dumped him under pressure from her parents. He's done very well for himself and is back in town as part owner of a resort with one of the other heroes from the series.

Cecelia hasn't left town and spent her time building her own business and a reputation as part of the mean girls clique in Royal. We get mentions of her nasty actions that presumably occurred in earlier books.

So we have a reunion, a redemption story and a baby. Not a secret if you note the title.

This isn't one of those reunions where the hero comes back all vengeful. In fact both hero and heroine were pretty decent and intelligent people. Mostly. A lot of the action comes from external conflict. There is a blackmailer causing trouble in Royal as the overall suspense arc in the series. Apart from that and the trouble caused by Cecelia's ambitious ex (I really hope we don't see him redeemed.) it's all quite amicable.

Overall a nice story and easy to read without the earlier books in the series.

I received an ARC for an independent review.

Lynn Brooks says

The ultimate in reunited love! I didn't think it was possible for me to like Cecelia after how mean and uptight she and her "mean girl clique" were in a previous book in the series, but Andrea Laurence performed a miracle and made her likable! Not only did I understand her attitude, but I even pulled for her to win her guy. Great characters, a sweet reunion and a happily-ever-after with all the feels!

Cecelia Morgan is crossing her fingers that the expansion she wants to happen with her successful business will work out. She's putting her all into this presentation to decorate the new luxury hotel in Royal, Texas, The Bellamy Hotel. When she walks into the meeting to present her bid, she's sure she's about to be laughed out of the room though, when she finds out the silent partner in the hotel is none other than the high school boyfriend she dumped years ago.

Billionaire Deacon Chase has come a long way from when he was the boy from the wrong-side of town dating the rich, popular girl in school. He dearly loved her, and even though it's been many years and he's had a good life since, he's never forgotten her or the future they had planned together. When the blackmailer targeting the Texas Cattlemen's Club sets their sights on Cecelia, will he be able to help rescue her from becoming the talk of the town?

Amanda says

Andrea Laurence has a way with words. She is known for her intense drama, passionate heroes and compelling storylines. However, I cannot say Expecting the Billionaire's Baby has all of those qualities. Something is missing in this book but I can't quite put my finger on it. But let it be noted that the book is not all that infuriating. There are parts of it that I found compelling and engaging. For instance:

The character behind the Maverick moniker intrigued me from the start.

Cecelia's ex-fiancé. I can't remember his name right off the bat, but his attitude towards Cecelia stuck in my head. He is a rich, spoiled brat and I hated him for his actions towards her. I hope he finds a woman who marries him for his money.

The sensual passion shared between Cecelia and Deacon made up for all the flaws in the story. Their passion is slow burning from the start and once it fully ignites...wow!

The writing is sharp and expressive.

Overall, Expecting the Billionaire's Baby is a good reunion story. However, I really wished it had wowed me as much as Ms. Laurence's previous books have in the past. Regardless, I still believe romance lovers would take away something from this book.

Recommended
3.5 Stars

Harlequin Books says

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