



Marrying the Major

Victoria Bylin

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Marrying the Major

Victoria Bylin

Marrying the Major Victoria Bylin

He hired a governess, but what retired officer Tristan Willoughby-Smith needs is a wife. Not on his behalf, but to protect little Dora and Freddie. When Caroline Bradley arrives at his Wyoming ranch, she seems perfectly suited—capable, efficient, intelligent...if a trifle *too* appealing.

Caroline knows what a real union of hearts should be, and the major's polite, no-nonsense offer hardly qualifies. Still, she accepts for the children's sake, little knowing the complications the marriage will bring to test her confidence and her faith. Yet in this unusual match, Caroline starts to see a glimmer of something strong and true—the makings of the family she never thought she'd find...

Marrying the Major Details

Date : Published October 4th 2011 by Love Inspired (first published January 1st 2011)

ISBN : 9780373828876

Author : Victoria Bylin

Format : Paperback 288 pages

Genre : Love Inspired, Love Inspired Historical, Christian Fiction, Romance, Historical, Category
Romance, Historical Romance

 [Download Marrying the Major ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Marrying the Major ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Marrying the Major Victoria Bylin

From Reader Review Marrying the Major for online ebook

Ellen Sara says

This was a sweet story! I loved reading the story of how Caroline and Tristan fell in love. They were in an interesting position having married for after barely knowing each other. Because of the circumstances of their marriage both were a little afraid to be completely honest about how they were feeling. It was refreshing to see how hard they each worked to be what the other person needed. I loved that this book was clean and romantic at the same time.

Victoria Bylin says

Hi! I'm the author :) This book is part of the "Swan's Nest" series but it also stands alone. I hope you enjoy the story!

Paula-O says

Book by Victoria Bylin LIH named "Marrying the Major"

Trisan was a military man through and through, even though retired he still kept those around him "orderly", he named his ranch "The Barracks".

Tristan had lost his wife and now needed a governess to watch over his little boy and daughter. He hired two sisters one to be governess the other to be a nurse who would help him as he had bouts of Malaria from the time he had been in the war.

Caroline and sister Bessie came to Wyoming on a coach and from the start there were troubles. A gang came after their coach and the driver told them to run for their lives- which they did, soon they saw the outlaws rumaging through their belongings and stealing whatever had value- tossing aside a medical shipment of Quinine that Tristan had been waiting for. They killed the driver and pushed the coach over a ravine. They left the area not having seen the hidden women.

Carolyn salvaged what she could to help them until help would come rescue them, hiding under the coach at night.

Tristan and Jon(his second in command at the ranch) went to find the missing coach when it didnt come to town after 3 days late. they found a bridge out and had to ford a stream but soon the coach was found and the women were taken back to town by horseback, Carolyn was deathly afraid of horses so this was not how she would choose to travel. mishap on the way back had her in the stream getting soaking wet and scared to death when she fell from her horse after he became entangled in branches in water. nevertheless she was soon back on the horse and on the way after getting into dry clothing.

Meeting his children upon arrival at Tristan's townhome, made the trip worthwhile. A boy sullen and quite and a little shy girl needing someone to care for them other then a father that held himself aloof.

There were many twist and turns in this book. Tristan learns his brothers have died and he must become heir to his fathers estates. Knowing he has Malaria and might die, he wants to protect his son from his grandfather so he ask Caroline to marry him for protection of his family, it does not take long for them to know they have

feelings for one another and this marriage will tax them considerably. soon we hear of Tristan's father arriving, a tyrant of a man -a nobleman. A Duke and Tristan was a Marquess. Now Caroline really had something to be frightened of.

The Duke has brought ammunition he thinks, to get Tristan back to England not knowing he has married, he brings the woman that was Tristan's first love.

Louisa is a wonderful woman and Caroline soon finds "She likes her", even though there is a bit of jealousy when she thinks Tristan might still have feelings for his first love.

Louisa faints and is ill from beginning and soon it is known she is contagious with chicken pox and must be secluded away.

A couple must come to terms with a new marriage, children must become acquainted with a new governess now turned into their father's wife. A Duke tries to woo Freddy away from his home and father, he dislikes and lets it be known, Tristan's new wife. Can these mismatched people become family and does Caroline get what she has always dreamed for, a family to live with and love..

There is much to read and enjoy in this book and I hope you will like it as much as I did.

Rhonda says

Review: Marrying the Major by Victoria Bylin

5 STARS

I enjoyed reading Marrying the Major. It was a clean romance with humor. I liked how Caroline Bradley faced up to her fears, she was very independent. Caroline loves children and she did not think at this late that she would remarry and have a family. So she was going to be a nanny and borrow children to mother.

Caroline has some fears but she is also strong minded.

Major Tristan Willoughby Smith was a major in the British Army. He is a widower with two small children living on a ranch in Wyoming. Tristan's wife died of Malaria and he has had it off and on for months. Tristan is also the third son of a Duke who does not want his kids to be raised by his father if he dies.

Miss Elizabeth Bradley is a nurse that Tristan also hired to take care of him. She is the older sister and never been married.

Tristan has been waiting days for the stage that the sisters are on plus his quinine medicine that he needs. He found that the bridge is out and Jonathan Tate and the major ride out to see if they can find the stage. Find the ladies and his medicine.

He finds them when Caroline steps out pointing a gun at him. They have their first disagreement then.

It is good to see how Caroline cares for the children even when it's not how the Major thinks it should be.

Caroline helps the Major to get closer to his children. Caroline has to learn to get over her fear of horses and how to be the future wife of a Duke and how to stand up to the Duke and his peers when they visit them at their ranch.

I would love to go read the other books in The Women of Swan's Nest. This is the last of the series but the first I have read. I was given this ebook to read in exchange of honest review by Netgalley.

Jordan Michaels says

This book had everything I look for in a good romance. The characters had depth, you could really understand where each was coming from. They showed how hard it can be for a stepparent to come into the picture. I can't wait to find the other stories in this series.

Judy says

Marrying the Major by Victoria Bylin Book 4: The Women of Swan's Nest

Western Historical meets Regency.

What an ending to The Women of Swan's Nest. Caroline & Bessie Bradley are the last two unmarried women from the group. Bessie is happy as a nurse and is content being single. Caroline had a short but loving marriage seven years before, Charles had died and she gave up her dreams of family and a home of her own. Caroline has taken the job as a governess for a Wyoming rancher who was ill and may be dying and Bessie will be his nurse.

Major Tristan Willoughby-Smith had lost his wife, Molly, to malaria in the West Indies and now he was battling the illness as well. He formed a plan for if he died. His good friend, Jon Tate, would be Freddie and Dora's guardian and he would marry Miss Caroline Bradley, the new governess, that would keep them safe from his family in England, as the third born son he was useless to his father. Once Tristan meets Caroline he wishes he were a healthy man as he finds her beautiful.

Life changes quickly. Tristan receives a letter that both his brothers are dead. It puts him next in line to be a Duke. Freddie will become important as well with Tristan so ill. The next surprise comes when he finds his father is in Cheyenne is coming to see him. He never had his father's love. Andrew, his oldest brother, had taken the woman Tristan wanted to marry as his wife. Tristan had left to join the British army and had not been back in fifteen years.

To protect Freddie from his father, Jon suggested Tristan marry Caroline. She agreed it would help her take the children if the malaria took his life. So they went to the Judge and were married, in name only.

His father arrives with Louisa, Andrew's widow, in tow hoping to use her to lure Tristan back to England. We see the battles between Tristan and his hardened father. The Duke starts manipulating Freddie with compliments and making him feel he is above people, like the commoner Caroline. This book shows the responsibilities of those with titles and of being the heir to them. Caroline is challenged, can she love Tristan enough to take on the role of Duchess and become someone she is not? Can their love withstand the pressures of his father and a visiting Duchess during a week long house party?

All the familiar faces from Swan's Nest come for a visit in this book as well. And even Bessie finds love.

Alex says

At First Sight: Unsure where his fight with malaria will leave him, retired British Army Officer, Major Tristan Smith decided to take steps to secure his children's future, but that was easier said than done. His first step was to hire the Bradley sisters; the older, Bessie, in a nurse's capacity to help him fight off the malaria, and the younger, Caroline, to be a governess to his children.

But things don't go quite as planned. Caroline and Bessie left their friends in Denver in hope of a good life in Wyoming. Secretly married when she was very young, and now a widow, Caroline always longed for a family of her own, and figured that if she couldn't have children, she could borrow some and love Major Smith's children.

She didn't expect sparks to fly at their first meeting, not only because she found him kind of attractive but

also because he was rather standoffish and bossy and made her angry and second and disarmed her the next.

Tristan certainly didn't want to find Caroline attractive, and he didn't actually want to re-marry at all, having loved his first wife Molly, who died of malaria a while back, and unsure of his own future thanks to the same disease.

But when then news that his two older brothers have died and that his father - an autocratic, tyrannical British Duke - is on his way to Wyoming to force Tristan back to England to assume the duties of heir, Tristan decides that the best way he can protect his children is by giving them a mother who will fight for them.

And so, Tristan and Caroline enter a marriage of convenience, one that will be tested far sooner than either of them realize that the time.

Second Glance: I wasn't expecting much of Marrying the Major, mostly because I had never read the author before and I hadn't heard much about the book itself. But I was pleasantly surprised to find a very enjoyable book, with nice characters and good story.

Marriages of convenience are one of my favorite starting points for a story, I love how it usually starts with the marriage and works its way toward love and, in that regard, Marrying the Major was quite successful. I really liked seeing Caroline and Tristan get to know each other and discover each other's secrets.

Quite a few things happen in the story but it didn't feel overly long, and that was nice. There are a couple of subplots that were nice and added to the story. I liked Tristan's children, particularly Dora was adorable. The Duke made for a good villain.

I felt that, toward the end, the story lost a little of momentum, and that Caroline's insecurities took over from time to time, but other than that it was a lovely book.

Bottom Line: Marrying the Major makes for a great read to spend the afternoon. It is Christian Romance (somehow I've been reading a lot of it lately), but the Christian part doesn't take over, and I always appreciate that. The book is quite tame too, by the way. But, all in all, it's an enjoyable story and I definitely wanna read more by the same author in the future.

Sara Mitchell says

another outstanding read by this author. Well-drawn characters, with poignant internal as well as external conflict. I particularly enjoy Victoria Bylin's ability to draw realistic pictures of her male characters and children. You always CARE what happens--highly recommend this book and all of her others!!

Nina says

Marrying the Major by Victoria Bylin

This was really a good book, loved it. Great characters, great scenes, even the emotions of the story people were good. I wish she would do a sequel to it, showing their lives in England and the how they solved the problems of being Lords and Ladies with Gods help after his father was so nasty to people there.

Ariana says

Caroline has a rough history: her late husband was murdered before her eyes after only a month of marriage. Her life's desire is to be a mother, but she has not had the opportunity. When a position for a governess arises, Caroline takes the change to 'borrow' someone else's children. What she didn't anticipate was an immediate need to marry the father of these children in order to protect them.

This book is very sweet. Caroline has a strong spirit and rises to the challenges that she faces as a wife-in-name-only to the major. I was especially impressed at how the book addresses racism, and even includes a biracial marriage.

Pam Fullem says

This was a "First Reads" book for me. I enjoyed the book. I was pulling for the couple all the way through and was not sure until the last few pages that it was going to work out or how. As a credit to the author, I was not aware it was part of a series, but the story totally stood on its own. I enjoy more "period" settings for novels, so this kind of novel was right up my alley.

Rachel says

This was a well-written historical Christian romance novel that I really enjoyed even though it's quite simple in its writing style. I really liked how well the author developed the two main characters within a short period of time; I liked learning their history and personalities through how they communicated and acted. Even though this book is the fourth in a series, it works very well as a stand-alone novel, as I really didn't feel as though I had missed a whole lot of backstory. Overall, I found it to be a very sweet story.

Michelle says

Women of Swan's Nest
Book 5

This is the final book in this series. I'm kind of sad to see this series end, as all the books have been excellent. This book focused on the sister duel - Bessie and Caroline. They are traveling to Wyoming to help out Major Tristian Willoughby-Smith, who has an interesting past and a questionable future. Tristian is suffering from Malaria, which his wife died from and left him raising their two children. Bessie, a nurse is traveling to his home to care for him while Caroline is there to be a nanny to his two children. But his ten year old son has a lot of resentment and his father's arrival from England only makes things worse.

It's his father's arrival that makes Caroline and Tristian take a turn in their relationship in order to save his two children from a fate much worse than death. But if he doesn't die, what will Tristian do? Will he go back to England to take his proper position and please his father? Will he and Caroline fall in love and stay together?

There are some side stories that make this book even better. I especially liked all the drama that focused on Tristan, his father, and Caroline. I could almost feel their pain and wished I could have stepped in to help the situation. There was also a story (which I loved) between John and Bessie.

Michelle says

Tristan Willoughby-Smith is a retired major, but still all military to the core. He runs his house, and his life like he led his unit when he served in the British Army. Now, he needs a wife. Suffering from malaria and having lost his wife to the disease, he promises to see that his children, Dora and Freddie, are properly cared for. So he hires Caroline Bradley to be their governess, but secretly plans to wed her to his best friend Jon, so that upon his death, the couple can care for his children. The problem is, when Carolina arrives at his Wyoming ranch, she sparks his interest a little too much.

Caroline views herself as past marrying age and average at best. She gladly accepts the governess job as a substitute for her real dream, having a family of her own. Then Tristan offers her marriage and a taste of her dream – but the marriage is a business proposal, with the one purpose of protecting his children. But as the marriage progresses, complications arise that test their faith, and their true feelings for each other.

This wonderfully told story is an emotional roller coaster, and Bylin does an excellent job of connecting you with the characters within the first few pages. I loved Tristan from the beginning; maybe because his practical and efficient manner is a little like my husband's. He is not your typical romance hero, which is what I think makes the story even more special. Caroline is at times courageous, and at times timid. At first, I felt a little conflicted about her, but she represents what we all go through – knowing something in our head, but not quite believing it in our heart.

I give this book five stars – a must have for your bookshelf. This is the last in The Women of Swan's Nest series. If the caliber of *Marrying the Major* is an indication of the other stories Victoria Bylin writes, I recommend the whole series. For more information about Victoria Bylin and her books, visit her website.

Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255

Abbie says

4.5 Stars

Tristan has a lot on his plate. His wife dies of Malaria and he himself is now fighting the deadly disease. He does not know if he will live but his one concern is his two young kids and leaving them with out parents. He hires a governess to watch after the children and if his plans work the way he hopes maybe there mom.

Caroline loves children but fears she will never marry again and have her own so becoming a governess will give her a borrowed family. What she did not expect was to have feeling for the Major she is working for. Will Tristan and Caroline over come the obstacles before them to find true love?

This was a new author for me and I am a fan of the love inspired line. I enjoyed this book.

What I liked: The author did a great job bring these characters to life. Sometimes the love inspired line of books don't always have great character development due to being shorter books in general. This book took the time to give back story so you really got to know how the characters felt and why which I really liked! I also felt the story line was well rounded. We even got to know the kids a little and understand how they where feeling and dealing with their mothers death etc.

What I did not like: There is not much I did not like in this book. The only thing was how fast the main characters grew to like each other with out really knowing each other but I also know some of that is time period as well and it did not take away from the book just something I find a little unbelievable.

Over all a great book. This is the 4th book in the series but can easily be read as a stand alone. I hope to go back and read the other books in the series at some point. Even though I did not read the other three books I felt this was a good wrap of the ladies it followed by having all the other characters take part in the final part of the book.

I would definitely add this book and/or series to your wish list!

<http://abbiesreadingcorner.com/2012/0...>
