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Introducing The Chatsfield in this fantastic prequel, USA TODAY bestselling author Melanie Milburne invites you to step inside the world's most exclusive luxury hotel empire!

Where secrets lurk behind every door...

A whisper, a rumor, a scandal!

Glitz, luxury and decadence—Juliet Montague should be having the time of her life. Her friend's hen party is being held at the extravagant Chatsfield Hotel, London, but when she is surrounded by perfect, ultra-stylish women, each with rings on their fingers, a fake fiancé seems her only defense.

Until that very same fake fiancé arrives at the party! Now she must persuade Marcus Bainbridge, her older brother's gorgeous best friend, not to give the game away. But as the charade deepens, will the lines between what's real and what's fantasy start to blur?

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Kaycee ♥? says

Perfect filler while I make up my mind what to read next!

Tessie says

[Juliet is an emotionally fragile girl with manipulative friends. She doesn't want to admit she is sin

Amafle says

Otra serie multiautor que comienza muy bien. Ya quiero saber sobre ese hotel y sus dueños.

Loz says

Tiny novella with a small white lie resulting in her brother's best friend playing fake fiancé.

Ash says

Was ok. Not that much of a story

Fiona Marsden says

This is a great little taster for the Chatsfield series, introducing us to The star of the series, The Chatsfield Hotel, one of those smish places only the rich and famous and very discerning go to.

Juliet is there by default, for a hens weekend with a bunch of girls she went to school with but never really belonged. All the skinny well dressed girls were able to boast of super duper fiancés so when Juliet is asked, of course she doesn't want to mention she hasn't had a relationship for years since her last boyfriends wrecked what little confidence she had.

All it takes is a little white lie, and indication that there is someone, and she should be home and hosed. When they guess it's Marcus Bainbridge, her brother's best friend it's kind of awkward but he's somewhere in the middle east so not likely to find out.

She doesn't count on two things. Marcus Bainbridge has just arrived back from the Middle East for a job interview at The Chatsfield. And social media. Before she has time to explain properly to Marcus what is

going on, the news of their engagement is going viral.

From there, there is only one place to go...the luxury suite at The Chatsfield appointed to the engaged couple.

This is a fun story with Marcus and Juliet thrown together in the best way. There are lots of reasons not to give into their attraction...but even more reasons for them to succumb.

Jan says

This is the prequel to the Chatsfield books. Short however such a delight. What does happen when a lie snowballs out of control? Poor Julie who has to count calories before a tea party. Always never felt good enough, not pretty enough, too fat against her 0 sized friend who was getting engaged or others already engaged. Wrong assumption, and a name and suddenly she was engaged to Marcus who was supposed to be in Dubai, so how could he possibly find out. Hello..... How easily one little white lie can create even bigger ones and yes the supposed fiance suddenly was there in the same hotel at the same time..... oops. Now she was in trouble. Will he understand? One will have to read to find out. I did enjoy this so much. First book out is Sheikh's scandal by Lucy Monroe. Followed by another Melanie Milburne book which was a fantastic read. Welcome to Chatsfield, the scandal, the passion, the hotels.....

Dee says

Julia attends a hen weekend held at The Chatsfield with friends that she had gone to school with, a group of ladies that she never felt she fit in with, a group that were the typical skinny well dressed women who all had super rich fiancé's which of course she didn't have. In order to feel part of the group Julia lies and says she has a fiancé and when questioned who he was she stumbles and gives the impression that her mystery man is none other than Marcus, a man who is well known to the group, a man who is her brother's best friend, a man who she has loved since she was in her mid-teens.....Unbeknown to her Marcus is due to arrive at The Chatsfield as he has a business meeting with the owner of the hotel, and once he realises what she has done he goes along with the lie and before they know it it all spins out of control.

Obviously being a novella everything happens really quickly and it doesn't really have a lot to do with The Chatsfield so quite honestly I struggled to see the point of the book. I found the story a bit annoying, having the typical spiteful member of the group constantly playing on Julia's insecurities, Julia making up lies in order to fit inIt all just reminded me of silly school girls in the playground rather than women who were supposed to be around 29 years of age!

A bit of a shame really as I don't think the story did the series any justice.....After all this was supposed to be the kick off to this grand series, a story to attract readers and convince them to collect all the books, unfortunately in my opinion it fell flat!

ARC courtesy of Harlequin via Netgalley

Megzy says

2.5 stars

And so it is.. the introduction to the Chatsfield world. The only thing that connects this book to the series is the story takes place in the London Chatsfield hotel.

Helen says

This is a great story it is the prequel to the Chatsfield continuity and I very much enjoyed this one Juliet Montague is invited to the Chatsfield Hotel in London for a hens party weekend she has always felt a little beneath these friends of hers and when she tells a small white lie about being engaged to her brothers best friend Marcus Bainbridge this story really hots up as both Juliet and Marcus have always felt something for each other and when pushed together this makes them both realize the truth a sensual heartwarming story that I fell into.

StMargarets says

Sweet little engagement of convenience story that introduces the Chatsfield hotel and (perhaps) some of the characters in that series. There is absolutely nothing new or unexpected in this story of an "ugly duckling" academic who invents a fiancée to save herself embarrassment at her rich bitch friend's hen party at the Chatsfield. The only name that came to mind was the H, her older brother's childhood friend, and unfortunately, he turns up at the hotel to sell his yacht plans to one of the Chatsfields.

H is a good guy and goes along with the fictional engagement. Since this is a short novella, there is barely any conflict. The black moment is whether he will keep a business appointment or be by the h's side at a dinner party.

This was a free a while back and I never got around to reading it. It's a nice mental break if you're stuck in a waiting room somewhere.

Fanny says

Soy una gran fan de este tipo de sagas en las que conocemos a un montón de personajes que van consiguiendo su propia historia con el paso de los libros, hace que le coja mucho cariño a los personajes. Engaged At The Chatsfield fue una lectura rápida y entretenida, me sorprendió que me gustara tanto, quizás porque al leer la sinopsis no me pareció que la novela fuera a ser tan atrapante. Definitivamente una gran precuela para una serie que tiene muy buena pinta (y que continuare leyendo).

2.75 Estrellas!

Barbara says

This is the first in the Harlequin Presents series that I've read, and I've never read anything by this author before. Some of the English terminology made me chuckle. All in all, it was a quick read about a young woman with low self confidence trying to fit in with her society friends. Trying to fit in causes Juliet to invent a fake fiancé, who just happens to show up at the same hotel where she is attending a "hen" party for one of her friends. Busted!

Harlequin Books says

prequel to the new Chatsfield miniseries!

Patty says

4 stars

First Impression

I actually first came across *Engaged at The Chatsfield* while scrolling for new books on iBooks one night. After reading the synopsis I knew this was going to be a book I would love! Two nights later I was on NetGalley and came across the same book! I automatically requested it knowing I would love it and would want to share my review.

Opening Lines

"How many calories are there in a caramel-swirl cupcake? Juliet typed into her smartphone on the way to the Chatsfield Hotel for a hen's party high tea."

The Good

Engaged at The Chatsfield is a prequel in The Chatsfield series and while others may complain it's too short I actually highly enjoyed it. Melanie Milburne had me laughing many times while reading it. I think part of the reason why I enjoyed this so much is I pictured it as a movie, a chic-flick that you would catch on TV.

'Juliet?'

It was as if an invisible wall had come down in front of her. She stopped dead. Froze. Then she slowly turned to face him. For a moment her face was as white as the polka dots on her cute retro dress, but then her cheeks went as cherry-red as the background fabric. 'M-Marcus?' Her voice came out like a squeak.

Poor Juliet. She told a lie that completely snowballed out of control! Enter Marcus Bainbridge, good looking but always manages to say the wrong thing. I found the banter between them to be very entertaining. The development between Marcus and Juliet was well laid out, Marcus was trying hard not to cross the line while Juliet was basically instigating for him to give up control and accept the connection between them. With all the reason for Marcus not to give in he finally has a breakthrough of just how much Juliet means to him, I only wish that part was stretched out a bit more.

"Just because I'm not a size zero doesn't mean I can't find a man. If I wanted to I could go right out there now and hook up with someone."

"Not while you're wearing my ring, you won't."

She swivelled back to look at him archly. "It's not your ring, remember?"

Marcus scooped up his wallet and phone off the writing desk. "No, but it soon will be."

The Bad / The In-Between

- Nothing

Lasting Impression

Overall, *Engaged at The Chatsfield* was a hilarious and entertaining read! I couldn't stop giggling and I loved the development between Marcus and Juliet. I'm highly excited and looking forward to this series! Give it a try, what do you have to lose? It's free on Amazon, B&N, Kobo and ibooks! Purchase links can be found above. **Do I recommend it?** Yes. **Would I buy it?** Double YES!
