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Each book in the Bachelor Auction series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order.  
Series Order:

Book #1 Beauty and the Bachelor

Book #2 The Millionaire Makeover

Book #3 The Bachelor's Promise

## **The Bachelor's Promise Details**

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# **From Reader Review The Bachelor's Promise for online ebook**

## **Esther says**

This was an emotional, sexy, hot romance.

Review to come!!

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## **Jennifer Schultheis says**

The Bachelor's Promise by Naima Simone has some serious sexual tension that will heat up your e-reader! Even though the sexual tension is high, the characters share a painful history together that must be dealt with, before anything good can come from it.

Once upon a time, Noelle Rana and her family inserted themselves directly into Aiden and his mother's world. Her father and his mother hooked up, even though the Rana family was bad news. When Aiden's mother died, everything went south and Noelle got caught in the crossfire. Years later Aiden is a millionaire and Noelle has no choice but to turn to him.

Aiden can't trust Noelle but he can't refuse his mother's wishes. She wanted Noelle to be taken care of and get the education she deserves, so Aiden reluctantly agrees to pay for her graduate school. He figures he'll write the school a check directly and he won't have to deal with Noelle again, but things never work out the way we hope and he's stuck with her. But sometimes being stuck is the best thing you can be. For Aiden, the truth comes out, insecurities are dealt with, and love breaks through their deeply closed walls.

Overall, I adored the Bachelor's Promise and will definitely file this book away in my favorites list, to read over and over again.

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## **Irene says**

4 stars

The Bachelor's Promise was such a good read.

The storyline was entertaining, emotional and kept me turning the pages late into the night. The characters were complex, passionate and had previous hurts holding them back from revealing the real person behind the front they allowed people to see.

I loved watching Aiden and Noelle's relationship develop. I enjoyed seeing them battle the love/hate emotions they struggled with, especially Aiden.

They had amazing chemistry and once Aiden opened his heart and let Noelle in you knew these two would have a passionate and happy life together.

The Bachelor's Promise is a great addition to the Bachelor Auction series, I highly recommend them all :)

*\*Thank you to Entangled Indulgence via Netgalley for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.\**

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## **Claire Robinson says**

5 - **"You're here, so I am home."** Stars!

Naima Simone managed to leave scorch marks on my Kindle with the third book in her *Bachelor Auction* Series. The chemistry between Aiden Kent and Noelle Rana was that hot!

There story was a kind of mix of second-chance, with a bit of step-brother, and a side order of familial drama thrown in for good measure. And the author got the balance just right for me, I am not a huge fan of secondary drama coming from abhorrent family members, and although it was a part of the story between Aiden and Noelle, it didn't detract from the chemistry or the reconnection between them.

**"We're not finished, don't you walk out that door."**

Six years have passed since they have seen each other, their parting due to Noelle's father and brother was not on a good note, and in the intervening years Aiden has become a little bitter in relation to the Rana surname, and what it represents. So when Noelle unexpectedly shows up at the Bachelor Auction he is a part of, he is quick to dismiss her as out to con him, when in fact she has come to ask him to fulfill a promise his mother extracted from him on her deathbed.

***The past was a living, screaming thing between them. He couldn't look at her without remembering... Without hating... Without burning.***

Naima gave me a strong, confident female in Noelle, but she also had her vulnerabilities, living the life she had, and with the family she was still trying in her own way stay loyal to puts this woman in an extremely difficult position, especially as her feelings for Aiden start to grow, and she starts to realize that this is a man she wants to know on a deeper and more elemental level. Problem is his actions are saying one thing, but his voice is offering another.

***The women he took to bed... He gave them his attention, his cock, and orgasms, but not his heart.***

The dual POV in this one really worked with this one, because you got to see the thought process from both of them as they worked through minefield of their pasts, can Aiden get over his issues and can Noelle let another man into her heart, when from past experience all that seems to happen is it gets used, abused and

left in the gutter...

**"I haven't forgotten anything."**

I am a huge fan of this authors writing, once again she took a pretty standard romance trope and pulled me right into the story, I read *The Bachelor's Promise* in once sitting, the sexy-times were diverse and well written, Noelle and Aiden as a couple were electric and it was just an all-round great read from start to finish.

**"You were my happiness when I didn't know I wanted it, when I didn't know I was missing it."**

I hope we get to see more Bachelors Auctioned off and finding their happily ever afters in the future.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was a pleasure to provide the above honest review.

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### **Karen's Bookshelf says**

Most of the time, the hero in the book is the one who has to convince me to root for him. In *The Bachelor's Promise*, it was the total opposite for me. I already knew Aiden, therefore was already looking forward to his hea. Noelle, on the other had, I wasn't so sure about. I'm so glad she changed my mind.

Aiden fought it for as long as he could, but not even the past could change the fact that Noelle was his. Noelle didn't want Aiden, she just need his help. At least that's what she keeps telling herself, but the pull between the two would not be denied, and the two of them will have to figure out if they can leave the past behind and work on a future together.

This third installment in the Bachelor Auction Series was a great addition to a group of great reads. I loved how Noelle and Aiden fought so hard to prove to themselves how they didn't want each other, only to have fate make a liar out of them both. I really enjoyed their story and I give it 4 stars.

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### **Sybil aka Lala says**

Oh the tangled web we weave...

We've all heard the saying: 'Like oil and water'. Two things that just don't mix. While this is very true for Aiden and Noelle, that saying of oil and water applies for different reasons. One because the passion and attraction between these two burned like oil that's been set alight and two because this book will leave you a heaving, panting, wet mess!

This book combines the tropes of second-chance romance, enemies to lovers and friends to lovers. To sat I was highly entertained is an understatement. Both Aiden and Noelle are tough and stubborn with exteriors that hide a lot of pain, and yet both of them have this vulnerable sweetness that shines through and makes them impossibly endearing.

There are so many things that have tarnished their friendship in the past, lies that lay between them and their stubbornness that a relationship between the two of them seems impossible. Luckily, a series of unfortunate events, an old promise, meddling friends and their mutual attraction may just give these two a second chance.

This book had a touch of everything. Some drama and angst, sweetness, hotness, humour and a well laid out plot. The Bachelor's promise is just long enough to finish in one afternoon and that's a good thing, because you won't want to put it down.

(ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review)

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### **maggieandteddy says**

My review:

I forgot that I had book 1 in this series in my TBR, but decided to dive right into this book. I don't think that I will be spoiling anything in the previous books-since they're different couples.

I really like the premise. Yes, the H Aiden and the h Noelle were step siblings. Aiden's mother had been like a mother to young Noelle. Noelle's father was a scoundrel and more.

Before the book begins, Aiden's mother had passed away from cancer. Noelle's dad and brother (Tony) had stripped Aiden's mom's home & ran off with her valuables. Noelle had no part in it, but Aiden had always linked Noelle with her dad & brother's shenanigans. Noelle has always been meek and mild. The family reminded me (a little) of Austen's Persuasion- especially the dad. A year or so before the book starts, Noelle's dad had passed away.

Apparently when they were younger, there was some attraction between Noelle and Aiden.

While Noelle was getting her college education in Chicago, Aiden was making his fortune in Boston. (He's a few years older than Noelle).

Six years after Aiden's mom's passing, Noelle shows up in Boston. She's aware that Aiden's mother requested that Aiden take care of Noelle. Noelle has moved to Boston, has a job (in an art gallery) and a place to live. She finds Aiden to request help with Grad school fees. Aiden doesn't exactly welcome her with open arms. Noelle realizes Aiden can't stand her or brother.

Aiden does admit that his mother wanted to provide for her.

Aiden and Noelle's paths keep crossing. Their old feelings keep coming back.

There was an ow before this book, that had hurt him and soured him further against Noelle and her brother.

Noelle's brother Tony had a part in that. (Aiden's nemesis)

This is 3rd person POV. Some of the writing seemed like it was taken from a Historical romance.

location 1669:

"Knowing no man had ever given her pleasure-had been inside her-had caused a primal urge to rise up in him. An urge to take, to brand her with his mouth...."

Then there's a mixture of old & new phrasing:

location 1722:

"Not that Noelle let herself be conquered. Hell no. She might have been a virgin up until two nights ago, but she kissed like a seductress. (!??) With every lick, stroke...."

Uh hmm- well it gets a might steamy don't it?

Noelle does go from meek to bold and Aiden goes from vengeful to lustful in short time spans.

My curiosity kept me going. It was a fairly quick read. I will probably more from this author.  
Great HEA and great epilogue. 3.25-3.50 stars.

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### **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

"He'll never trust the daughter of his enemy." So he thought. He never had his resolved tested this way before and with something that he wanted very much. I had fun with this one. More than the other two books in this series. The whole family drama, second chance, never again, deathbed promise all makes for an intense read with two characters that just could not figure out if what they was doing was what they wanted.

Noelle came across as a bit of pain. She had to work hard to get my vote. Aiden had me from the opening pages. I'm just not sure about Noelle almost 50% of the read. Things then began to come together for me with her. Aiden had a lot that he needed to overcome. He did not want to feel the way he was for Noelle but the heart has a way of wanting what it wants.

Betrayal, lies, family, trust all melds into a should I . . . shouldn't I. The back and forth POV makes for a more involving read that allows for glimpses into more of both Aiden and Noelle. There are depths not exchanged but viewed through their eyes only. Rich and engaging. Bachelor Auction, #3 has become my favorite of the three thus far. I look forward to what else and who else become the next bachelor up on the block.

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### **Juliette Cross says**

Wow. Simone never ceases to amaze me. Yet again, another hot and heartfelt romance with enough wit and charm to keep me turning the pages till there was nothing left.

Noelle is the kind of heroine I adore the most. Having overcome heavy hardship, she rises above it all and becomes a strong, independent woman, refusing to let life swallow her up and crush her dreams. No, she goes for them anyway, even if that means injury to her pride in order to broach a man from her haunted past who still holds her heart.

Aiden. What can I say? He swept me away in every scene, even when he was being a stubborn ass. But Simone doesn't disappoint. He knows how to fall to his knees for his lady when he realizes he's wrong.

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### **Elaine says**

Talk about trauma, angst, turmoil and drama - this story is packed with it! Aiden Kent was Noelle Rana's first love and his mother, Caroline, was like a mother to her, too. Unfortunately Noelle's father and older brother's actions following the tragic death of Caroline mean that Aiden no longer wants anything to do with her or her family. However, a deathbed promise brings the two together again and their mutual attraction is even more powerful than ever! Can he overcome the walls he's built to protect his heart and give their love a chance? Dare she risk her heart being broken by him again?

This is a enthralling second chance romance where the relationship between their parents brought them together then tore them apart. It explores the emotional upheaval those experiences created and the serious impact these have on their current attitudes, behaviour and expectations. It has many humorous moments as well, so don't think it will be a dour read - it certainly isn't! I enjoyed 'The Millionaire Makeover' and recommend both to anyone who enjoys their romance with plenty of angst and surprising twists and turns en route!

Thanks to the publishers for gifting me an ARC of this novel via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Sandy S says**

4 stars

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REVIEW: THE BACHELOR'S PROMISE is the third installment in Naima Simone's contemporary, adult BACHELOR AUCTION romance series. This is CEO and billionaire businessman Aiden Kent, and college student/ artist Noelle Rana's story line. THE BACHELOR'S PROMISE can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty.

Told from dual third person points of view (Aiden and Noelle) THE BACHELOR'S PROMISE follows the second chance relationship between billionaire Aiden Kent, and twenty five year old artist and college student Noelle Rana. Six years earlier Aiden pushed Noelle out of his life. Raised together when their parents met and presumably fell in love, Aiden and Noelle fast became best friends one day leading to love and a possible happily ever after. But upon the death of Aiden's mother, Noelle's father Frank destroyed what little was left of Aiden's life and Noelle got caught up in the betrayal and mistrust. Fast forward to present day and Noelle will reluctantly ask Aiden to make good on a deathbed promise by his mother, and our hero is, once again, pushed to limits of his patience as it pertains to the woman who had previously broken his heart. Noelle is determined to get on with her life but circumstances have changed and she is desperate for Aiden's help. What ensues is the rekindling of a romance and relationship that was destroyed by betrayal and lies, that will falter when Noelle's past returns and makes more demands of the man that she loves.

The relationship between Noelle and Aiden is acrimonious at best. Noelle has never stopped loving Aiden



but our hero's life was destroyed when his mother passed away, and Noelle's father and brother betrayed any love and friendship between our story line couple. Aiden is a man determined to rip apart our story line heroine but is caught between memories of the past and a potential future with the woman he loves. The sex scenes are intimate and seductive.

The secondary and supporting characters are colorful and animated including Aiden's business partner Lucas Oliver and his wife Sydney Blake (Beauty and the Bachelor #1). We are also introduced to Noelle's questionable brother Tony whose connection to Aiden goes much deeper than anyone could have imagined; and Noelle's boss at the art gallery -Lo.

The world building looks at betrayal and broken promises; heartbreak and pain; anger and forgiveness. Aiden's apprehension with Noelle's return is understandable but his original reasons for pushing Noelle out of his life were as a result of deflecting his anger about what happened upon someone else.

THE BACHELOR'S PROMISE is a passionate story line. The premise is emotional and intense; the characters are dynamic and vibrant; the romance is captivating and energetic. Naima Simone adds another provocative and fascinating addition to her Bachelor Auction series.

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### **Angela says**

From the very begin I was hooked on this story! I've read the first two in this series so I was excited to read Aiden's HEA and I couldn't wait to see who would be his heroine. I was rooting for Noelle from the very being because she was just so bad ass. I felt for her having to deal with the sins of her brother and father being reflected on her. Aiden is determined to keep his distance from everything he blames for causing his mother heartache in her final moments in this world. But a promise made to his mother on her death bed can't be ignored even if it was for the daughter and sister of his sworn enemy. The attraction that has always been there between Aiden and Noelle is even more intense than it was 6 years ago. Aiden decides to explore the attraction just to fulfill the curiosity that 6 years in the making but he gets more than he bargained for. Aiden and Neolle's chemistry is off the charts. I would give this novel 4.5 stars.

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### **Bette Hansen says**

I loved this story! Sizzling hot and heartwarming are the first words that come to mind when I think about this one. Naima Simone has given us a story that you won't forget. Aiden and Noelle have history. Painful gut wrenching history but a promise Aiden made to his dying mother won't allow him to turn Noelle away. And if he's truthful, he couldn't. The fierce attraction between them is still there but getting past what her family has done will not be easy. He can only hope they will be able to walk away with their hearts in tact. If

they CAN walk way.

I highly recommend this one.

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### **JoDeen says**

I love Naima Simone books there so so good !! I have loved everyone of them that I have read . When I heard about The Bachelor's Promise I requested the ARC as soon as I possible could. If you saw the look on my face when I got that You are Approved email from net galley it would be safe to say I was very happy lol , so obviously the minute I got the chance to read this book I read it and I loved it !!. The Bachelor's Promise Is another fantastic story from Naima Simone.

In this book we follow Aiden and Noelle, the best way to describe there past together Is complicated so very complicated .They both have there reservation about each other due to there last encounter but as they let down there walls things begin to change between them. I loved Aiden and Noelle together when I read there first interaction in this book I was sold on there relationship I needed them to be together I needed to find out more.When you hear about there past together you really feel for both characters I wanted to give both of them the biggest hugs ever .I loved the romance ,the sweet , sexy and swoon worthy moments between Aiden and Noelle made this story just wonderful and also very hard to put down ( I read this book in less than a day lol ) . I loved these two together whether they were arguing , laughing , having sexy times ( steaming hot sexy times I might add lol) or talking about twilight Naima Simone did an amazing job creating characters I not only cheered for but wanted for them to have the happily ever after that they deserved so very much.

The Bachelors Promise by Naima Simone was a sexy , swoon worthy , heartwarming , romantic , emotional read . Between the wonderful characters , the beautiful setting and sexy romance Naima Simone has created another fantastic contemporary romance. I cannot wait to get my hands on what she writes next.If you love all these things in your books I suggest you get a copy of this book when it comes out August 29 ,2016.

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### **MsChris1161 says**

I devoured this one in one sitting! THE BACHELOR'S PROMISE is the third in author Naima Simone's Bachelor Auction, but the first one I've read. I loved this one even without the backstories of the others, but you can bet I'll be going back and reading them now!

Aiden was the perfect hero, reluctant though he professed to be. A faithful and loving son of a single mother who struggled to provide for him, who then in turn grew up to work hard to make something of himself. Now he is the founder and CEO of a million dollar company. Although she had refused help from him for herself, on her deathbed she asked Aiden to promise to make sure her boyfriend's young daughter was taken care of, specifically that she had the means for a college education. Aiden agreed even though he despised the man and his son, for good reasons too.

Noelle Rana is nothing like her father or brother, both basically drunks and con men. She was eleven when her father moved them into the Kent house and loved Aiden's mother who was the only mother she'd ever known. She grew up admiring Aiden and when she was older realized she loved him. When Aiden's mother

dies he turns his back on the Ranas, including Noelle even though they had grown close, breaking Noelle's heart.

Six years later Noelle is very close to achieving her dreams, but needs help... she needs Aiden to keep his promise so she swallows her pride and goes to him. Neither of them really trust each other. Neither was prepared for the irresistible chemistry between them. Both fight their feelings and try to deny the pull of intense attraction between them. So much happens... old wounds are hard to heal... the past interferes... but these two are soooo good together. The story is amazing. Well-written, great fully developed characters, awesome dialogue and banter, and eventually some very steamy scenes. Definitely a must-read! 4.5 stars

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