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THE STICK TURNED (ROYAL) BLUE...

And now the princess is in a pickle. Because the night that Genevra Bravo-Calabretti and the new Earl of Hartmore, Rafael DeValery, turned to each other, it was for comfort upon the death of his brother?the man who was about to propose to Genny. It was not supposed to change their lives forever.

But it had. For Rafe, it cemented his awareness that he'd been in love with Genevra since forever. And for Genny, it made her realize that Rafe was not the second-chance brother, but the one who'd held her heart all along...now all she had to do was convince him of that. Hopefully before the new heir(ess?) to the estate arrived...

The Earl's Pregnant Bride Details

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Alexia says

I loved this book "The Earl's Pregnant Bride" by Christine Rimmer. It is a love story between Princess Genevra Bravo-Calabretti and the Earl of Hartmore, Rafe. Genny has always known she would be a part of the DeValery family. She was engaged to Edward, Rafe's brother, before he died in a car accident. During an evening of consoling each other Genny and Rafe make love, and now she is pregnant with his child. Genny is climbing the wall to get out of the palace to confront Rafe about the baby, They decided that they cared enough about each other to get married.

There are other people who live with Rafe at the mansion, and life isn't as easy or uncomplicated as they thought. Many people try to come between them but is their relationship strong enough to hold together? Will they finally figure out that the caring has turned into love? You will enjoy this continuation of the series 'Bravo Royales.' 5 out of 5 stars.

Judyrudyr says

The Earl's Pregnant Bride is the eighth book in Christine Rimmer's The Bravo Royales Series. I have read them all and am amazed that each new release is better than the last. These are all standalone books but we are treated to glimpses of prior characters in this book. Rafael DeValery is an Earl with a long lineage while Genevra Bravo-Calabretti is a princess from Montedoro. They've known one another since childhood and after a tragedy brings them together a life altering event changes their lives forever. Genny once thought she would marry Rafe's brother and move to Hartmore, his family home. Instead she finds herself married to Rafe and living in his beloved country home. Rafe's sister Brooke is someone I really did not like but warmed towards her at the end. I loved her son Geoffrey. He was adorable with how much he loved and cared for Rafe and Genny. Eloise, Rafe's grandmother was a terrific lady, yet I didn't like how she pampered Brooke. Fiona and Melinda were the characters you love to hate.

I love stories that bring the characters together in times of trouble only to realize that they've loved one another since childhood. This is one of those stories. Rafe and Genny's love shines throughout the book. They just needed to recognize it. Through conflicts with Melinda and Brooke, they realize what the other means to them.

I thoroughly enjoyed The Earl's Pregnant Bride and read it in one sitting. It is a fabulous book that I would highly recommend. I can't say enough about Ms. Rimmer. She knows how to tell a story and can definitely bring out the emotions in her characters. I look forward to her next release in the Bravo series. I would like to disclose that I received a copy of The Earl's Pregnant Bride in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Motleigh says

I really enjoyed this book. There was a lot of places in the plot where a lesser writer would have made the characters keep a secret just to draw out the tension, but for the most part, the characters here deal with things head on, with honesty and humor. I loved how the situation with the ex-girlfriend, Melinda played out, I found it very believable and true to life. The only reason it's not a 5 star is because there is that ONE big secret that makes everyone's life miserable, but ends up being no big deal in the end and in a book that had such an open, warm relationship between the main characters, it just felt a little off. I can't wait to read more about the family and catch little updates about this couple.

Dyan says

A good story is one that completely puts me a in a different time or place. While reading the Earl's Pregnant Bride, I really was transported to the beautiful Hartmore in England. Christine Rimmer wrote as if she is a native of the area with beautiful descriptions and details. I loved the character development (hated Brooke, loved her son). The only thing I missed was bumping into other Bravo-Calabrettis!

Susan says

Very good book with a friends to lovers theme. Rafe and Genny's attempts to comfort each other over his brother Edward's death had turned physical and passionate. Now Genny's pregnant and Rafe insists that they marry. They've been friends a long time and marrying is no hardship for either. There's also this new and intense attraction between them.

I loved the obvious affection they had for each other, even though neither would speak of love. Rafe already knew that he was in love with her, but he was afraid to tell her. He has secrets about the night he and his brother were in that deadly car accident and he knows if he confesses his love he's going to have to tell her all. He is afraid that she would reject his love if she knew, so he keeps quiet and tries to be satisfied with what he has. He certainly can't complain about the passion between them. I really liked the way he showed how much he cared, involving Genny in the work on the estate and showing her how special she is. It takes a scare with Genny disappearing for him to take his courage in hand and risk it all.

Genny didn't start out knowing she was in love with Rafe. Her intention had always been to marry Edward, because Hartmore would be his. She had convinced herself she was in love with him. It wasn't until after his death and her marriage to Rafe that she realized the truth of her feelings. But she too hesitates to declare her feelings, because she doesn't feel like she's good enough for him. Genny looks at her sisters and sees beautiful and accomplished women and feels that she has nothing worthwhile to offer anyone. Even in college all her interests led back to caring for Hartmore. Her insecurities show up several times when dealing with other women at the estate. I really liked seeing the changes she goes through as she overcomes those feelings with Rafe's attentions.

The secondary characters in the book are all wonderfully done, with each having their own purpose in the story. I especially loved Rafe's grandmother and her way handling all the crises. Young Geoffrey was also a favorite with his clear adoration of his Uncle Rafe and Genny and theirs for him. Though he could have

come across spoiled because of his occasional tantrums, they were obviously the result of the stresses he was under. His mother Brooke was one character that was hard to take. She came across as pretty much of a selfish bitch, not seeming to care what her son really needed. I was glad to see her redeem herself in the end. The other two women, Fiona and Melinda, were definitely characters that were unlikable. I detested Fiona's attitude toward her children and her marriage, and some of the things she said to Genny were terrible. Melinda came across as so sweet, but Genny was great at seeing through her. I loved seeing Genny warn Rafe to watch out for her, but typical man he didn't believe her until it was too late. The kitchen scene was great and I loved seeing it unfold. Genny's part was wonderful.

Kimberly says

"The Earl's Pregnant Bride" is a delightfully heart-warming romance written by Christine Rimmer, it is one of the Bravo Royale series. Don't be concerned if you haven't read any of the preceding books because this book stands alone. Genevra Bravo - Calabretti has always longed for one thing, to be the mistress of Hartmore from the first time she had visited at the ripe age of five. Rafael DeValery, Earl of Hartmore has only desired one thing as well, Gen Bravo-Calabretti. Even though the couple had been close friends all through their childhood, there was only one obstacle in the way. Gen believed herself to be in love with Rafe's brother, Edward, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident, which left Rafe injured and scarred as well. Gen and Rafe find comfort in each other's arms in a four-day rendezvous in which neither had planned. Who knew that the condoms that were found in the back of the drawer were expired and Gen would wind up pregnant! Rafe had tried to push her away after their affair but when she came to him with the news of the baby, he did what any honorable man would do, he married her.

The things I enjoyed about Gen, she was a genuine, caring person. She had a loving relationship with Rafe's nephew, Geoffrey, even though at times she really wanted to strangle his mother, Brooke. Also, Gen was a little possessive of her man. It wasn't that she didn't trust him but the other women, who kept popping up like Melinda. Bless his heart, Rafe didn't want to listen to Gen's intuition about his old flame wanting to rekindle the spark. However, he quickly learned to listen when he got caught in the kitchen in a compromising position. I admired Gen's love for the Hartmore House, she wanted so badly to leave her mark on this home, not only because she loved it but because it gave her purpose and built her self-esteem. Gen felt that she cast a dim shadow in compassion to her larger-than-life sisters.

Even though Rafe had loved Gen forever, he was willing to put aside his love to let her have what she thought she wanted, his brother, until he realized that Edward would continue living his life the same way as before including Fiona, his paramour. This made Rafe take a stand in defending Gen and tragedy struck killing his brother and leaving him with survivor's guilt. Rafe didn't want to talk about the night Edward died because he wanted to spare Gen's feelings. Little did he know, that Gen had realized that it was actually Rafe that held her heart, right along with Hartmore House.

Christine Rimmer weaves a story that most of us can relate with, we all have a melodramatic family member somewhere in our family, you know the one that lives life like they are on stage. There is always someone lurking in the shadows waiting for you to mess up so they can be the next instead of the ex. Rafe finally revealed his love for Gen and allowed himself to be free from the guilt that hung around his neck since the accident. Gen finally got what she always wanted, to be the Countess of Hartmore and her happily ever after with her loving Earl. I would highly recommend this book, it will leave you with a wide range of emotions and wanting more...

Julie says

The Earl's Pregnant Bride by Christine Rimmer is a 2014 Harlequin Special Edition publication. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This story is an interesting take on the friends to lovers trope. Genevra was destined to marry Edward and Hartmore would be hers, the thing she longed for more than anything. But, when Edward dies in a car accident Gen turns to Edward's brother, Rafe. Rafe and Gen has always been the best of friends so an interlude that took place mostly out of a feeling of loss may have been something the couple put behind them until Gen discovers she is pregnant.

There is nothing left for her to do but find Rafe and tell him he is about to be father. Rafe of course insist upon doing the honorable thing and so the two get married. But, the marriage appears doomed from the start. Will, the two continue on in a kind of limbo or will they manage to find the truth in their hearts and admit they not only love each other, but are IN love with each other?

A couple of things that gave me problems was that Rafe is in love with Gen , we know that from the start, but in intimate moments he shared with Gen, he seems formal and aloof , lacking passion. Rafe does improve in that area in the HEA moments, but still needed to loosen up a little. The story sometimes lagged in places and moved just bit too slowly.

What did work was Gen's ability to help Rafe overcome his guilt, talk him into having some work done to help heal the physical scars he suffered in the car accident and the couple realizing they were meant to be together all along. Gen's obsession with Hartmore lessens considerably when she finds out the hard way what is really important in life. The one thing which is tearing at Rafe the most will finally be revealed and the couple will now have the chance to be happy. The secondary characters were well drawn, each contributing a difficulty to Gen's finding happiness and there is Geoffrey who will tug at your heart strings because of his mother's coldness toward him. When all is said and done, all the players will either find a way to improve themselves or they will get their just desserts. So, while the romance in this one didn't exactly sizzle and burn it was still a testament to true love and story worth sharing. Over all this one gets 4 stars.

Karen says

The Earl's Pregnant Bride is another in Christine Rimmer's The Bravo Royales series. The story is very well written and each one in the series outdoes the previous. If you have not read any of the others in the series you can still read this book. Two friends Genevra Bravo-Calabretti and Earl of Hartmore were meant for each other and were in love all along but did not realize it at the time. The characters were very warm and caring. Easy to relate to. I highly recommend this wonderfully written book by Christine...she does not disappoint.

Suzanne says

Genny had always wanted to be mistress of Hartmore. To be the countess she would need to marry Edward, the heir and since she was an heiress, her desire would most likely come true.

Edward was killed in a car accident and his younger brother Rafe was injured and even though his leg would heal, Rafe had a facial scar. Genny and Race had been friends since childhood so it was natural that they

would spend time together comforting each other over Edward's death. Somehow this led to a four day affair with Genny becoming pregnant.

After the affair, Rafe had refused to see Genny so she climbed over the garden wall. She needed him to know about the pregnancy.

Rafe needed no paternity test and simply said they would marry immediately. Parents and lawyers were consulted immediately as rich titled people had lengthy settlements to attend to but the marriage was quickly done at Hartmore just as Genny had always hoped for.

But mysteries began as soon as Genny settled in at Hartmore. On their wedding night Rafe left the bed and slept in his room when questions about the accident came up. His sister Brooke was nasty to Genny accusing her of getting pregnant just to gain Hartmore. One of her friends visited Genny to tell her that Rafe was a bastard with the blood of a common yeoman and Genny caught another friend of Brooke's kissing and hugging Rafe down in the kitchen trying to rekindle an old romance. Genny's life was being jerked from past issues resurfacing to trying to maintain her marriage while being pregnant. What could happen next?

Dotty says

A great addition to The Bravo Royals's series. Christine Rimmer always writes such wonderful stories. And love the way the family ties follow from one book to the other.

This book has Princess Geneva Bravo-Calabretti marrying the Earl's younger brother, Rafael DeValery, after she gets pregnant while consoling him when his brother's dies. Genny always intended to marry Edward and become mistress of Hartmore. But as she and Rafe begin their life together things are not the way she thought. Adding in a few secrets that Rafe's sister, Brooke, and her friends were keeping and Genny's felings, keeps this book humorous and enjoyable.

Debbie Ballard says

I loved and enjoyed reading the amazing, engaging, captivating, Harlequin Special Edition of The Earl's Pregnant Bride autographed by the talented Christine Rimmer that I received free from Goodreads First Reads.

Four months ago Princess Geneva had a passionate four day affair with the new Earl of Harmore, Rafael DeValery to comfort one another over the death of Rafael's older brother. For four months, Geneva has been trying to contact Rafael to let him know that she was pregnant. Rafael and Geneva marry for the sake of the their unborn child.

Read the highly recommended, beautifully written, awesome, romantic love story of Geneva and Rafael in The Earl's Pregnant Bride (The Bravo Series) by the wonderful writer, Christine Rimmer.

Deanna Vrba says

Edward was going to propose to Genny but he died before he could in an accident with Rafael and in a moment of comfort Genny and Rafe made love and then he avoided her because of the guilt that he felt over the accident and Genny found out she was pregnant and she wanted to tell him and he proposed that they get married and she knew he only married her for the baby sake and moved in to Hartmore manor . but his sister

Brooke told Genny was not good enough to be in the family

Jane says

A baby, Genevra pregnant, two brothers, and Harmore. Secrets, Love and so much more all wrapped up together.

Genevra was planning to marry for the wrong reasons. Then Edward dies in an accident. She comforts his brother, Rafe, who's been her friend since she was five years old.

Lies, deceit and more come to the forefront throughout the story. Real life as it happens whether in a castle or not.

Life is not always roses. The thorns almost choke it out, but a beautiful rose blooms forth. Baby Tommy looks just like his father.

True love wins out in so many ways.

A very good read.

suman says

Didn't like the heroine

Nancy says

I was so thrilled to read this latest book from Christine Rimmer. I enjoyed the storyline of childhood friends becoming lovers and then the trials of the romance after that! I thought it was funny and captivating and a very good read. I so enjoy a book that is part of a series but that you can read by itself and not miss a single thing. That is definitely this book. I would encourage everyone to get this book and read it for a good read.
