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Lauren “Lo” Bowman is in a bit of a pickle. She needs money, like ASAP. She lost her job, the rent is due, and her car needs repairs. Problem is, the inheritance left to her by her old-fashioned Granny has one stipulation before she can collect: she has to be married.

Let’s just say suitors (of any gender) are not knocking down her door. And then Cara Simms, her best friend from childhood that she’s recently reconnected with, pours her heart out and confesses that she needs money to pay for grad school. Lo has a completely brilliant idea: they should get hitched.

Not *married* married. Like, fake married. All they have to do is play the part for the lawyers, get the money, and then get the marriage annulled. Easy as hell.

Well, it starts out that way, but being fake married feels a lot like being real married, and Lo is flipping out. She cannot be falling for her best friend. Can she?

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From Reader Review Marriage of Unconvenience for online ebook

Heinerway says

Marriage of Unconvenience is certainly a sweet, corny and sugary story. But hey, you know, it happens I love this kind of stories.

mahana ☆ says

review on my blog ⇨ twitter thread

Representation: f/f romance, trans side character, queer minor characters

Kristin says

I've no idea why I can't resist a fake relationship novel. And I love the friends to lover story-line so this one is a gem to me.

Why just 3 star then? Ah well, I have no complain regarding the plot. It is actually sweet and funny and really good. But the way it's written was very disappointing. It seems like the writer is in a hurry to published it and somehow missed a lot of errors here and there. And more importantly, for a 1st person POV, the 'show don't tell' aspect went a little too overboard that it ruined the excitement of finding out how the story progresses. I hate it when a good book is ruined by bad editing. This book is one of those unfortunate ones, where I love the story, but can't focus on it because I'm too pissed at how badly it's been told.

For fake relationship lovers, they will love the story as much as I did so, don't mind the words! I love both Cara and Lo. Their love for each other and the chemistry are some of the best things about this book and that's the most important thing for a good fake relationship novel.

Is cautiously recommended a thing?!

K. Aten says

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3.5 – Light and cute book about a faux marriage that becomes more

I'm going to start off by saying I liked this book. Some of that has to do with the fact that I enjoy the fauxmance stories. The other part is that this was a cute and fluffy tale that was exactly what I needed at the time. There is no real angst but quite a few feels.

Pros – The fact that the story was so adorable and fluffy is the only reason I bumped this up from a 3.25 (which would round down to a 3) to a 3.5. As I said, fauxmance is a hot genre and while Cameron’s novel follows that classic “I need to get married for an inheritance” trope, it doesn’t detract from the cuteness of the tale. The best friends agree to the arrangement because they both need the money for important reasons and they would also do anything for the other person, being best friends and all.

Cons – The cons are why the book wasn’t a 4 (for cuteness and feels alone). A big one was editing. While Chelsea M. Cameron’s novel reads smoothly for the most part, there are some issues I had in the scenes with the two main characters. Sometimes it was hard to tell them apart because their voices were so similar. And for that to happen in a first person novel says a lot. It should be easy to tell during scenes and banter. The problem was exacerbated when middle names and other details were switched, and plot inconsistencies popped up. (Ansel went from someone who was excellent at keeping secrets to someone who was the worst) And while it was probably expected based on the type of book it was, the actual plot and the basic premise of what was going on with Cara was obvious from the start.

Marriage of Unconvenience was entertaining, cute, fluffy, happy, and full of feels. That was enough to give me a good read. But I know some of the cons that I listed are things that really knock a reader out of a good book and perhaps the author could address them in a future edit. However, despite the cons, I still enjoyed this cute little fauxmance.

This ARC was given to me in exchange for an honest review.

Elise (TheBookishActress) says

GAY. GAY GAY GAY GAY GAYGAYGAYGAYGAY

Sonja says

This is a very generous 3 stars, and I'm SO MAD about it.

The plot really hit all of the right notes and was basically made for me!!! F/F marriage of convenience between two lifelong best friends in which they don't know they have feelings for each other, but they have SO MANY FEELINGS for each other!!! There is no Big Drama, just them working out what their relationship is and working at making it better. The plot was SO GOOD. Truly, so good, and the pacing was just right as well.

But, THE WRITING, oh god. The author fell victim to 'show, don't tell' way, way too much, but I could've mostly looked past that if need be. What I absolutely couldn't look past were the egregious continuity errors and numerous editing mistakes! Neither girl has the same middle name halfway through the book that she had in the beginning. Their best friend, Ansel, at one point is the best secret keeper and the one person one of the girls confides in, and less than ten pages later, he cannot keep a secret to save his life. There were so many SPAG issues, too, that it kind of felt like no one even proofread this. Sigh. I don't remember having that same issue with the novellas I've read from this same author, so I'm not sure what happened here.

If this were to be edited just a little bit, I'd happily upgrade my rating. As it is, 3 stars is already overly generous.

Tinything says

A nice easy read I guess. This is 1st person Loren POV only. I have so many things I wanted to say in review when I was around 50% of the book. Now I forget ?

It is about two best friends who known each other since they were kids. Loren broke, lost a job and got so many jobs rejected. Cara couldnt get into the major? that she wanted to study because of aids support is not enough to pay the fee. Well, desperate time calls for desperate measure, Loren suggested that they should get married so she can get her grandma's inheritance money and they both get benefit from it.

I like this kind of story plot. It's a cute story. The couple is sweet and the MCs are good together and i like them both. No drama. But.. its a bit of dragging or delay i guess. I mean Loren didnt admit to herself that she had feeling for Cara until around 70% (if i remember correctly) also it took Cara to initiated their kiss as well for Loren to admit her feeling. And the writing style, sorry I can't pin point the problem but I feel like it missing something there. ><

All in all, I did enjoy the book.
3.5 stars

Lindsay says

Best friends Loren and Cara get married because they both need money and Loren has an inheritance that she can't access unless she gets married. Loren is queer and Cara is straight, so it's a fake marriage, but as the whole thing progresses through rings, dresses, marriage and reception, everything begins to feel very real for both of them.

This is a very simple story with almost no conflict other than that both are so deep in denial that they both should make plans to see the pyramids while they're in Egypt. As such, while their relationship and marriage preparations are really sweet, the romance doesn't actually happen until very late in the book (other than the romantic elements that neither will acknowledge), and this all leaves an actually very short novel feeling quite drawn out.

If you're in the mood for a book where nearly everyone is wonderful, and the warmth and deep friendship that the protagonists have towards each other is wallowed in without a romance *actually* happening, then this is the book for you.

Jackie says

THIS IS AN F/F MARRIAGE THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW

Starsandsun18 says

Hmmmm. I think this is my first time to read marriage of convenience between two best friends. I was excited on how the author will play it. It's cute and sweet.
This is my favorite from all the books I've read from her.

If you're looking for a nice easy going book, I think you will like this one. No complications. No running circles. No angst.
Everything is just easy and sweet.
This is perfect for me because I had a bad week it did improved my mood.

Although I was hoping that they will renew their vows after a year and not after 3 months. ???
Epilogue just meeh. So, 3.75.

Chelsea says

Ok this was pretty silly and the writing/editing was not the best (example: the two main girls' middle names changed halfway through the book?? and then changed back??) but it was also cute and had a lot of my fave tropes and was exactly the light-hearted queer fun I needed to help me through the cold I have this weekend so COUNT ME SATISFIED

Pre-review: I hate this title but I love the fake married trope w sapphic ladies so,

Norah Una Sumner says

an f/f fake marriage you say?

Joc says

Nice, easy, quick read about two women who are best friends and have been since childhood. When Loren loses her job she realizes she has to acquiesce to her grandmother's wishes and marry in order to receive her inheritance. When Cara doesn't get the financial aid she was hoping for to continue her studies she's devastated. Then Loren proposes a solution to suit them both.

What I really liked about this is that they knew and liked each other from the start.

Tara says

I can't even with this book. The whole time I was reading it, I was smiling or laughing, and I found myself back at my Kindle every chance I could get until I was done. Cara and Lo have that amazing best friend

chemistry that's always compelling and I felt my heart getting more and more full as I watched them fall for each other, even when neither of them were aware that it was happening. From the beginning to the end of the story, they ADORE each other. It's just the nature of those feelings and their relationship that changes.

Full review: <https://www.thelesbianreview.com/marr...>

Willow L says

Listen, this book was far from phenomenal. The writing was okay, the story was okay (though the trope was PERFECT). It was just *okay*. However, we need queer stories like this. I plan on making a video on this topic, but this was just a fluffy, okay wlw romance. And that's fucking wonderful. Let queer people have fluffy, meh romances. The straights get them all. the. time. and get so much fucking praise for mediocrity. Let us have that too. And you know, despite being just okay, I flew through this and had a blast reading it.
