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What happens after happily ever after?

The marriage of Lady Catherine Nettle and Marcus Windfair, the 7th Duke of Kensington, was declared the affair of the Season. They seemed perfect for each other... until they weren't.

Now after three years of separation Catherine wants a divorce. She can no longer remain married to a man who does not return her love and is willing to do whatever it takes – including following Marcus to the secluded cottage in the highlands where they spent their honeymoon – to get what she wants.

Marcus can no longer trust his wife after what happened three years ago, but that doesn't mean he doesn't love her. Refusing her ridiculous request for a divorce, he escapes to Woodsgate, confident his wife will not follow him into the wilds of Scotland. Unfortunately for the Duke, this is one bet he is bound to lose.

Forced together, husband and wife reach an unusual compromise: Catherine agrees to sleep with her husband for two months, after which time Marcus will grant her a divorce. It is the perfect solution for two people who claim to no longer love each other... or is it?

A Brooding Beauty is the first novella in the Wedded Women Quartet. Each novella is 15,000 - 20,000 words in length.

A Brooding Beauty Details

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Dina says

[Marcus and Catherine's marriage has basically died due to their immaturity and lack of communication. Even though they are still married, they have been living separate lives for three and a half years and haven't made any effort to m

Sarah says

Nice book. Wish it was longer, but the author did a good job catching us up on what was going on with Marcus and Catherine. Only thing I just noticed is the cover image shows a brunette woman, but Cat was blonde.

Jessica Williamson says

I really enjoyed this novella, I read it in a little over an hour. The two main characters were charming and well, I'm a sucker for a cute love story!

The writing was enjoyable and had a nice quality to it. Miss Eaton seems to know what she is doing!

Probably going to dive right in to the second novella of this series in a few minutes!

Caro says

This was a short and fun historical romance novella. The story is about a married couple that doesn't get along anymore after a stupid misunderstanding. Will they work it out?

As I said, the story is quite short so I can't say much about the content without spoiling it for everyone else, but I'll say something about the rest.

The Characters: Characters, especially in the genre of Historical Romance, where the storylines tend to be quite similar, are veeeeeeery important. Ms. Eaton handled her characters wonderfully. The bickering couple wasn't exactly new to me, but it somehow still managed to get and keep my attention.

The writing style: Neat, not too flourished. The characters' emotions are well-thought out and understandable. The language employed was neither experimental nor particularly beautiful, but it served its purpose. I would categorize it as basic historical romance style, since I wouldn't be able to tell it apart from its peers.

The storyline: Neat and unsurprising, but that was its charm.

Brooding Beauty is a simple and short tale that could be called a rather typical historical romance. If that's what you're looking for, look no longer.

Lisa says

I really enjoyed the premise of this story--a couple at odds with each other within their marriage. Lady Catherine married her ideal man at eighteen, Marcus, Duke of Kensington to enjoy a few blissful months together and then he heads off to America to increase his fortune. Well, this upsets Catherine and she decides to stay in London and attend balls and whatnot and enjoy life even though her husband all but deserted her. Upon arriving home, Marcus hears rumors of infidelity and it infuriates him and the couple become distant and sharp with each other--just passing each other in society a few times a year. Catherine finally decides a divorce is in order and naturally Marcus says no as that is just not done but he still loves his wife. Catherine stills loves Marcus as well even though she believes he has a mistress and cares naught for her.

This is a classic misunderstanding story between our couple and you can't help but think to yourself--just *talk* to each other! But even though the storyline isn't all that fresh, I really enjoyed the writing. I always love to see stories of strife after the happy marriage because in reality, everyone can not live happily ever after all the time :) I thought this novella had a wonderful blend of story, heat and love. Catherine is sharp and plucky and Marcus is a bit brooding and together they make a lovely couple that I was happy to see get another chance at their happily ever after. This is the start of a quartet and we get just a peek at the other friends that will make up the rest of the stories and I am very much looking forward to them! I believe this is Jillian Eaton's debut and I thought she did a wonderful job and I hope she branches out into a full length novel someday as I think she could tell an engaging, longer story as well. For a quick, sexy read mixed with some misunderstandings, A Brooding Beauty is sure to please! 4 stars

Lorraine Lesar says

Another new author for me. Loved the story - quite short, hence the four star rating only. Will look for her other books to add to my reading. Recommended.

Arlena says

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Raven Rating: 4

Blog Review For: Great Minds Think Aloud

Review:

"A Brooding Beauty" by Jillian was a good short romance novel. The author really worked her magic with this story and it really turn out to be a cute story dealing with Catherine and Marcus (Duke of Kensington).

The story was of two people that had misunderstood each other in more ways than one. Marcus leaves to work in America and upon his return hears that his wife has been cheating on him. (Rumors) Instead of this couple talking about this situation both of them are now distant and very short with each other. Next Catherine is wanting a divorce even though she still loves Marcus.....even through she believed he had a mistress. (Rumors) Naturally Marcus says NO to the divorce.

How the author is able to bring this couple back together is a work of art. Will Catherine and Marcus finally be able to talk and work out their problems?... Had their been any affairs? You must read this novel to find out.

"A Brooding Beauty" had a blend of sexual heat and love. For this was truly a romance novel and wow what an ending. I really liked it! If you are in for a quick sweet romance then this novel, "A Brooding Beauty" is for you.

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Emily says

I really enjoyed this little romance. I'm already hooked, and can't wait to read the other books in the series.

I thought Jillian Eaton did a great job with the premise of the book, and with character development. She certainly maintained my interest throughout each chapter, and I found myself looking forward to turning the page.

A Brooding Beauty is a great little romance filled with bursts of sensuality. I can't wait to see what A Ravishing Redhead has in store for Margaret. I read the preview for chapter 1, now it's time to read the rest of the chapters.

Happy Reading!

Update from reading a second time: Stil loved it. Although, there is one thing that bothers me. Cat has blond hair, but the woman on the cover(s) has deep brown. I pay attention to those small details.

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Read a second time 04/10/2014

Sometime says

Well written and enjoyable but too sad. Despite the HEA I felt sad for all the wasted time.

Kat says

—Le daría la bienvenida a la vida de mendigo —susurró dolorosamente—, si eso significa que podría pasar una noche más en tus brazos.

AY, LO AMÉ MUCHO. Aunque muy cortito, pero hermosísimo<3

Nuki says

Deceptive cover pic. The heroine is described as blonde and blue eyed. A short novella about a love marriage that falls apart due to misunderstandings and lack of communication between the two characters. However, it was an enjoyable read. *** stars.

Jillian Eaton says

I have always loved historical romances. I loved the drama of it all, and of course the romance. What I didn't always love was how almost every book I read seemed to end with the hero and heroine getting married, as if that was the end of their love story. As a woman about to get married herself, I certainly know that marriage is *not* the end of the road! So I set about writing a story that answered the age old question: what happens *after* happily ever after?

A Brooding Beauty is the first novella in the Wedded Women Quartet. It is about Catherine and Marcus, two people who fancied themselves in love and got married. Three years later they are barely speaking to each other. This is a story of missed chances and poor communication, something that is rampant in every relationship. If only Marcus or Catherine had the courage to simply speak their minds! But alas, such is not the case with these two hard headed love birds. Will they let rumors and mistrust tear them apart completely? Or will they be able to find their way back to the love they once knew? **Find out in *A Brooding Beauty*, available now on Amazon for only \$0.99!**

If you liked Marcus and Catherine's story, be sure to find out what happens to Margaret and Henry in *A Ravishing Redhead*, available now! :)

Dinjolina says

A separated married couple that was faithful to one another.
I might just have to swoon from delight!

Joking aside, this was a fabulous short story and my only complaint is with it being so short!
Dear Miss Author...go write full length novels! Now, I say! :)

Tonileg says

It is so sad when a person wakes up to find that their marriage is dead. This happens to Lady Catherine Nettle and Marcus Windfair, the 7th Duke of Kensington. They were in love when they were courting but for the past three years they have lived separate lives and in separate bedrooms.

This is a short but sweet story about Cat and Marcus' marital problems.

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2 stars and there is another story A Ravishing Redhead

Pamela says

This is the story about the Duke of Kensington, who married his love, Catherine. It all goes very well, and then a misunderstanding, that neither want to discuss puts a wedge between them. Four years later they are still apart, until she arrives to tell him she wants a divorce. Then the action gets interesting. I loved the sweet story, and Epilogue, but felt it could have been longer, and given us more time to better know both characters. 4 stars...
