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*"You should marry again."*

Beatrice sympathized with Gijs van der Eekerk. A widower with a small child and a busy medical career needed someone to make sure his domestic life ran smoothly. What she hadn't counted on was his decision to offer her the position. As his wife, she would have a comfortable lifestyle and everything that money could buy. But what was that, if Gijs couldn't offer her what she truly wanted?love?

## Wedding Bells for Beatrice Details

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### Naveen Cherian says

To say the least, it's a typical Mills and Boons Novel. The subtle hints of love and drama keeps the reader wanting to finish the book fast, but not lame enough to stop reading it altogether.

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### Gramedia Pustaka Utama says

Beatrice -seorang putri dokter- pertama kali bertemu dengan Gijs di pesta Lady Dowey. Saat itu, Beatrice merasa bahwa sang profesor "dingin" dan tidak suka basa-basi. Pokoknya membuat Beatrice berpikir tidak ingin bertemu dengannya lagi.

Tapi entah kenapa, takdir memutuskan bahwa Beatrice dan Gijs sering bertemu secara kebetulan. Entah itu karena adanya seminar kedokteran di RS tempat Beatrice bekerja, atau pertemuan di pintu masuk asrama RS saat Beatrice baru saja menangis karena menolak lamaran menikah dari Tom.

Pun ketika Beatrice harus pergi ke Leiden, Belanda untuk pertukaran pegawai RS, Gijs terkesan selalu hadir.

Sampai pada akhirnya Gijs melamar Beatrice atas dasar persahabatan yang terbina antara mereka berdua. Saat memikirkan lamaran ini, Beatrice menyadari dirinya mencintai Gijs, sehingga ia pun menerima lamaran Gijs.

Setelah menikah, Beatrice tinggal di Belanda. Suatu saat, sahabat Gijs -Mies van Trott- datang berkunjung. Awalnya Beatrice sebal melihatnya -cemburu tepatnya. Tapi lama-lama malah jadi menyukai Mies. Saat Tom datang berkunjung ke Belanda, Mies dan Tom malah langsung tertarik.

Saat di pesta dansa, Beatrice akhirnya memberitahu Gijs tentang perasaan cintanya. Ternyata, Gijs pun merasakan hal yang sama.

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### Mudpie says

3.5\* Spoilers!

I'm partial to the marriage of convenience trope especially when the hero was ALREADY in love with the heroine before they got married!

Plot summary because book blurb did not include one:

Heroine Beatrice was the administrator of St Justin's path. lab. Her father was a respectable GP in the country and her mother was the granddaughter of an earl. This attracted the slimey Tom, who thought the 28 year-old Beatrice would be desperate to marry him, while her parents would be more advantageous to his career. So nice to have a heroine who's not destitute!

Hero Gijs was a renowned Dutch haematologist and surgeon; he's a widower with a 7 year-old daughter Alicia. His wife had left them when Alicia was just a baby for a rich American but died shortly after!

They met at a party where Gijs was a guest of her childhood friend Derek. They did not start off well because he did not care for small talk and she found him rude, but unforgettable! After this Gijs appeared in front of Beatrice in all sorts of situations, but was always there to help.

When Beatrice was sent to Leiden for an exchange program, Gijs was able to bring Beatrice home to show her his house and daughter, while the rest of the household could size her up too! She got the stamp of approval and Alicia loved Beatrice already! Imagine her surprise when Gijs proposed over dinner one night, citing the advantages of a MOC with him. Sensible Beatrice said no, then asked for more time to think about it. But at the next visit to his home, it seemed everyone knew he had proposed and they took for granted she'd accepted! Sure, take your time to think, no pressure Beatrice! Sneaky Gijs...

Meanwhile the pesky Tom did not take no for an answer and promised to be right there waiting for Beatrice once she's back in London. This sort of made Beatrice really uneasy...but what finally made her decide to accept Gijs' proposal was her dawning realisation that she LOVED Gijs! Everyone was overjoyed! Except for Beatrice 's mother. Even though she had witnessed a couple of kisses from Gijs to Beatrice, she cannot help but worried that they were not in love. Her practical father felt Beatrice was a sensible girl, and both were adults so they should know what they were doing.

Gijs was a model fiancé; he requested that Beatrice wear white with a veil, which is what I missed the most in other BN heroines. This was a huge clue as to how Gijs really felt about Beatrice! He had wanted a quick and quiet wedding but when Beatrice got angry, he said she could take six months to plan a big wedding then! The white dress and veil was to indulge in his romantic notions. Aww...And despite his busy schedule he went from Holland to London just to drive her home on her last day of work!

Another thing was even before Beatrice accepted his proposal, he "lent" her a poesy ring to wear and deter Tom's advances. THIS ring he put on her finger himself, but NOT the actual engagement ring (another sapphire and diamond ring as befitted all BN heroines!) What's wrong with all these BN heroes who could not be bothered to put the engagement ring on the heroine?!

Anyway Beatrice settled into life as stepmother and wife of a medical man. However due to her secret love for Gijs, Beatrice got jealous easily. First thinking Mies was a more than a special female friend of Gijs, and when he called home to say he'd be back late, she heard what sounded like a party in the background and started thinking the worst.

When Gijs finally got home at four AM, she let him have it like a jealous wife! Exhausted Gijs was so angry he was cool towards her and played the avoidance game. It helped that he had to go overseas for a dangerous mission in Northern Ireland!

More than a week passed and Gijs barely made it to the hospital ball, arriving home just in time to dress.

It was during the last dance, the romantic waltz, that Beatrice confessed her jealousy and love for Gijs. HE then revealed he had fallen for her at first sight, on the dance floor too.

Happy ever after.

PS. It was so "funny" the ambitious Tom and shrewd Mies ended up together, deciding to marry after hitting it off on their first meeting! Mies was not blind to his faults, but was confident she could control him! Ha!

I enjoyed this book because it was pretty clear from early on that Beatrice mattered a lot to Gijs. He might tease her and say things to provoke her, but ultimately he was always kind and solicitous of her, looking after her as best as he could. His anger after the road accident event stemmed from fear that Beatrice had run away...and worry about her safety in the horrible snow/rainstorm. But it sure sent out all the wrong mixed

signals to Beatrice!

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### **Michelle says**

#### **Lovely**

If you enjoy your romances light, clean, fluffy and vintage then you will enjoy the wonderful work of Betty Neels

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### **Allison says**

Why don't the men ever just tell the girl he loves her?

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### **Pamela Shropshire says**

Beatrice Crawley is a rather unusual Neels heroine in some ways. Yes, she's the Olivia model, with light brown hair and grey eyes, but she is actually well off financially. Her father is a doctor and her maternal great-grandfather was an earl. So, socially, on equal footing with her RDD, Gijs van der Eekerk.

Beatrice works in a hospital, but I'm not sure of her job title. She's a kind of personal food assistant to the hospital labs, and they host medical seminars. Although she met Gijs socially first, she sees him at the hospital quite a lot.

She learns he has a 7yo daughter whose mother ran off with a rich American and was killed.

Beatrice has been seeing Tom for quite some time, but she breaks up with him - he wanted to marry her for her social connections. He is remarkably persistent - nowadays we'd call him a stalker.

Gijs has proposed a MOC and she discovers she's in love with him, so she accepts. As a bonus, it discourages Tom. They marry in her village church and she actually wears a traditional long white gown and her mother's veil! One of a few Neels heroines to do so.

Because Beatrice is well off, she has a more than adequate wardrobe so this one doesn't strictly follow the Stinnet rule. Beatrice meets who she thinks is the OW; turns out she isn't an OW at all. In fact, Mies snatches up Tom.

The denouement is precipitated when Gijs is out most of the night. He had called home and Beatrice, hearing sounds of a party, jumped to the erroneous conclusion that Gijs was out with another woman. In fact, he was treating a couple of drunks injured at the party.

The next night is the hospital ball and during the last dance, Beatrice apologizes and blurts out that she loves him. He reciprocates, they kiss and Gijs says, "My dearest love, shall we go home?"

This one is okay. It has some unique details but is pretty much the standard Neels MOC. Not that that is a bad thing!

## **Livia says**

Wedding Bells For Beatrice is book one in what I like to refer to as a three book connected mini-series. Many Betty Neels characters make appearances in other books, but the three couples in these stories play a key role in each others romances.

Gijs van der Eekerk meets Beatrice Crawley at a country house party. He fell in love instantly but was careful not to reveal it to Beatrice. Instead the two clash and Gijs sets out to right the situation. The two meet again at the London hospital where Beatrice works and where she is also trying to shake off social climbing boyfriend. Gijs takes matters in hand and soon Beatrice finds herself in a marriage of convenience and the mother to an adorable little girl named Alicia.

As with Neels' marriage of convenience stories, the couple has to sort themselves out before true love is declared. However the process of discovery is what makes for an enjoyable read. Readers will revisit with Beatrice and Gijs in Book Two of this series in A HAPPY MEETING.

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## **Nora says**

A nice, gentle read romance. One of her best I think.

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## **Carmen says**

Beatrice marries Gijs, a widower with a small child and a busy medical career, to help him with his domestic life.

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## **Monique E. Lacroix says**

### **Delightful**

I really enjoy Betty Neels romance stories. They are so much fun to read. Sweet and clean, my very favorites.

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## **Marybelle says**

This was the first of the Betty Neels books I read. I love it then, and I love it now. The characters are believable and the circumstances funny but tender. Will hope to read it again some time in the future.

