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**Naughty and Nice...**

Public relations whiz Matthew Beaumont won't let scandal ruin his brother's Christmas wedding. Yet scandal is Whitney Maddox's middle name. He grudgingly allows the outrageous child star turned horse trainer to stay in the wedding party...as long as she behaves herself. But soon he's the one misbehaving with this irresistible maid of honor.

Determined to shed her troubled past, Whitney traded parties—and men—for a quiet life years ago. But one tumble into Matthew's strong arms has her thinking a hot night with the best man might be the perfect holiday gift...a gift that could last forever.

## **A Beaumont Christmas Wedding Details**

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## From Reader Review A Beaumont Christmas Wedding for online ebook

### Monica Cardoza says

There is no such thing as perfect, not a perfect person, not a perfect life and especially not a perfect family.

I loved seeing the Beaumont clan all together again. This is a family that no matter what love each other and most of all I loved how Phillip was the one giving advice to Matthew and telling him the truth. I know that Matthew wanted for his brother to have the perfect wedding but he had no idea that it was going to be far from perfect but even in the chaos he realizes something every important.

Whitney Maddox was a horse trainer but no matter what her past would always follow her. Her mother wanted for her to be famous so famous she was but now all she wanted to do was forget that she was on a show, forget the things she did because even now when she was a klutz the paparazzi because she is either high or drunk. Now she is going to her friends wedding and hopes that her past doesn't ruin her wedding. But then she meets Matthew the best man and she thinks that maybe the two weeks of her vacation she could seduce him and have some fun.

Matthew Beaumont believed that he could redeem himself by making sure that his brother's wedding would be perfect. He does the PR for Percheron Drafts and he takes his job seriously. He has already talked to his family and of course his father four ex-wives to make sure that they are on their best behavior. So when he went to his brother's for dinner to talk about the list for the wedding he never thought he would catch his childhood crush as she came tumbling down the stairs. But when he caught her he could help himself think that the wedding would be ruined because of Whitney Wildz.

I couldn't believe the amount of assumptions was done throughout this read, first there was Matthew and him assuming everything that was said about Whitney. He should know first hand about the lies the public puts out there. I felt sorry for Whitney because she couldn't be out in public before swarms of not only paparazzi but also people bombarded her with questions about her well-being. But then there is Matthew getting to know Whitney and seeing that she was just a normal person a person that changed her life. He had a crush on her but now his body wanted her. The more that they spend time together the more that they liked each other but in the end everything went to hell.

A Beaumont Christmas Wedding was a heart-warming read. I love that they were able to open up to each other and tell each other about their pasts. She was able to tell him about her mother and the apparent fame and he was able to tell her about what his father did to him and his mother. Matthew at times needed to loosen up and have some fun he was to uptight. Then there is Whitney I totally loved her, she tried changing herself for her friend but she didn't need to do that she just needed to accept herself and to hell with everyone else. The chemistry between them is evident from the moment that he caught her falling down the stairs. They were perfect for each other.

Ms. Anderson in my opinion did great in capturing a family that had issues, had fun just like in every family. This was a perfect holiday read!!!

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### **Amanda Butler says**

I'm loving this Beaumont trilogy. I really hope the author writes as many books as there are Beaumonts.

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### **Mariana Bezerra says**

I felt sorry for Whitney because we can clearly see she doesn't have friends and everyone still treats her like a kid when we can all see she's trying to make things different and her life is no longer part of some television exploit. But I liked the way she changed and made a new life for herself with all those parts she loves.

The wedding was bound to be a huge thing, but I didn't think for one minute this would be a success when all the press and anyone thinking about only had eyes for Whitney. Matthew was an ogre and really needed an adjustment attitude, but he managed to save the day and Whitney before everything was too badly burned. This was not a perfect book and I didn't love this couple.

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### **Rita says**

A Beaumont Christmas Wedding was an enjoyable story about a former child star who was destroyed by the media and a man longing to feel accepted by his family. Whitney Maddox has tried to stay out of the public eye for more than a decade and is now a respected horse trainer. Unfortunately, when seen, the media still tries to make her seem like a crazy, alcoholic, drug addicted wild child. When Matthew Beaumont is tasked with handling public relations for his brother's wedding, he thinks it will be the perfect opportunity to rehab his family's image and be looked upon as a true Beaumont. When he realizes that Whitney is the maid of honor, he panics and does not make the best first impression on her.

I really liked Whitney and Matthew. Matthew seemed like a strong person on the surface, but he had issues with his self esteem just as Whitney did, and both worried too much about what other people thought of them. As they grew to understand each other and develop feelings for one another, they grew stronger as people and a couple.

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### **Dianne says**

A perfect example of what the public does to a celebrity who succumbs to the pressures of fame, Whitney Maddox has tried to live down her public downfall for eleven years. When her best friend asks her to be her Maid of Honor in the wedding of the century, propriety and perfection are a must as the grooms' brother attempts to turn this marital merger into a public relations blitz for the Beaumont family and their holdings. When Matthew Beaumont discovers who the Maid of Honor is, he gets caught between a rock and hard place, as he had a crush on the young television star years ago and felt personally betrayed at her fall from grace, but the woman in front of him elevates his blood pressure and his libido. Can she be trusted to remain

in the background and not cause a scene? Will her past notoriety, gorgeous face and trademark hair come back to haunt her at the worst possible time? Is Matthew doomed to choose between the real Whitney and his own family issues? After all, aren't they both just trying to fit in somewhere and belong?

Way to go, Sarah M. Anderson! **A Beaumont Christmas Wedding** is one tense moment after another, peppered with heat and passion, misunderstandings and revelations, as well as a family with an ego the size of Texas. From the start, I have to admit, Ms. Anderson MAY have made Matthew with too much starch in his shorts, and I was afraid to hope he would become human behind his façade. Whitney was completely lovable, damaged and trying to avoid doing anything that would hurt her friend, the bride. Talk about continuing to pay on an old debt. Each character had their own personalities and there was humor in many of the Beaumont family interactions. A perfect Holiday read, highlighting the true importance of the season and of love. The Beaumonts? Talk about a family with issues!

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## Kame says

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Whitney has very few people in her life that is why when her best friend asks her to be her maid of honor she packs a bag and leaves her ranch; her safe haven. She desperately wants her past to stay in the past and to be able to enjoy this time. Unfortunately when you are a former child star who is famous for some not so wonderful publicity the chances of quietly being in your best friend's wedding are slim. Matthew is the brother who always felt he had to earn his way into the Beaumont family, and he did it by keeping the family image in good standing. Whitney coming to the ranch is a dream come true and a nightmare at the same time.

I had strong protective feelings for Whitney from the moment I met her on the page. I like how she changed her life into something she was comfortable living each day. She was a very caring person, you could see that in how she talked about her animals and dealt with the horrid fans. She was written with lots of emotion because I ached for her to find love. Matthew was a character that intrigued me from the first book in the series. However in this book he rather grated on my nerves the first few chapters. He is very concerned with his place in the family and I had doubts that he and Whitney would be a good fit. You could feel their attraction leaping off the page.

The plot was easy to follow as it was the days leading up to the wedding. I will say I got kind of lost on how many days before the wedding Whitney came to the ranch, it seemed like she came weeks before instead of just days. The conflict that challenged Whitney and Matthew should have been one Matthew saw coming (my goodness Whitney did!) and prepared a plan to avoid it.

This is a holiday book, my goodness Christmas is even in the title, but Christmas takes a back seat. This is a wonderful heartwarming story, but if you want a book that flaunts Christmas and has many scenes of wonderful Christmas memories to get you in the Christmas spirit – go find a different book after you read this one.

This is not my first Sarah M. Anderson book, I have read many, and it won't be my last. The conclusion of this book while satisfying has created questions in my mind as to what is in Whitney and Matthew's future. I am hoping there is another Beaumont family book in my future so I can check in on them.

I received this book from the publisher via NetGalley for my honest review.

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### **StMargarets says**

I read this one on a whim. I like the bad girl with a stuffy hero trope, but this didn't work for me.

First of all, this was third in a series and there were a slew of supporting characters I didn't care about.

Second, the entire story took place in two weeks and those two weeks were devoted entirely to wedding preparations. There were endless details about hairstyles, shoes and dress fittings.

It was the hero who cared about the hairstyles, shoes and dress fittings because he is the third brother of the infamous Beaumont family and he is determined to pull off the PR coup of the year with an elegant society wedding to rehab his older half brother who has been in rehab. He is supposedly a control freak. (I said supposedly because he acted like a glorified wedding planner - never barking out orders but deferentially reminding everyone of the schedule. Not an alpha)

So third, this hero is not very interesting to me. The heroine - the bad girl - hasn't been bad for ten years. She is a former child actress who is now a horse trainer/breeder who tells boring stories about her pets while showing their pictures on her phone. (I'm not kidding - two pages about her rescue dogs we never meet in the flesh)

And - nothing. The child star and the third brother hook up. They have tied-up sex to show the hero's controlling nature(?) and the she ties him up later on so we know he really loves her to give up his control. (?)

The climax of the story comes when (view spoiler)

The romance was sweet and conflict-free. The H/h got along fine. If you like a sweet romance, you might like this one.

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### **Joyce says**

I received this book in a Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

Matthew Beaumont always felt like an outsider in the Beaumont family. He is the one who smoothes over the disagreements within the family, and he is the one who handles the media for the public screw-ups by this prominent family. He sees public redemption for the family name in his brother Philip's wedding to horse trainer Jo Speers.

Whitney Maddox has agreed to be the maid of honor at her friend Jo's wedding. But Jo is marrying Philip Beaumont, of the prominent Beaumont family, and the wedding is being engineered as the social event of the year by Matthew Beaumont, the public relations whiz of the Beaumont family. Matthew's hopes for a perfect event are dashed when he realizes that Whitney isn't just a horse breeder from California. She is Whitney Wildz, former wild child actress, public relations nightmare, and object of his adolescent desire.

This is an enjoyable romance between two people who have tried to reinvent themselves to escape their painful pasts.

Although this was the third book in the series, it easily stands on its own without having to read the previous books.

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### **SavageGrace says**

As always, Sarah M. Anderson has given us two characters we can't help but fall in love with. One is a former child actress (Whitney) still greatly bruised from the past and trying to stay out of the spotlight; the other, a man (Matthew) doing PR for his famous, troubled family and trying to prove himself worthy of carrying their name.

Both characters are carrying a lot of baggage and attempting to find their places in the world but, together, they seem to (finally) find peace and happiness. Now if only the media (and public) would leave them alone...

My only complaint is the story had an ending at all! I truly loved it THAT much. I really hope we get an update (or 20) in future Beaumont Heirs books. (hint, hint Sarah!)

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### **Kay (aka) Miss Bates says**

Anderson's first two category novels were fantastic ... this latest effort, and I haven't read her since, was uneven. There were things I loved about it and others not: the heroine, Whitney Maddox, former wild child now quiet California horse-breeder, was sympathetic. She'd worked so hard to redeem her past and now, finally, has left her self-imposed hermitage, beautiful as it is, to attend her best friend's wedding. There she meets and is attracted to Matthew Beaumont, the Beaumont brother with the biggest chip on his shoulder because he craves Beaumont acceptance (he was illegitimate, a most old-fashioned premise). He's rigid and controlling over the wedding, his brother's, PR and as a result, is less than gentlemanly towards the maid-of-honour, Whitney. He needs a big grovel to make up for it and his blow-cold-blow-hot attitude towards her. It took a long time for all of this to come together. The last third of the novel is terrific: once Matthew, in particular, eases up on himself and Whitney. If you'd like to read a more extensive review, please follow the link:

<http://missbatesreadsromance.com/2014...>

I received an e-ARC of this novel, from Harlequin, via Netgalley.

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### **Donna Parker says**

Planning a high society wedding for a relative while keeping the press at bay seemed like a difficult job, doing so after a notorious high profile ex-child star becomes part of it is impossible. Despite the media circus and the obstacles Matthew Beaumont can't resist his TV crush come to life, and Whitney can't resist him, but can they really overcome all the barriers to find love?

Good points about second chances, overcoming your past, and being the best person you can be.

I borrowed this digital copy from Netgalley for the low price of an honest review, while it was a good story, I just had trouble getting the characters, they just seemed flat to me and the Christmas part just seemed inserted to use Christmas in the title. While it was ok, it wasn't memorable, for me.

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### **Mary says**

The society wedding of the season... check.

A Beaumont brother who always controls the image of his famous family... check.

A former wild child tv star now turned into a beautiful, respected horse trainer... check.

One PR disaster waiting to happen... check.

What more could you want? How about a cute mini donkey, a romantic carriage ride in the Colorado snow, hot romance involving ties and chairs, and more Beaumonts than you can shake a stick at!

I thoroughly enjoyed this third installment in the Beaumont Heirs series. Matthew and Whitney are a fun couple when they forget about the past and learn to take a chance on love. It's a great story to curl up with and get in the Christmas mood.

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### **Susan says**

Good book, with two people who are trying to escape their pasts. Matthew has been the cleanup man for the Beaumont family for years. When someone in the family does something that creates bad publicity it is Matthew's job to fix it. He is determined that his brother Phillip's wedding (*Tempted by a Cowboy*) will go smoothly and provide some good publicity for the family. He's not at all happy to discover that the maid of honor is a former child star with a notorious past.

I really liked both Matthew and Whitney though Matthew was something of a jerk at the beginning. Matthew has always felt like a bit of an outsider in the Beaumont family. His father hadn't married his mother until Matthew was five years old, and as one of the illegitimate kids he feels like he has to earn his place. When he first finds out that Whitney is the maid of honor he is incredibly rude to her and about her. All he can see is her past troubles and the effect it could have on his quest for perfection. Much to his dismay he is also very attracted to her.

Whitney has worked hard for the past decade to overcome her past. She now has an excellent reputation as a horse breeder and avoids the limelight. She really wants to support her friend as her maid of honor, but is

very worried about what could happen when she's recognized. She's certain of it when Matthew really goes off on her. She's hurt by his reaction, especially since she was attracted to him and had hoped for a pleasant holiday flirtation. I ached for her when everybody kept expecting her to be like the old Whitney.

I loved seeing Matthew have to eat his words as he got to know the real Whitney. First he got very protective as he saw the way that she was harassed. Then he actually started to care for her, something that he never suspected would happen. Whitney also fell for Matthew, but never expected anything to come of it. She considered her past as too big a deterrent for any kind of long term relationship between them.

Both Matthew and Whitney spent a lot of time worrying about what other people thought of them. For Matthew, he never got over the feelings of inferiority he had when he was a kid, so he always worried about appearances. He almost seemed ashamed of the way he was beginning to feel about Whitney. Whitney was busy hiding from her past. It seemed that no matter how she tried, she just couldn't break free. She worried about how being around her would affect Matthew and what he wants from life. I loved seeing them finally figure out that the only people who mattered were each other.

I enjoyed these three books. I hope that there will be more books about the other Beaumonts.

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### **Cate Marsden says**

The heroine, tired of "just bein' Miley" (with a little Britney Spears blended into her personality as well), lives a reclusive life as a horse breeder, avoiding the spotlight and all the pain that comes from infamy and fame. Called upon to be her best (only) friend's maid of honor, she decides a fling with the best man would be refreshing/restorative/fun; he had a crush on her teen-tv character, and is hung up on a major need to prove himself a worthy member of his own family, but once he sees through to the real, vulnerable person behind the paparazzi-created persona he falls in love.

Sweet, if a little inexplicable.

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