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Single mom Lucy Abbott is working as many hours as she can, but still can barely afford to feed her baby daughter.

Then Prince Maximo d'Aquilla offers her millions, and a way out of her desperate life. Max whisks her away to Italy...and soon she's totally his!

Max has seduced her completely. But is he driven by revenge, or desire? And is he ruthless enough to walk away from his captive bride?

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Xai Xai says

Sicilian hero..check.....revenge.....check.....passion...check....grovelling or powerful remorse....check. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I cannot believe I neglected to read this wonderful story. I think I'm going to go on a Jennie Lucas binge. This was a fairytale of the prince rescuing his love since he was a child. They grew up and loved ! I loved this hero,Maximo!!! I recommend this read.

Yvette says

This book kind of blows the pants off other Presents in that the people have real issues to fight about. It's not just a matter of who's baby is who's, or whether she fits into his society or not, or, in the end, whether or not he'll love her.

The twists and turns of this book leave you saying, "wow!", "no way!" and "he did what?" It's worth a read just to see the story all play out. Aside from the normal "clothes buying" scenes and "I'm a confirmed bachelor" b.s. you probably won't believe this is a Presents.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

This is between a 3.5 and a 4 stars. I can tell this is an earlier book by Lucas because her older books were in full steam ahead drama mode. She's tamed that down a little in later books. Maximo toes the line between complete villainy and dark hero. He makes no bones about his desire to use Lucy to get revenge. But he is also very attentive to her needs and is fantastic with her young daughter Chloe. The beginning is set up for the reader to think the absolute worst about Maximo, with his shallow relationships, including discarded casual sex partners who are still part of his social circle. Lucy is a bonafide Cinderella, and part of me was happy that Maximo was there to rescue her, even with the negative motives. However, it's clear that Lucy is not just a victim needing saving, she has her own motivations and is determined to be her own woman, independent. If it wasn't for her daughter, she would have sent Maximo on his way.

I knocked this down to 3.5 stars because I felt the events prior to the ending were melodramatic and unnecessary, including an old man out of the Gothic novels. I could understand Lucy's betrayal at Maximo not being honest, but the way she called him on it, I didn't like at all. I did love his gesture of love though.

Lucas' books are always readable and thoroughly entertaining. I think I've liked some of her newer books a lot more and they show a maturity in her writing that makes me grade this older book more critically. However, those who find Cinderella romance irresistible and like an antihero romance lead, will appreciate this book.

MissKitty says

Hmmm just too outlandish for me. Cinderella story that was just as unbelievable as the fairytale. We all read these romances as an escape, but somehow this was way too over the top.

The H is a Prince, gorgeous, hot and uber rich. Finds the heroine and her baby in poverty and rescues them. She is a secret heiress and he wants revenge on her grandfather who ruined his family. Coincidentally, her baby daddy who abandoned her and her baby is also working w the grandfather to declare the missing heiress dead and release her shares fr the trust fund. He is a fortune hunter who has another rich fiancée lined up and doesn't want her to know of his previous lover and baby. He didn't know his abandoned lover, the heroine, was the heiress all along. It's almost comical how he rejects her and his baby so totally and not a second after he finds out she is the heiress, he is practically on his knees declaring his undying love, spurning his current fiancée. Sooo OTT!

The hero, the Prince keeps warning her not to fall in love w him, that theirs is merely a business arrangement so they can both get their revenge, but he treats her w the utmost caring and tenderness, as if he was in love w her, after knowing her for just 2 days.

SPOILERS:

Furthermore the TSTL heroine humiliates the hero during their wedding ceremony, in front of everyone and paparazzi - and leaves him standing at the altar allowing her evil grandfather to have the last laugh. When she comes to her senses and realizes that he loved her all along, she goes to him and without a sorry, he forgives her! If this were the other way around and the hero had humiliated the heroine in such a manner, we would all have been clamoring for a 2-page grovel, at least.

Preeti ♥? (Romance She Reads) says

This story started out as a Cinderella meets Prince (not so) Charming but later evolves into a Romeo Juliet type family feud and intrigue. It was mostly a sweet and easy flowing story with the h holding it up with her sense and sensibility. I liked her independence and refusal to be easily swayed by the manipulative man candy.

And one broken heart had been enough. She had to protect herself for Chloe's sake. She wanted to be a joyful, loving mother, not a depressed, empty shell of a woman.

But the story had at least two problems.

One, it was moving at supersonic speed and so the H going one fine day from don't-fall-in-love-with-me and I-will-find-you-a-good-husband-later to I-love-her was a bit hard to believe. Though his actions towards the end of the book were amazingly sweet and make it easier to swallow the hea.

Secondly, the coincidences and chance happenings in this book stretched things to snowballs-in-hell proportions. (view spoiler)

And then on their way to Rome to meet the om, the H starts talking of a secret deal the om was making with the grandfather. I was like what deal? Till here, the reader is not aware of any connection between these two

men. This was a new element and the h never even asks him what deal are you talking about. It gets explained later but at this point it was a head scratcher.

The H should have felt greater guilt at finding the h in such near-poverty as he had a big role in her being in that state. The argument that she ended up with a better parent or even that he was a kid himself cannot alleviate his wrongdoing. Guilt should have been more pervasive in his life. But he was more interested in getting his vengeance and seducing her than really setting things right for her. Although he was not really a bad guy and redeems himself nicely at the end (if too abruptly).

Desi says

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Brenda says

I really enjoyed this book. It wasn't like other books when you know whats going to happen before it ends, it had a different twist that made this book sooo enjoyable. The characters weren't perfect which made them more interesting, they had their quirks even though it was a fantasy that probably would never happen in real life. In the beginning i felt that the prince was too cold towards her, but at the end that made their romance seem sweeter in a way.

Lynsey A says

The ending moved this to a 5* review. I loved how Maximo proved his love for Lucy. It was great the way he gave up his revenge for her.

As usual with Jennie Lucas some parts were very dramatic. In fact, I have to say this one was classic HP.

I think my favorite part was when Maximo asked "Where is our baby daughter?" even though Chloe wasn't his. So sweet.

I added this book to my "made me cry" shelf because I got a little teary-eyed when I read the note Maximo wrote to Lucy. *sigh*

Now I am out of Jennie Lucas books. What to do? What to do? I guess wait until June for her next release. =)

Mae Manongas says

I could give a 5 star but so sad no epilogue.

Jenny says

I thought I wouldn't like a single mom's story but I can't resist Jennie Lucas. Good melodramatic love story and even steamy but sadly no epilogue and a kind of abrupt ending. Still an enjoyable book!

Marilyn says

Most definitely a Cinderella story literally from rags to wealth beyond imagine for Lucy Abbott and her daughter Chloe. Add revenge, desire and mystery; it's an incredible love story and journey as wonderfully written by author Jennie Lucas.

For most of her life Lucy and her mother lived from payday to payday and moved from town to town. Her mother died at an early age leaving Lucy to survive in foster care. Now on top of everything else, Lucy finds herself nearly destitute trying to support herself and an infant. She's working at a gas station convenience store, with a letch for a boss, working more than one job just to support them. On top of everything else, the father of her child denies his paternity and wants nothing to do with either of them.

Lucy is determined to provide and care for Chloe and will go to any lengths to do so. As one will learn she is a woman of honour and extreme strength and wants the family she never experienced for her daughter and herself. A father for Chloe is at the top of her list since she never knew her own father nor experienced the warmth of family.

The handsome and wealthy Prince Maximo has a grudge and seeks revenge. He returns to the US and has a plan, one in which will benefit him in a business sense but it all revolves around Lucy. He sits waiting to make his move, gets Lucy fired from her job, takes Lucy and Chloe to his hotel and in the end forces Lucy to sign documents with the pretence she will get revenge from her daughter's father. He takes them with him to his palace in Italy and guarantees her security and financial support in return for the signed documents. Unknown to her, she is giving up more than she's aware and you will be shocked to learn the truth.

The Italian Prince, Wedlocked Wife is an amazing love story full of lust, lies, deceit and revenge. It's also about healing, coming home and the true lessons that money isn't everything. Maximo with his blindness for revenge softens when he actually gets to know Lucy and Chloe. He is brought to his knees and your heart will melt when you read how love creeps into his heart. Jennie Lucas's talent shines through in this very intense and beautiful love story!

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An arranged marriage...

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StMargarets says

This is a fun story in the tell-me-a-story way. There are some twists and turns for the heroine that make this a fun and interesting ride.

I don't want to give spoilers, because half the fun is not knowing where this story is going. I will put up some reminders for myself, however:

Notes to self:

This is the one that opens in Chicago on New Year's Eve. The heroine is working in a gross gas station/Quick Trip type place. Her boss tries to assault her, but the hero scares him off.

The hero whisks her and her baby off to a grand hotel and marries her at the stroke of midnight. She then signs a pre-nup that will allow the hero revenge on . . . someone.

The hero is really generous with the h -- with money, with compliments, with interacting with the baby.

This is the one with the crying grandpa at the side of the road.

Don't question how this particular penniless heroine could have a passport to travel to Italy. This is an HP.

Parents are not made by blood, but by love. There are two examples of that and I appreciate the author for not spelling it out in huge letters.

Just because you are a blood-thirsty reader doesn't mean that the hero should have behaved differently at the end. He is a better person than you (and he really did prove his love for the heroine).

Urge HP fans to read this with a helping of suspended disbelief.

Sarah says

I really enjoyed this book. Lucy struggling to support herself and her baby Chloe when Maximo finds her and offers marriage and fortune for her long lost shares. Both struggle with the agreement especially when both start to have real feeling for each other. Really good family secret mystery with good twist in end. Great HEA.

Jacqueline says

Classic HP. Very good revenge plot which had an actual, pretty solid reason for the revenge. A twist at the

end that was surprising and yet foreshadowed enough not to have come out of nowhere. Arrogant hero fell hard for the heroine. The heroine tried hard to resist him but he was pretty hard to resist. He was not as ass to her so she had reason to fall for him. There was a spot where the author could have gone all Disney fairy tale but chose not to make everyone so nicey nice and I appreciated that. If you're an HP fan you should like this one

Ana says

the book was very good, but the wedding scene and the confession is over the top. hello too drama world. lets humiliate H and h runs from him and it's ok. i my book she would be hit by car at the end.
