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Adel says

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Valdez's Bartered Bride by Rachael Thomas. Raul Valdez is faced with an untenable situation when his father dies, he discovers that his father had an illegitimate son and that his father's company is owed hundreds of millions of euros by none other than Lydia Carter-Wilson's father. Lydia was shocked when she discovered what her father had done but Raul refuses to believe her. Now he is forcing her to marry him to settle the debts! But there is more to Lydia than meets the eye... The story flows effortlessly, it is intriguing, filled with explosive chemistry between Raul and Lydia, and ultimately love. I recommend it to all romance lovers.

Lynn Brooks says

4 1/2 STARS!

Blackmailed ... into marriage?? He thinks she's a spoiled princess, she thinks he's a playboy tycoon .. both have sides of themselves they keep private and hidden away from the worlds they grew up in. When scandal and deception leaves them counting on the other to get them out of the mess they find themselves in, their personalities flare up and come out to play! Both are reserved, but when the passion they feel for each other takes over, we see kinder souls hiding inside. The plot was fast moving and held my attention!

Lydia Carter-Wilson knew her estranged father was ruthless, she just never expected him to use her and her name to trade in on a debt! When she learns from Raul that she's destined to marry him on Christmas Eve in order to keep her father's dalliances out of the press, she's furious! She just might have to make a deal with the devil himself to get herself out of this one!

Raul Valdez has father troubles of his own, and the recent death of his has left a monster of a stipulation before his inheritance can go through. Lydia has no other option than to marry him ... he'll see to it ... or the company he worked so hard to resurrect will go under! Electrifying attraction may be a distraction, but will it be enough to make their time together more pleasant?

Tonya Warner says

Raul Valdez is a man caught between a rock and a hard place. All due to the manipulations of the father he never could please. He either has to find a brother he knew nothing about, or marry. And the woman he is to be forced to marry, was a spoiled little rich girl when he met her ten years before. No desire to every marry, it looks to be the only option since he can not find his brother.

Lydia Carter-Wilson is not prepared to meet Raul again. The unhappy encounter when she was a teenager left her with no desire to be looked down upon by Raul again. Not only having to meet him face to face, but finding out her father left her to fulfill the terms of his debts to Raul's father is more than enough to take. Being a part in a fake engagement, with her actually having to marry Raul if she can not find his brother is definitely the hard. Everything is made worse by falling in love with her fake fiance.

A nice story. Both had things in their background that lead them to the same place. A chance at love, even though it was never in the plans, made for an engaging tale.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Convenient Christmas Brides

Cheryl Steckling says

Valdez's Bartered Bride by Rachael Thomas

This is one for the 2 books in the series of Convenient Christmas Brides. The book 2 will release in January 2018 and called Martinez's Pregnant Wife.

Lydia Carter-Wilson is so upset with the amount of debts that her father has run up in her name. Now she must do something she really does not want to do. If she helps Raul Valdez claim his inheritance he will pay off her debts. Her part to claim it is if she marries Raul. Could it possibly work and get done on Christmas Eve.

They do have a connection and attraction but it is still blackmail. But it would clear her name. Her estranged father used her name and her to trade in on a debt.

It would not be so bad but she can not get Raul out of her mind.

Books by Rachael Thomas always makes me smile and this one was no exception. I can not wait to read the 2nd one.

Nas Dean says

VALDEZ'S BARTERED BRIDE by author Rachael Thomas is a November 2017 release by Harlequin Presents series.

This is Book 1 of author Rachael Thomas's mini series, 'Convenient Christmas Brides'.

Book 2 is Martinez's Pregnant Wife, release date January 2018.

Lydia Carter-Wilson is aghast at her father's debt and the way he'd tied up her future in it. She'd do almost anything to settle it all. But would she be willing to marry Raul Valdez for it?

Because once she met Raul, she can't get him out of her mind. Passion flares between them and chemistry ignites with scorching results. They give in to their desires, but could this turn into love?

VALDEZ'S BARTERED BRIDE is a highly sensual romance filled with emotions and drama. Author Rachael Thomas brought this tale of family jealousy, betrayal and redemption to life on the pages. This story would enthrall a reader and keep her hooked until the very last. I finished this story in one sitting, as I was eager to discover what happened next.

Highly recommended for all readers of romance.

Julie says

An intensely passionate and highly emotional contemporary romance that will keep readers riveted to the page, Valdez's Bartered Bride is the latest unmissable dramatic tale from Rachael Thomas!

Lydia Carter-Wilson has always felt unwanted and unloved by her parents. Sent to boarding school from a very young age, Lydia has more affection for her beloved grandmother who had helped raise her than for her irresponsible father and her uncaring and cold mother. She has never been under any illusion that her parents loved her, but even she is shocked when she discovers that her father has been running up a staggering number of debts all in her name. Debts which she has no hope of ever paying. Lydia's nightmare, however, is only just beginning for magnate Raul Valdez comes up with an outrageous proposition that shocks her to her very core: if she can help him claim his inheritance, he will pay off her debts. However, there is a catch: if Lydia fails she will have to marry Raul on Christmas Eve!

Lydia is absolutely flabbergasted by this proposition, but with no other option available to her, she knows that she has got no other choice but to acquiesce. Having first-hand experience of a toxic marriage, Lydia had vowed never to make the same mistake her parents had made and marry. She had vowed to stay single and to keep her heart firmly under lock and key. However, Lydia hadn't counted on drop dead gorgeous Raul Valdez awakening feelings deep within her which she had thought long buried. Giving into temptation proves inevitable, however, losing her heart to Raul is strictly off the agenda for although he has made it perfectly clear that he would love to have Lydia in his bed, their relationship will always be strictly business – even if he cannot stop thinking about the only woman who has managed to get under his skin...

As intense sexual chemistry gives way to something deeper, Raul and Lydia soon find themselves falling head over heels in love with one another, but can they ever hope to have a future together when there are so many obstacles standing in their way? Or is their love simply not meant to be?

A wonderfully romantic read I devoured in a single sitting, Valdez's Bartered Bride is an intense, sensual and highly poignant tale of illicit passion, forbidden attraction and redemption that readers will find impossible to resist. Rachael Thomas is a terrific storyteller who layers her narrative with feeling, subtlety and sensitivity and keeps her readers turning the pages by creating strong, resourceful and believable heroines like Lydia and sexy, brooding and charismatic heroes like Raul.

A spellbinding romance from a writer whose books never fail to sparkle and delight, Valdez's Bartered Bride is a fabulous Harlequin Presents novel heading straight for my keeper shelf!

Helen says

I really enjoy MS Thomas's stories and this one is fabulous, two passionate people, a thin line between love and hate and two fathers that set them on a journey that could go either way, sit back and get to know Spanish Magnate Raul Valdez and Genealogist Lydia Carte-Wilson as they try to fight the instant attraction that could light up a city.

Lydia has not had a very happy childhood unloved by her mother and father and now she has been thrown into a position that is in all likely hood about to turn her world upside down when she is summoned to meet

up with Raul Valdez regarding his father's will they have not seen each other since she was a young teenager and that did not end happily. So now she is being asked to help Raul gain his inheritance and her father has a big part to play in it as well and it could mean getting married on Christmas Eve or being ruined.

Raul is furious with his late father he never wants to marry or fall in love, falling in love to him is a sign of weakness but there are debts to be paid off and he needs to get it done so as the people who work for the company will still have jobs there is a lot riding on Lydia and her answer, Oh but the sparks fly and it is not too long before they are having an affair a sensual one at that.

This story sizzles with a huge sensual spark that both Lydia and Raul try very hard to curb they really have been thrown in the deep end by their fathers but surprisingly soon learn a lot about each other considering how neither one wanted to be near each other in the first place, both normally keep to themselves but open up to each other in more ways than one. I did love this story it is fast paced and a fantastic journey to a very delightful HEA. I look forward to the next one in this series.

Danielle says

2.5 stars

I just couldn't get into this book. I was bored for a majority of it, and I found myself skimming a good portion of it. I didn't like the couple nor their romance. There was a lot of repetition in the book especially surrounding the debts and the deal to clear those debts. It kept going on and on, and the focus became about that more than the actual romance. I also felt that they didn't have natural chemistry and felt rather forced a majority book until the actual love scene itself. I didn't feel the pull or the attraction between them. I didn't believe that they were falling in love or at all. Emotionally it was just not my cup of tea. I just didn't connect with the story. Though I will admit it got better once the love scene happened and the fallout after that, but otherwise I just didn't like it.

TashNz says

Love me stories written by Rachael Thomas and Valdez's Bartered Bride is just as fantastic as all the previous stories I've read.

Raul and Lydia are two passionate people who are thrown together due to their fathers. Raul wants to claim his inheritance but can't without Lydia's help. Of course, if he politely asked for help, then this wouldn't be a Harlequin Presents. Absolutely loved the passion that drives Raul and Lydia and loved reading about how they they came to be who they are and I loved watching Lydia fall in love.

Sad to reach the conclusion because I didn't want the story to end. Highly recommended for lovers of this genre.

Melinda says

I received a free copy through Goodreads.

I should really stop having high hopes for books presented under the Harlequin label, because they generally make for quick and non memorable reads.

Raul thinks Lydia is some spoiled rich girl who spends all day shopping and gossiping. In the entire time they spend together, he who supposedly already looked into her background and other details, could not even find out the detail that she owns several successful boutiques! Duh, what a smart ass who thinks he knows better than her. Oh please!

Also, the blurb in the back makes it sound like Lydia is an actual Genealogist, when actually it is just a passing hobby of hers. Seriously, without the help of Raul's mother, she would have lost that Christmas bet long before. Cue eye roll, cause I had high hopes that she was a Genealogist and really knew what she was doing instead of fumbling around in the blind like Raul is.

Would have loved it if Lydia stood up to the bully Raul more. Raul certainly has not changed much since when they first met! I much prefer to see more of Raul's mother!

Mary says

Decent story- "typical" blackmail-to-marry trope, but there were some twists & turns that helped to elevate it.

Lydia's father has borrowed money from Raul Valdez's father, putting up a number of properties as collateral, then switching them to her name. Raul's father's will stated that if the debt weren't paid by his death, that in order to inherit, Raul would either have to marry Lydia or to find his half-brother and share the inheritance with him.

So there are a lot of arguments, some blackmail, hurt feelings, etc. (view spoiler)

There is bonus material at the end of the main story, so my Kindle software said the story ended at the 63% mark.

Jenny says

Heroine not a virgin no thanks!

lily waheed says

heroine not a Virgin
