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When Ethan Kemp proposed to Hannah, the whole world was shocked— including Hannah! She was out of his league, everyone said so. Ethan was a man of the world, and she was his unsophisticated nanny...

But Ethan knew that the practical Hannah would be a most convenient wife— until he discovered that his shy bride had hidden passions. Intrigued, he wanted their wedding agreement to be on far more intimate terms. He planned to be a *real* husband!

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Su says

Conversation between them sounded silly most of the time especially the last one dragged on and on...

Jenny says

First half of the book was great. Sweet, lovable characters, funny and interesting. Then it all went downhill. When heroine lost her baby she was so cold about it. She even called her dead child a collection of cells. The fight scene ruined everything. They hurt each other so much and heroine was so cruel and mean! The assassination of a good heroine.

StMargarets says

What books I've read from this author have been sort of bland - but this one was intense and angsty with some great love scenes that actually advanced the story. The lawyer hero marries his nanny and it's been working out great for a year - or so he thinks. When the heroine comes in all bruised and scratched after jumping out of a car to avoid sexual assault, the hero is forced to see her in a new light. She is an individual who wants to improve herself and he doesn't want anyone to hurt her.

Watching the hero come out of his guilty haze of his first wife's death and then learn to appreciate the heroine was fun to watch. Then he messes up (of course - this is an HP alpha) because he believes his first wife's mother over the heroine. They both say horrible things to each other at different points in the story - so be warned.

Lots of drama and a heroine with a backbone and a healthy sex drive. Hero is pretty dense and egotistical, but I think this heroine can keep him in line.

Debbie DiFiore says

Good but kind of dragged

It might have been me but I was really loving this story and then about 60% through it kind of dragged. I was glad they fell in love but really didn't like the ex Mother in Law. She was just Evil and so we're his friends. He was oblivious that first year. I liked when he started noticing her but I wish he hadn't been so jealous and stupid. He knew she adored his kids. I can't believe he took that old bags word over his wives. In the immortal words of Sir Bugs Bunny; What a 'maroon'! What an 'oxy-MORON'!!

Sneha Jaiswal says

really good one by this author. I adored the heroine. the hero was also very good and considerate towards the heroine. the reason I'm not giving this 5 stars is because their fight really left a sour taste in my mouth. I think the hero said to the heroine were unforgivable, particularly when he called her the hired help even after what they shared was disgusting! that part spoiled the romance for me and was something I couldn't forget till the end. also he should have made a little effort to clear the air about his first wife a little early as he knew how insecure the heroine was. however I liked his declaration of love at the end and somehow redeemed himself.

Laura says

I enjoyed reading this book but Hannah should have gotten fed up with Ethan's crap within six months of being married to him but where would that leave this story line.

Vintage says

Ethan is so mean!

More to come...

A four star heroine with a 2.5 star idiot of a hero....3 stars.

I love Hannah. Another heroine who failed to read the HarleyLand trope book. I suspect she may have held a book burning with like minded heroines: Sadie from Rock Chick Regret, Christina of Rafael's Suitable Bride, Faith from Valentino's Love-Child, and just one more for kicks, Clare from Tainted Love.

Hannah was the nanny when the H, BIG ASS-HAT alert, marries her in a MOC because he really doesn't care for the interview process. No, that's only part of it, he wants his adorable plot moppets to have some stability. Too bad the grandmother from hell (GFH) mother to the paragon of a dead wife and all his cronies don't see the appeal of Hannah. A bad makeover keeps her still incomprehensible to the others.

The MOC s-l-o-w-l-y starts to change when her French lessons improve to the point she is given an offer to go to university. Sooner rather than later, the couple end in bed which works for both of them. He hasn't been with anyone in three years, and not only has she not been with anyone EVER, but she is secretly in love with him. How does this differ from the other TSTL doormats rolling in unrequited love? Yeah, she loves him, but she knows his flaws and still loves him. She gives herself her own makeover which works much better, and wakes up a few people's eyes as well as the jackass' as well. Oh yeah, Ethan is his name.

The relationship is going along swimmingly when Hannah goes for an interview at the uni. Aforementioned GFH offers to help out and pick up the kids. Oh, that's so sweet. When Hannah comes home she gets the smackdown of all smackdown from jackass Ethan who is so cruel, I am surprised she doesn't get her own 2' by 4' and smack him. **Brutal! Mean! Terrible! Awful! Go to hell!** He's furious she abandoned the kids for her own selfish reasons. Hannah tries to explain, but he gets even nastier. She simply retires back to her nanny room and goes into a decline.

An accident brings things to a head. (view spoiler)

This is the point that it goes epic. Once Hannah gets home, she throws some home truths about how she feels about Ethan. She's not happy with him. At all. (view spoiler)

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After this epic rant, things go a little downhill and it reverts back to a 3 star novel.

I still heartily recommend this book as it has a lot going for it: a self-reliant (okay she's in a MOC, big deal) heroine with a wry sense of humor that delivers an awesome if temporary smackdown, and a hero who learns how to grovel a tiny bit.

Jacqueline says

This one worked real well for me. I love a good marriage of convenience story. I liked the way that once the hero noticed the heroine he pretty much fell completely under her spell. She had been all quiet and unassuming but when she got tired of that and started showing her real self, he fell in love with her. The characterizations were lovely and the dialog was bright and fresh. There was some angst and a bit of groveling. The sex scenes were sweet and emotional. Just an all around good story. Recommended.

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

3.5 stars...

Chantal's review

Vintage's review

Kiki's review

Saly says

I loved this book. This is a marriage of convenience story and I don't normally love that theme but this one was so well done. Hannah was the nanny to Ethan's two kids and to make sure she didn't leave them to get

married, he married her. They have been married for one year and things are comfortable, Hannah looks after the kids while Ethan goes to work(he's a barrister), they don't have much interaction. Hannah thinks that Ethan is still in love with his deceased wife because of many things but especially due to his wife's mother. When the book opens Hannah is sneaking into the house at night after an incident in her french class. She runs into Ethan and Ethan's impression of Hannah starts changing from there. He thought she was a quiet, unassuming thing but it turns out Hannah can be sassy and challenging. The verbal sparring in this book is HOT. We see 23 year old Hannah come into her own. She married Ethan because of security(she was a foster kid) and also the feelings she had for him(though she was content being the mommy to the kids). When Ethan's mother comes to visit things become hilarious, we see a possessive and jealous Ethan who realizes there is more to his wife and he is very uncomfortable and vexed with the changes and Hannah calls him on it. The conversations these two have are so funny. I really loved the book. In the end when Hannah is hurting and pushes Ethan away, so well done. An excellent book.

Mou says

First, I've always hated harlequin books title !! Second, I saw no reason why Hannah should say sorry to Ethan (Hero) at the end of the book.... And I think the hero's redemption wasn't enough. After the accident, he suddenly realized he can't lose her and is in love with her. I think, sometimes just saying sorry and I love you isn't enough. Though, at the end, their reconciliation scene was really sweet. So, overall it was an ok read.

IamGamz says

I've had this sitting on my TBR pike for ages and kept passing it over, stupid me.

The book starts off with Hannah arriving at home in a complete mess; her face is scratched, her clothes torn, she's freezing cold; and Ethan sitting in the darkened kitchen waiting for her. This is just the first page of the book and I had no idea what the hell was going on or what their relationship was, but I was hooked!

Hannah was initially hired as Ethan's nanny and they now have a MOC for Ethan's kids. Up until this point things were going along swimmingly, then Hannah started showing Ethan her true personality and shook his very calm, very organized world up. :)

Watching them navigate the minefield that is their changing relationship was so much fun. Quiet, calm, fade in the background Hannah was suddenly Miss Opinionated and had no qualms in sharing with Ethan.

I can't blame her. She married to a man whose house is covered in pictures and trophies of his "perfect" deceased wife. They were the "perfect" couple, had the "perfect" relationship. It was just too "perfect".

Also, for an intelligent, astute, barrister, Ethan was a dummy. How could he not see what was so obvious to everyone else? And his ex-mother-in-law ... that bitch would have died for the crap she pulled.

My favorite part was the very end when all the groveling was done and they set the place on fire. Literally!

I am glad I finally got around to reading this book. It was more than I expected, and that's always a wonder

thing!

Chantal ♥? says

SPOILERS AHEAD PLEASE PROCEED WITH CARE

This book was amazing and emotional.

I cried when she lost the baby like that and he just had no clue how to handle his feeling as they are all over the place.

The whole fight scene was gross and disturbing.

I had a hard time getting over that. However, I could hear the pain and how she wanted some distance from what had happened.

As someone who has had that horrible nightmare experience, I could understand at first how she had to make out like it was just bunch of cells and not a human.

Come on, how could she go on if she made her baby a human being at this point?

Her pain was too great and her loss was too overwhelming!

She needs time to heal, to deal, and she needs some understanding!

When she goes to his office and makes the grand gesture it was good.

When at the end he tell her, he wanted to fill her and heal her.

Poor confused guy he was really clueless about her feelings!

Although, I thought they were obvious.

Re read in future for sure glad I accidentally downloaded it.

Bubu says

I'm on a rollllll!!!!!!

i loved this one!! is really good. Angsty and emotional. I love this couple- Hplandia give me all the Ethan and Hannah!!!. In the end they really are a believable HEA but until then we have all the goodness.

Ethan is so oblivious ~~sometimes~~ almost all the time and Hannah is a cutiepie:). Their fights are worth mentioning OOOHH they get ugly. Ethan is a jerk but Hannah gives as good as she gets.

Kiki says

Chantal pretty much has it in nutshell!

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I am a lot less forgiving than her.

I'd have preferred if he came to her for peacemaking!

To be fair he DID tell her that he needed sex and she was available. His words, not mine. He also called her a selfish bitch because she took ONE night off, if she WAS indeed the hired help he accused her of she'd have been entitled of that time off. So it'd appear he married her for a free slave. So I basically had no compassion left for him. He deserved EVERY single hurtful thing she threw at him and more. Actually I think he had it way easy. She even went to him. So no, I'm not glad.

As the heroine has pointed out, it is REALLY easy to be generous when you know the truth, so she was within rights not to believe him just because he apologised AFTER finding out the truth.

For a lawyer, he's immensely dense!
