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### Melody Cox says

**Wow, what a guy! He beds a virgin. Doesn't use protection and never checks on her to see if there was a consequence to their night of passion and HE is angry because she didn't contact him. He cared deeply for her from afar while he bedded any and every beautiful woman that came into his path and had multiple mistresses. What a swell guy! Let me tell you...he was an a\$\$.** The mother of his child was strong in a way but very weak when it came to him - making her appear as a dim-witted, weak-willed woman.

Even while she was terrified he was going to steal her son she would turn into goo whenever in his presence. She was such a pushover even when she knew better. URGH!

I despise man-whores as well as women who are not portrayed as strong and confident. This is a no-go for me.

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### Holly says

Maribel and Leonidas Pallis shared a night of passion but the following morning Maribel disappeared from Leonidas's life. He was far more hurt than he thought possible and he strove to erase her from his mind, but when he sees her again at a memorial service for her cousin he can't help but remember that night. Then someone at the service mentions that Maribel has a child and he's angry that she's been with some other man. He goes to see her, not knowing exactly what he wants from her but then he's stunned to realize that Maribel's child is his son. He's equally stunned by Maribel's passionate vow that she will never let him near her child. Leonidas is determined to use all his considerable resources to gain his rights as the father and at first Maribel fights him. She wants nothing to do with him and doesn't want her son emulating his father's careless, playboy ways. She thinks to drive him away by saying the only way that Leonidas will be allowed into their lives is if he marries her. Well, Leonidas accepts her offer and they marry. For better or worse these two tempestuous lovers need to find a compromise that will enable them to have a happily every after.

My favorite in the Rich, Ruthless and Really Handsome series. I liked Maribel and I enjoyed her evading maneuvers. At first her insistence on cutting Leonidas out of his sons life seems cold but when we learn more about that fateful morning after they had sex it becomes more apparent that she has valid reasons in protecting herself and her son. I completely sympathize with her hurt and cheered when she brought Leonidas to his knees. Who was a completely arrogant jerk. When they finally do have sex as man and wife and then he rolls off her and agrees to meet his ex girlfriend at her apartment my jaw just dropped. Grrrr. Someone get me a blowtorch and a butcher's knife! That it was completely innocent doesn't matter. He frequently tells her that she doesn't own him and that their marriage will not change him. Grrrr. I definitely enjoyed reading about Maribel bringing him down a peg or three. Normally I don't like angsty books but all these out of control emotions was a fun ride. Also it's a good thing I read this book before the first one in this series because I would have really disliked Leonidas alot more. He has an obvious disdain for women in the first book and it's still not beaten out of him by his own book but Maribel soon straightens him out and makes him into a better father and a far better husband.

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## Melanie♥ says

4.5 stars

Really enjoyed that the hero was the first one to say ILY in this enjoyable HP by Lynne Graham. Nice epilogue and who can resist a dog named Mouse?

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## Vintage says

This is quintessential LG. It has the tropes we love to hate and hate to love: sweet heroine, hunky alpha Mediterranean H that raises the levels of arrogance and duplicity to the second power, a secret baby *for good reason*, unknowingly besotted hero, and a quirky dog. It also has a few nicely done anti-tropes: the h is a college tutor, and when faced with the H's desire to take her child ACTUALLY CONTACTS AN ATTORNEY. Well done, tiny h.

Maribel, the h, meets up with Leonidas at her cousin's two year memorial. They had known each other for years and had a *brief* encounter after her cousin's funeral. At the memorial, Maribel beats feet as soon as she sees Leonidas which piques his interest as she's really the reason he came to the memorial. As this is LG and HarleyLand, their encounter left Maribel with a little something-something. In this case it wasn't that the condom broke or was useless, it simply wasn't there.

When Leonidas finds out about the baby, a son named Elias after the H and his grandfather, he is not pleased. He pulls out all the stops from seduction, coercion, to out and out manipulation to get his son.

**First attempt:** He thinks he has her in his evil clutches when he shows off his incredible estate (think Downton Abbey). Too bad she forces the cat out of the bag, Leonidas isn't go to live there with her and Elias. He'll come by for visits and booty calls. Does. Not. Go. Over. Well.

**Second attempt:** He sets the paparazzi on her so she's surrounded. She's surprised at how sympathetic he is until she susses out he's the one that let it happen. Having her cowardly custard dog and little boy cower under the kitchen table does not endear Leonidas to her. She cuts off contact since he has proved once again she can not trust him. He feels a little guilty, and once again is forced to ponder why he is so attracted to this woman who points out what slime he is. Hmmm.

Leonidas finally gets her when he proposes a quasi MOC with benefits. He'll marry her and get Elias, and he gets to keep on doing what Greek tycoons do. But no, he doesn't. Maribel says they can have a real marriage where he is faithful, or it will be a MOC with no hanky panky. Nobody is going to tell this arrogant ass that how to live, blah, blah, and a convenient business trip allows him to pout long distance.

Throughout the book, Maribel holds hard to what she wants for herself and Elias, and is not afraid to point out with specific and detailed examples how toxic Leonidas is. He had a terrible childhood and needs to learn how to love. She adores him, but NO. At every turn, he is outraged and dismayed at how well she knows his devious ways.

I highly recommend the books, and it deserves a better review, but my two stupid dogs are circling like sharks for their walk. In the rain.

Leonidas is a keeper as his arrogance and less than savory tricks are to get **both** the heroine and his son.

Unlike the assthat in another LG, Greek Tycoon, Inexperienced Mistress, I find this H's love and transformation believable. I have to add, it's a good thing that the h has a spine of steel and is a smart cookie, 'cause it's going to take a lot to rein this one in.

Points off for Maribel's toxic family that practically disowned her when she popped up pregnant then smarmed in when Leonidas comes back. (view spoiler)

Ugh, just spotted a stupid spelling error. Used "rain" instead of "rein".

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### **Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says**

DNF

Thanks to all the original HPs titles I thought I was going to buy The Greek tycoon's disobedient bride... something that could have been easily solved by reading the back cover but I'm lazy.

Anyways, you know I'm not fan of secret baby because H didn't love me. At first I understood her not telling him because the argument was he doesn't even like kids, he doesn't want one ever and blah blah, so I could give the book a chance. But then when he went to her house she could have gotten rid of him by telling him "Yes, I had your son. But don't worry, I know you don't want or like kids. We don't need money or anything from you so you can go ". But instead she went hysterical, which made him even more curious. Plus, he sounded too arrogant, and the mess with her cousin is not something I'm eager to read.

And that was barely chapter two. Huge **no thanks**.

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### **Megzy says**

1.5 stars

The title is all wrong for this book. It should have been The Greek Tycoon Blackmailed into a marriage, or A Greek Tycoon father intimidated by using child visitation and his rights.

I seriously don't know who was more ruthless in this story- the lead characters or their extended families, alive or dead. I was dumbfounded by how the lead female, a PhD and supposedly a very intelligent individual, could have such a little understanding of family law or how her actions were justified. It just didn't make any sense. I also couldn't gasp why a very busy sexually promiscuous gentleman would waste over 5 years of his life being in a relationship with a very willing and beautiful super model and never have sex with her. It wasn't that he was picky based on what we read about the few weeks he stayed at their house.

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### **Brenda says**

This was an okay read for me. Took me time to warm up to the main characters.

Leonidas came across as spoilt and outside his moneyed world he was a clueless man. But, I have to give him points for trying to rectify his errors and there was no doubt he was totally into Maribel. Besides, he was

fantastic with his son Elias. He just didn't know how to do things without involving his wealth because that's how he grew up and he didn't think of the consequences.

But, then "I know it all" Maribel was there to put him place. Which is fine. I like spunky, strong heroine, but Maribel annoyed me with her pitiful "Woe is me" whining and manipulation. It's a mystery to me how she can even think she's in love with Leonidas when she was picking on him for everything. And, the first time Leonidas visited her on suspicion that her son has been fathered by him, her constant "I'll call the police" rankled. Besides, she tells him, "Just this once I'm asking you to think about someone other than yourself," but I felt she was the one who was thinking only about herself. Forget Leonidas' entitlement to know his child because she thought he was bad in everything, but then she didn't even think about her son's entitlement to know his father. Why? Because he didn't call her when she walked out of his apartment after the one night they had together. He didn't know she'd gone out to buy ingredients for the breakfast he'd ordered her to make and met with an accident and had a concussion. He thought she'd rejected him. Not that she'd called to tell him what really happened. Then, she demands that he marries her because she didn't trust him alone with their son. So, I wasn't really convinced that she was in love with him.

Nevertheless, things got a little better toward the end after they were married. Loved Leonidas' moments with his son. The epilogue is very sweet Overall, an okay one time read.

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### **AvidReader says**

It was re-read for me.

This was an average-ok read. I couldn't forgive the hero for unknowingly abandoning the heroine. But it was fun to watch him sweating towards the end. It wasn't clear to me if he was celibate during their separation.

But he was definitely and arrogant alpha.

I loved some aspects of this book.

Recommended.

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### **Jenny says**

This is the second book in the Rich, the Ruthless and the Really Handsome series and I liked this story but not as much as the first one. I didn't think the hero was a jerk at all quite the opposite actually. You could tell he was crazy about Maribel and their baby boy and Maribel was one fierce heroine. There were lots of misunderstandings that kept them apart but you could still tell they never got over each other.

It was also nice seeing Tilda and Rashad from the first book make an appearance!

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Another secret baby, innocent virgin seduced by the gorgeous, zillionaire story was my first thought when I began reading this book by Lynne Graham, one of my favorite Mills & Boon authors. But I was surprised to discover a story with such depth and incredible characters.

This is the second book in the Rich, the Ruthless and the Really Handsome series and I loved the story of

Leonides Pallis, a fabulously rich and incredibly handsome, lonely alpha hero (but has a soft side that he hides) and Maribel, is smart, loving and believes that she is nothing to look at and cannot believe that someone like Leonides could ever find her beautiful...which he does....they spend one night of passion but the next day he does something that has her disappearing from his life.

He tries to forget her but when they meet again some years later at her cousin's funeral (Maribel has always believed that he was her lover...which he wasn't!!!), he realizes how much he feels for her.

He also discovers that she is the mother of his baby son and is determined to meet him, but Maribel is not prepared to allow this....thinking that he would never agree to her terms – that the only way he can be part of their son's life is if he marries her....of course he would never agree to that....he's into beautiful women and she is certainly not even close....and surprise surprise....he agrees!!!!!!

At first I thought Leonides was a bit of a cruel and hard guy and showed total disdain towards women in the first book of the series and the when they sleep together again, he leaves her alone to go and see another women....i mean...yes he says it's all innocent....but hell...I'd give him a kick in the butt!!!! But I grew to really love the guy. He truly loves her and their child. And wow did I love the way Maribel refused to be a mat...she gave as good as she got. Not a bimbo this heroine!!!!

I read this book in one go....guess I really enjoyed it.

Synopsis:

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## StMargarets says

For once, the title is correct. This heroine is defiant. She has known the hero for many years and he has been an arrogant rich alpha since he was in the cradle. She knows him and she doesn't want her secret son (conceived from a one night stand after her cousin's funeral) to grow up like him or in his atmosphere.

Hero doesn't blame the heroine for her pregnancy and is determined to have this child in his life. Heroine is equally determined to protect her son.

The hero is/was pretty awful, but the heroine is more than equal to putting him in his place - but not in a bitchy way. She does see him clearly, but then he sees her clearly, too. Once they have committed to marriage they both strive to communicate better and make it work. Their one night stand is clarified (view spoiler)

The hero changed and grew for the better without a personality transplant. The heroine was big enough to acknowledge his growth and to revise her opinion whenever she got new information. I believed in their HEA.

There's a bonus cowardly Irish Wolfhound, named "Mouse," who hides under the table whenever strangers stop by. H/h's toddler spends time with him under the table. :)

## Adrienne says

For a quick read this one was very enjoyable. Briefly, Leonides (wealthy beyond all imagination, lonely and not really trusting of women for two reasons) and Maribel (the orphan adopted by her wealthy uncle but still very much the outsider) had a one night stand (altho they had briefly shared a house many years earlier whilst at uni) which resulted in the patter of tiny feet 9 months later. Leonides has long since gone, after all Maribel did do a runner on him. This is their story and what happens when their paths cross again. I liked both the H/h. Leonides b/c he really did love Maribel even tho' he kept saying what he thought she 'wanted to hear rather than what he felt in his heart', and Maribel b/c for all of Leonidas foolish comments she remained dignified and sensible, ultimately doing the right thing for their child even though she felt she couldn't tell him her true feelings b/c of what he was telling her. This story could've become exasperating beyond belief, but was saved from that by Maribels and Leonidas ability to know in their heart of hearts what they 'really' wanted from their relationship. Once they started to confide and trust each other their relationship blossomed. It also helped that the story takes place over a very short amount of time, not giving either party time to brood even further and therefore become embittered and malicious which could so easily have happened. All in all a great read and worthy of its 4 1/2 or 5 stars:) even if at times I wanted to shake Leonidas and give him a thump!!!

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## Leona says

Not one of my favorite Lynne Graham books. I really did not care for Leonidas. Though, I did feel sorry for him when he was blackmailed into marriage by the heroine because I actually liked her even less! She played the part of innocent victim, but her actions were cunning and manipulative. She tried to sugar coat the blackmail as being in the best interest of her child, but the logic didn't close. Her point, that the only way she could fight him was on equal footing as his wife was far from the truth. In fact once she married him, she diminished her rights to her son. Prior to marriage, the law was heavily favored towards her. If she really despised him as much as she says (which by the way was probably warranted given he was a jerk) she should have stayed single....

I can't relate to the high ratings for this book. Both H/h were losers.

However, I did like Mouse, the Irish Wolfhound. He was the best part of the book!

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## Emily says

Maribel thought that maybe she had seen a different side to playboy Leonidas Pallis when they slept together, but he shattered any hope that she might be different the next morning. Walking away was all Maribel could do, two years later Leonidas reappears and realizes that Maribel has kept their child a secret. Leonidas wants to be part of his baby's life but Maribel doesn't believe that Leonidas is parent potential and the only way that Maribel will begin to trust him is buy marrying him, however the playboy is not a man who can promise monogamy or a blissful marriage, or is he?

I never really warmed to Leonidas, he is a manipulator and while he falls for Maribel he is a tough man to like. Maribel I liked that she stuck to her guns where their child was concerned. Overall entertaining.

## KC 2.0 says

Surprise, surprise. Leonidas turned out not to be the arrogant jerk-wad he'd appeared to be in Book 1 of this series but was a fair, reasonable man. I really loved how loving and playful Leonidas acted towards his son and, amazingly, how he didn't revert to blackmail to be with him.

The biggest disappointment was Maribel who annoyed me with her "defiant" and manipulative behavior. As the story progressed, however, I began to understand that her antagonism stemmed more from fear-based insecurity than malice.

Like the first book in the series, this wasn't terribly emotional or exciting. The angst that existed came from misunderstandings. (view spoiler) My enjoyment of the book increased after Maribel stopped fighting with Leonidas, with the section leading up to the end being the best part of the story.

This is the second Lynne Graham book I've read with a dog as a secondary character. I've noticed that the more fiery the pet, the more exciting and romantic the book. It's not exactly scientific, but I might be on to something... LOL.

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