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Dark, imposing billionaire Cesare Brunelli lost his sight saving a little girl from a burning car. The only person who treated him without pity was the soft-skinned virgin with whom he spent a passionate night. Now she's expecting his baby!

Samantha gets the one reaction she didn't expect--a marriage demand! But when Cesare suddenly regains his sight, Sam's sure he's going to trade her--his diminutive, fiery-haired bride--for one of the tall, slim blondes he used to date....

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lily waheed says

I want cesare ...yes I want him , I love him .

Paula Legate says

This book was really hard for me to get into. Sam's rambling thoughts distracted me from the story. I was glad I kept reading. There were places that this story really tugged at my heart.

Samantha's brother was sick with the flu, and she agreed to clean for him. Everyone warned Sam not to go into one of the guest rooms. The stranger never came out of his room, and wanted to see no one. When she walked into that one room, it was in total disarray, and she went to work cleaning it too. After she was done, the stranger had asked who she was, and why she was there. They both exchanged angry words. She didn't know why he wouldn't be thankful for the cleaning she had done. What she didn't know at the time, was he was blind, and couldn't see what she had done. That night ended with sparks flying. The chemistry was hot between the two.

The story was about Samantha getting pregnant, and how she and Cesare handled the pregnancy and the fact that Cesare was blind. Blind or not he was all alpha male. He wanted to be a father, and he wanted Samantha as his wife. Can the two turn chemistry into a forever kind of love?

Sample from chapter 10

"My attitude to regaining my sight was why question a gift when you receive it – why wait to enjoy it? If losing my sight has taught me one thing, cara, it is never waste a single moment. Extract the last shred of joy, enjoy what you have before fate decides to snatch it away?"

Chantal ♥? says

Read this two months before the publishing date. And I have to say it was the first time I did that and I loved it.

This book was awesome but also sad. The drama was good without being OTT.

The hero well he is complicated and at first I was very "are you fur real here dude!?" However, the more he interacts with the heroine and you get a glimpse of his inner workings you come to realize that he is one very emotionally damaged guy. Never mind the blind part because I that not even the issue. Even though it appears to be.

The heroine well she is just about the most amazingly loving person. You can see how insecure she is from everything she does. But honestly she is just about the most beautiful person ever. I don't understand how she can't see that, but the hero does. Ahhhh!

The author did a great job with this trope which I adore (gets pregnant by the one night stand thing). She is an auto buy for me. Has been for years.

Book safety;

This book is safe however there is some OW/OM drama but no cheating. Of course the hero uses condoms in his past.

Cherise says

Wow though I didn't like it at the beginning I end up loving this one a lot.

I was not used to Lawrence's writing style at first. She tends to have pretty convoluted sentences that makes it very hard to speed read, especially, when mixed with a lot of background layout for the first fifth of the book, creates a very slow stuttery pace.

Once we get to see these two meet though, I am glad pace picked up a lot. I adore their steamy scenes, can tell how these two click so well and how they are just meant to be. I also adore their banters, towards the end it was so cheeky and cute, and knowing what these two felt, you just want to cheer them on.

H is so adorably persistent. Not even needing to hear his pov, you already can tell he is totally smitten. Oh proposal scene is sweetly adorable, and yes he is a cheeky underhanded bastard that more or less forced h's hands, but I totally forgive him as he did it with good intentions and was quick to confess once he deems it safe of course. And when he thought our h is not happy with this arrangement, first reaction is he will change and make this work, not even knowing h was totally on hormonal high and was grouching about something else totally.

The h even though she is often insecure based on a v bad past experience, is also very strong and would stand up and give lip to our H if she thinks he deserves it. While she adores him, she understands how hard it is for H yet also doesn't go overboard pitying him. She also is quick to forgive and forget, well, after having her say and giving our H an earful first of course. And that scene with ow, wow just shows she can give as good as she gets, and isn't one to be trifled with. Brava!

While the plot probably is nothing new, the presentation and drama is refreshing in that these two, though often has passionate interchanges, don't hold grudges and will make up very quickly. I like that there isn't much brooding and everything is quickly sorted out once it is laid out in the open. There are so many cute flirty interactions between these two I smirked and laughed quite a lot and had a great time.

Sruthi says

This was a lovely read but very short. With a blind H, I was expecting something different but this turned out to be a typical HP. It was more like 3 stars, I dunno why I gave it 4.

Book starts with h revealing about her pregnancy, H is not some anonymous stranger who was so vulnerable and in pain about his blindness anymore but a confident billionaire who has accepted his defaults. h is a journalist n H misunderstands that she slept with him for a story (Nay, ntn new here). H soon comes out of his misconceptions and proposes marriage, h being the strong, independent, redhead slaps him hard and walks out of his office swearing never wanting to see his face again.

The very next day , h loses her job , thanks to the phone call H made . H takes the advantage of her low and proposes marriage again , with no choice h accepts and they are married .

Ahhh here comes the twist , just before their marriage , H goes on a trip to Rome n has his surgery which returns his sight . He goes with the marriage full well knowing how h looks and he loves what he sees , on the other hand h thinks H would have never proposed marriage or their one night stand would have never happened if he was not blind , she thinks she has no chance against all the tall blondes especially if its someone so beautiful like H's ex-fiance.

They both were sweet and I think H loves her more , from the first moment he accepted that there was more than lust between them and persuades her ruthlessly to marry him . h has some inferiority complex and considers herself ntn more than a redhead with lots of freckles . < underline that freckles here , she mentions them too many times >

We have Ow here , H's gorgeous actress Ex-fiance who loves her dogONLY. And she only feeds him branded mineral water (duh , what a snob) . I laughed out loud at this point .

No spoilers . I have become very lazy these days-skipping all reviews and sticking to rating .

It took me 3 Hrs to finish the book and it gives that all-good-spring kinda feeling :)

Tia says

The hero was blind when he met and made love with the heroine. When the heroine shows up at his office after finally knowing who he was, she told him she was pregnant. The hero was in shock but demanded marriage, eventually the heroine gave in. Then by some miracle the hero regains his sight and now he will fight to keep his beautiful heroine in his life forever because he loves her.

Cordelia says

I thought I picked up something good when I read that the hero was blind. It wasn't really an issue in the book after the first twenty or so pages, and this ended up being just like every other Presents novel I've read this summer. Sadface.

Brenda says

This was a fun, low-angst book. Except for Cesare being blind for half the book, it had the regular HP tropes - A ONS leading to a marriage of convenience. However, what made it enjoyable was that both MCs were extremely likeable and made an awesome pair. The sexual chemistry between them was very strong.

Despite his arrogance and sneakiness, I loved Cesare. His wit had me chuckling most of the time. He may come across as intimidating, but he was good with the people who mattered to him like Tim, his right hand man or his driver, Paolo, especially loved the exchange between him and Paolo when they go to Samantha's

place.

"The lift is out of order, sir,?" Paolo said in a tone that suggested this did not surprise him.

"The building does not meet with your approval? It could do with a lick of paint?" Cesare speculated.

"Several. Or, better still, knocking down.?"

Cesare laughed. "You are a snob." Then his expression sobered. A building that his fastidious driver found unacceptable was not one that he had any intention of his child being raised in.

The thickset Paolo, who carried a few extra pounds around his middle, was panting by the time they reached the fourth floor. Cesare was not.

"You need to take more exercise, my friend."

There was no doubt he was thoroughly smitten with Samantha. She was really sweet. I loved the scene where they go for the scan and she describes the images of their unborn baby for Cesare since he couldn't see. My only issue with her was her unnecessary inferiority complex, but I liked how she didn't let Cesare's blindness stop her from giving it good back to him. Loved their witty exchange.

'You have an original way of proposing, I'll give you that.'

'You wish me to go down on one knee and declare undying love?'

The sarcasm caught Sam on a raw nerve she hadn't known she had and she covered her reaction with a display of flippancy. 'Why not? I could do with a good laugh.'

'It is not a bad thing either that with a wife in the background I will hopefully not attract those women who wish to hold my hand while I cross the road.'

'So that will be my job.'

'No, I don't think I'll change the present arrangement, Paolo does not want to marry me. Besides, I suspect you would be more likely to lead me under a bus.'

'Don't give me ideas,' she growled before she subsided into thoughtful silence.

"You were trying to save me.?"

The sound of his amazed laughter made Sam see red. The faint unease she had felt waking up alone had grown into full-scale mind-numbing panic by the time she'd found his tee shirt at the water's edge—and he was laughing!

"We all make mistakes." She glared at him as she thought how she had never seen anything as beautiful as him now.

She should have slugged him there for laughing after giving her the fright of her life believing he was going to drown.

I also enjoyed the exchange between Samantha and Cesare's ex. Really cheered for her there. And, later on, after she left and Cesare walks in, I couldn't help laugh at his wariness knowing he'd walked into something portentous.

It took Cesare about two seconds to deduce that all was not well. If the tear stains were not conclusive, the stormy look in Sam's violet eyes was—she was mad as hell and that anger appeared to be directed at him.

"Oh, you finally decided to put in an appearance, then. I suppose I should be grateful??"

Cesare studied the colour on her cheeks and the glow in her eyes and smiled. If the audible grating of her teeth was an indicator, she appeared to find the smile provocative.

"What have I done?" he asked, thinking about how she had looked when she had woken this morning, her hair on the pillow, her face sleepily flushed.

"Nothing. Absolutely nothing," Sam muttered. She just loved entertaining his mistress.

She glared at him some more and waited while he brushed an invisible speck off his trousers. Then he smiled the lopsided smile that always made her stomach flip. She watched as he picked up a book off a bureau and ran his finger down the spine. He put it back down with exaggerated care before he crossed the room towards her in a handful of long-legged, elegant strides.

"I feel like I've walked into the middle of a scene." He arched a dark brow sardonically and folded his arms across his chest. "Would you like to fill in the gaps for me, cara??"

I felt the book could have done with a little more angst and intensity, but, I nevertheless enjoyed it.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

This was nothing special or different as far as Harlequin Presents, but it was a pleasant read. I gave it four stars because I really like Kim Lawrence's writing, although it probably is more like 3 stars. Definitely a book for those who like blind heroes although he does recover his sight about halfway through the book. Heroine has a bit of an inferiority complex. She sounds pretty attractive, but seems to measure her petite, violet-eyed, redheaded look against tall, stacked blondes. I was thinking, I thought violet eyes were pretty special. Mind you, her fiancé had cheated on her, so that would definitely contribute to her issues.

A good book to pass the time after a long, hard week.

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

I'm going with Brenda and Sruthi for the details. I just have to add that the h rubbed me the wrong way after chapter one.

Leigh says

Theme: one night stand, Scottish heroine-Italian Hero, virgin heroine, blind Hero, pregnant at first sex

Here's my monologue while reading the book:

me: oh, the book's interesting.. the Hero is blind.

me: at least the Hero's not a jerk when he learned that she's pregnant

me: oh? she was a virgin (read the summary again) - i missed that part hehehe

me: oho, stalking Hero (blind stalker in the house)

me: hhhmmm.. i don't get this heroine sometimes... "laban-bawi" ang dating (fight-retreat)

me: H's going to be a good father, I guess

me: oho! H can see yet he never told h

me: h's insecurities sometimes arrghh

me: at least h is fighting for the relationship and not some other h who just cry when confronted by the ex-gf of the H

me: now, h is not being sensible with the H. tell him what happened beeyatch... gggrrrr

me: at least H is not really a jerk (a creepy man though at one point - - like manipulating some things to make the h marry him).

me: Sigh! at least the 2 are mature to talk about their relationship... no running away blah blah, no huge drama blah blah...

the end.

Mou says

I didn't like this one. Some of the scenes were very frustrating. It's not new in HPlandia that we got an arrogant dominating and deceptive hero. H was blind though, he got blind through an accident 6month ago.

* The H & h slept together when H was dealing with his post blind stage. She got pregnant and informed H about it. The pregnancy news meeting didn't go so well obviously. H did offer marriage but the h refused.

* Next day h got sacked and the H was behind it. H then somehow managed to convince the jobless h for marriage. And they started to have sex regularly.

** 1 month passed and they got married. The h was already in love with H. And she was worried that if H was able to see then he never would have married her.

*** Before the wedding H had a surgery and able to see again. He saw h on their wedding day first and thought she was beautiful.

**** H didn't tell h that he can see again and continue to deceive her.

***** One day after their marriage h learned everything. She asked why he deceives her but the H answered her it was not that important.

***** Then Little OW drama. OW throw lots of bullshits towards h but she held her ground and dignity. I have to give some score h because of this. Then a little bit of argument because of the OW with H and HEA.

I don't mind angsty in HP's if there is no slut shaming and cheating. But this one just bore me cause there were lots of internal monologues but very little interaction between the characters. And H never apologizes what he did so there was no groveling.

Safety Issues:

H was celibate for 6month and h was virgin. It was safe.

boogenhagen says

The h and H have a one night stand, she is a virgin and he is blind.

She tracks him down and he insists on marriage. The H's blindness is hard for him to deal with but the snark is good and the pace is fast. When he gets his sight back the story gets even better.

I really enjoyed the back and forth in this one and I think it was one of KL's better efforts. I think I like her Italian and Greek H's the best cause they do get some good lines.

Jenny says

Hero and heroine spend one night together, she ends up pregnant, hero proposes a MOC but of course heroine falls in love with him. When our blind hero regains his eyesight heroine is afraid he will go back to his actress girlfriend the woman he was about to marry before his accident.

Very romantic heartwarming love story. Epilogue totally melted my heart! I even liked hero's bitchy ex. She brought delicious angst. I loved to hate her! The heroine was adorable like most Kim Lawrence heroines and the hero a true hero in every sense of the word!

Caitt Glowerd says

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