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The stakes have never been higher...

When aspiring private investigator Prudence Washington delivers legal documents to Max Benton, she receives an unexpected marriage proposal. Notorious playboy Max needs a fake wife in order to receive his hefty inheritance. Agreeing to the plan will help Pru's bank balance...and vacationing with the sexy billionaire is doing wonders for her libido.

Max spends more time in the tabloids than in the boardroom, but he's got huge plans for a new chain of hotels. He'll happily prove he's turned over a new leaf by sharing a room?and unforgettable nights?with his gorgeous new "wife." Working together to expose a saboteur only increases their combustive attraction. But can he convince the woman he drew into a lie that he'll do anything to make this connection last?

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From Reader Review Love's Gamble for online ebook

Marsha says

WARNING: THIS REVIEW IS GOING ON NOTICE FOR CONTAINING PROFANITY, LEWD LANGUAGE, MILD SPOILERS AND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF DISAPPOINTMENT. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!

This story rubbed me raw and not in a good way. You couldn't get the female protagonist of this story to agree, however. When it comes to Max Benton's penis, she's got the brains of a wet, mold-covered loaf of bread.

The relationship between them starts off horribly and goes downhill from there. It seems our little Miss Prudence suffers from a wee bit of a personality disorder, a bad girl that pops out when she gets inebriated or thoroughly fucked by a knowing playboy. That playboy is Max Benton, a partying bad boy known for his sleazy, manipulative, deceitful behavior out of bed and his skills in the bedroom.

Prudence is actually trying to be a canny detective and her skills seem undeniable. Max is actually a savvy businessman and he shows his intelligence again and again when working with his controlling older brother. Together they're supposed to be a powerhouse, dynamic duo, two people meant for each other.

Balls! Max goes to ground and Pru uses her considerable talents and feminine wiles to locate him. Then Max acts like he hates Pru for doing her job and finding him when his brother wants to talk to him. He is furious with her and the encounter between them reads like the advent to physical abuse. He sounds dangerous and I actually found myself fearing for Prudence's skin.

But Max is too canny to hit Prudence; she might sue him. So he tricks her into marrying him and then plays childish games in order to get her to let her sexy other self out to play. The scenes wherein he's screwing her into submission read like borderline rape, not sexy or erotic at all. The last one, where he's trying to talk her into marrying him, is just more of the same ilk. This is how he's going to get her permission for anything whenever she says no? Screwing her until she agrees? WTF?!?

For the first time ever, I'm giving a book a no-star rating. There are other characters here but they're not enough for me to ignore the nasty power struggle between these two, one that we're meant to believe can lead to a happy ending like a marriage.

Ms. Taylor's gamble here simply doesn't pay off. Stay as far away from this sordid stained "romance" as you can.

Eileen Peters says

Moving and interesting story line

STory is interesting and keeps your attention. MOves long and is very and is very logical and descriptive . A good read as with breaks as you need to take them.

Marilyn Diamond says

Pru and Max Benton were made for each other. Convincing them of that is a different story. I was not a fan of Max's methods which were unorthodox. He get's his point across and falls in love. This was a steady read with plenty of suspense and twists. Pru in training for Public Investigator is given a series of mysteries to solve and what she comes up with is witty. Max is our typical bad-boy playboy living under his brother's shadows until he comes up with a outrageous request for Pru. I was not a fan of Max's methods which many were unorthodox. However, he get's his point across and falls in love at the same time.

Angela says

You know a book is good when you have to get to the last page no matter how long it takes. Max and Pru are good together

Toni says

Prudence Washington is an aspiring private investigator hired to find Max Benton and deliver legal documents to him. She gets more than she expected when Max makes a proposal of his own, marriage. They end up working together to find out who is sabotaging The Benton Group, run by Cole Benton, the older brother of Max. A light hearted, enjoyable romance story.

Deatrice Farrior says

Another Great One

This was a good read. I love Max and Pru together. It was exciting from beginning to end. You must read this one and you must read Vegas Baby.

Teneatha says

One of those books that keeps you hooked from page one- Great stand alone story but richer if you read the first book Vegas Baby. See what happens when two strong willed hard headed people enter into a business only agreement. They have very strong sexual attraction so you know that it will be explosive from the start to the finish Enjoy

Joyce says

Now if I was to list my three most favorite Theodora Taylor heroes before today I would have said number one is a tie between Nathan Sinclair (The Owner Of His Heart) and Alexi Rustanov (Her Russian Billionaire) second place would go to Beau Prescott (His One and Only) and third place would have gone to Nikolai Rustanov (Her Russian Surrender) but after reading this book Max Benton trumps all of them and they are no slouches, he is this seeming irresponsible party/ play boy who goes through money like water on the surface but what no one but him knows is that he is also a very savvy very successful investor who goes by another name Sorley Greer. His brother commissions a Ms. Prudence an almost newly minted PI to look for him as his thirty fifth birthday is around the corner and he wants to coral him by forcing him to marry just so that he can get his hands on his trust, when prudence delivers the message he asks her to marry him she refuses him of course and he maneuvers things to ensure that she will see things his way. The rest as they say is history... you have to read this as going further would be giving spoilers, more than I already have, though I prefer to think of what I've done as teasing, the point is it's worth reading...my only complaint, wish it was longer

Shantia Shaver says

Better

Great story. This was better then Cole and Sunny's story. Max and Pru fit together so perfectly. I hope there is a story for Gus.

Harlequin Books says

"Marriage as a business arrangement is not an uncommon theme in novels these days, but this is a refreshing take with surprising reveals around every corner. Up until the final chapter, new details about the characters are revealed that make them even more endearing" (RT Book Reviews, 4 stars).

Miniseries: Kimani Hotties

Mspraise50 says

This is Max and Prudence's story. Max is Cole's brother and he is as passionate as Cole was cold. I loved their story too. I really enjoyed how Max wanted the true Prudence to come out to play and stop hiding behind the serious Prudence who carried the guilt of what happened to her parents.

Again another great read, I loved the direct and simply way the couple interacted with each other. I loved that TT concentrates the story mainly on the couples.

Dee's Books says

I can never get enough of Theodora Taylor's characters and "Love's Gamble" was no different.

Alpha male, Max B. and Pru, a very clever and sassy new PI ... love hits hard with a gamble!

Taz Will says

Read these out of order but I was really happy that this one was different then the other two. I really like Max in this one, I thought he was going to be all business and everything was just a front. Good thing there was a twist in this because I would've thought it too obvious. With all the mess Pru carried around I just knew she'd fall for whatever but she really held her own in this one. I really wanted to read about the two more as a couple though, the little you get doesn't really put you in the happily ever after, not even with the little you get from Cole and Sunny in this one. I was hoping to see more of Nora though, surprised she didn't get a piece of this one seeing how she was really good in the first one. In all I enjoyed the read.

sylvia corley says

Loved it

Loved this story. Theodore Taylor you write some great love story..Mac and Pru was make for each other, just like. Cole and Summer.

MsKingsPens says

This one was a disappointment. I enjoyed Vegas, Baby and I looked forward to Max and Pru's book. The good: Pru was a really good PI and I loved how she kept surprising Max (and Cole) with her talent for digging up the truth. Bonus, a Theodora Taylor heroine that didn't spend the whole book lying her arse off. Max was fun at the beginning and it was clear that Taylor had done her due diligence in researching the hospitality industry

The Bad: The Wedding Night Pru/ Sorely stuff was annoying. (view spoiler)

The Ugly: Taylor often states that she likes to write her male leads as villains and then redeem them. In my opinion (and I have read a lot of her books), she has done so with mixed results. Sometimes it works great (Her Russian Billionaire, Her Viking Wolf), sometimes she runs out of plot and redemption = 180 in the last few chapters (this book, Wolf and Prejudice), and sometimes it is a complete failure (His For Keeps, Wolf and Punishment). I went from liking Max, to rolling my eyes at how he "ruined" Pru, to wanting to slap him... then I just wondered where he went. The guy at the end wasn't the guy from the first 80%.

3 wanted to love it stars...

