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Had supermodel Lydia Powell really stolen money from a charity for disadvantaged children? Cristiano Andreotti hoped so. This was his chance for revenge on the woman who'd rejected him. He'd pay back the missing money to have Lydia at his mercy!

But Cristiano discovered Lydia was a virgin and if he took a woman's innocence, then he also had to make her his bride!

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Penny Watson says

3.5 stars?

It was okay, but the daughter protecting her hideous mother and step-father went beyond TSTL...it really didn't make any sense.

Not my favorite. I won't be re-reading this one.

Chantal ♥? says

REVIEW IN A FEW!

Summer says

DNF

sbf20112011 says

This is a pretty lame Lynne Graham. Boring and overdone plot, no real angst/emotion. Married to a Mistress is a similar plot line and way way way better.

KatieV says

I liked the premise, but I dunno... something seemed off. There was no real climax in the story (metaphorically speaking). Plus, the H came off more juvenile than alpha at times.

The bet the heroine overheard re: him getting her into bed was very juvenile. I know most men have a 12-year-old lurking inside and if she'd stayed around long enough to listen, she'd have realized he'd called the bet off. Regardless, in general he seemed pretty spoiled and juvenile anyway. The whole relationship was like a series of childish games. She was very young and inexperienced, but he was in his thirties. I expected him to show more maturity.

The contract he made her sign was pretty bad and he apologizes and rather insincerely offers marriage when he realizes she's a virgin, but after that it just kind of muddles along. No real 'big event' to speak of. This could have made for great angst where he had to beg for her forgiveness, but we never really got that. Very anticlimactic.

RomanceLover99 says

Decent read, very typical of Lynne Graham. The heroine was way too nice and needed a backbone. Seriously, I don't think I've ever encountered such a "Pollyana-ish" heroine ever. Her name might have been Lydia but "Doormat" is a better fit. Her mom, stepfather, the hero's friend etc... all treated her badly and she just accepted it. In her defense, at a very young age her mother made the heroine feel worthless. I was so glad that the mom and her husband got their comeuppance at the end of the book. If you like Lynne Graham you'll like this book. She's written better books but this one isn't so bad.

KC 2.0 says

4.5 stars

I thought this was great! It's quintessential Lynne Graham in my opinion. I loved so many things about it: the protagonists, plot, humor, and the intense sexual chemistry, passion, and tension.

Cristiano was an arrogant yet lovable hero. I loved how crazy he was for Lydia and how he came to her defense a couple times. Poor guy didn't even realize he'd been bitten by love until much later, only that he'd felt "trapped". LOL. His declaration of love at the end was hilariously sweet, with Lydia teasing Cristiano relentlessly with some sarcastic humor.

(view spoiler)

Surprisingly, Lydia's doormatty behavior with her mother didn't bother me as much as it could have. I think the fact that she didn't act that way *with Cristiano* made ALL the difference. Lydia eventually wized up to her slimy mother's character though, with Cristiano helping her in that regard.

A delightful romance I will be rereading again.

StMargarets says

[She overheard a bet the hero had made with some other guys at the houseparty and she wanted to pay him back. (hide spoiler)]

Roub says

this was nice, nothing new but very enjoyable ! christiano was mad for lydia! she was stunning and turned heads everywhere she went, so much dat she disturbed traffic on the road! the girl had guts, you have to give her credit for dat! she also had an exquisite taste for revenge and did not miss an opportunity when she got, to get back at christiano! unfortunately, luck was not on her side and she found her career ruined in the process. christiano believed her a slut at dat point but he himself was a manwhore! add to dat, he indulged in outrageous bets! oh but the double standards of the man !! neway great book, lots of drama ! as usual, LG excels at drama and her heroine is quite bitchy! neway i absolutely loved it!:-D

Melanie♥ says

re-read April 2015

Still 4 stars. The heroine's evil mother gets her comeuppance in the end. Very satisfying.

Jasbell76 says

From 1 to 10: 8.7 (My personal rating scale)

Another one to re-read :D

Azet says

With the greed for revenge the irresistibe Italian Tycoon Cristiano Andreotti buys the one and only woman who have ever walked away from him,the former breathtakingly beautiful model Lydia Powell who gets blackmailed by him into being his mistress.From there on we watch their stormy affair turn into something more-as both have to realise the true depth of their feelings.

I have read so many books by Graham,but this book lacks one star as it didn`t cut me that deep as her other books,which many of them are five-stars.Mostly because it lacked the high-light angst and intensity as i love in Grahams other works.In many reviews it was mentioned that heroine was a doormat when it came to her mother,but i don`t think it showed up very much,as she behaved more of a doormat when it came to the hero.She easily melted and forgot her so called pride every time he got near her,but well..i am used to that in Grahams books anyway.The hero too was very possessive of her..damn!

‘Don't worry about it. . .I'll soon find company", Lydia heard herself declare.

His lean darkly handsome face froze.

‘Is that a joke'?' he launched at her loud enough for Arnaldo to frown in surprise from his position several feet away.

‘I just meant. . .talking. . .dancing-'

'No and no ' Cristiano riposted with icy force. 'No talking, no dancing, no flirting. One false move of that nature and you're in trouble. There will be no second chances. Don't let me catch you even looking at another guy! '

"Mistress Bought and Paid For" are a wonderful Keeper with its sizzling Romance and sexy Chemistry between the arrogant Cristiano and head-strong Lydia-they were wonderful and i just love the way their relationship developed throughout the story.

lily waheed says

hero is so f.....#%×\$ arrogant! !"

Caro says

¿Por qué será que en la traducción le cambiaron el nombre al héroe? Pasó de llamarse Cristiano a Paolo... qué falta de respeto para las lectoras de habla hispana. Absolutamente sin sentido.

Vintage says

Wow, LG, your Cristiano is arrogant even for a Harlequin tycoon from the Mediterranean. He does the typical inner monologuing about what gold-diggers women are, what a floozy she is, and he offers up the typical makeover segment. However, he ups the ante by picking out her unsuitable tinsel-like dress for the Euro-trash disco where all the men's tongues hang out (LG's term- not mine),criticized her for wearing the dress he picked out, he hires her a dietician, a PA for her appointments (she's a mistress so let's avert our eyes from what her *schedule* might entail and gives her a sapphire/diamond pendant I am pretty sure has a tracking device in it, and when he finds out that she WAS a virgin it was a form of manipulation.

She on the other hand is not the dumbest bunny we've had the opportunity to read about, but she is one of the most gullible ones. Cristiano, please see above, but more importantly she has the mother from HELL who has not only blamed her from everything from the the h's father and brother drowning, Mum'sy losing a pedophilic rapist boyfriend, and being the patsy for absconding with funds from a children's charity.

LG was smoking. Really!

HEA of course, but almost as good, even better really, is that (view spoiler)
