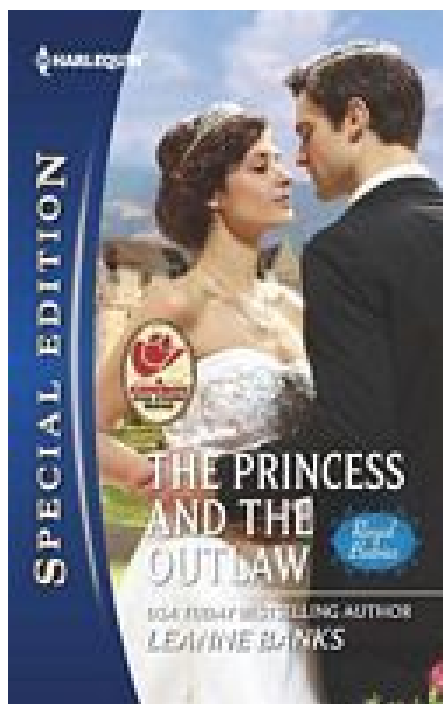




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PRINCESS PIPPA'S FORBIDDEN ROMANCE The shy, studious one among the royal Devereaux family of Chantaine, Pippa wasn't known for controversy. So her brief romance with Texas tycoon Nic Lafitte-of the detested-by-the-Devereaux Lafittes-*had* to end. Too bad Pippa couldn't get the darkly handsome, modern-day outlaw out of her mind! Given their generations-long family feud, Nic was stunned when the sweet princess secretly defied the Devereaux clan to fulfill a Lafitte's dying wish. But if Nic gave in to his attraction to Pippa, he'd break her heart-again. He tried to resist her...until a night of passion led to a little Devereaux-Lafitte! Now the royal and the Texan have to somehow bring two worlds, and two families, together.

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Melody Cox says

This is book four in the 'Royal Babies' series and a very good book it is. We get the story of Princess Pippa who did and said exactly what she was supposed to never causing scandal or trouble, and Texas tycoon Nic Lafitte. Nic and the Lafitte family are detested by the royal Devereaux family of Chantaine. All the royal family members are required to despise the Lafitte's and the Lafittes were exiled from the country of Chantaine years ago. Nic's father still had a warrant out for his arrest.

Pippa had a brief relationship with Nic but was forced to end it because of the bad blood and feud between families. Back in his younger days Mr. Lafitte was in love with the Devereaux children's mother but this happened before she married the ruler. Though the two of them dearly loved each other, there were things in Lafitte's background that made it an impossible match.

After putting off her body guards Pippa was taking a walk on the beach and saw a woman who seemed to be in trouble. It was Mrs. Lafitte and she looked horribly ill. Pippa called Nic for help and he came and retrieved his mother who was very close to the end of her life. They had to stay on the water in Nic's Yacht to avoid arrest. When Pippa realized how grave the situation was she wants to grant Nic's mother her final wish. To die in Chantaine. Of course Pippa has connections and she arranges a beach home for them to live in until her passing.

Pippa dons disguises and visits as often as possible. She and Nic begin to grow close again and he needs her during this emotional time.

Since this series is about royal babies I'm sure you've figured out what happened between Nic and Pippa. Another royal baby is on the way.

This was a good story. I like the characters and the development was pretty good. I definitely recommend this book as well as the series. They can be stand alone books but are so much better when read in order.

Susan says

Good book. I really liked both Nic and Pippa. It was obvious that they were very attracted to each other. But because of the feud between the two families, Pippa called off their romance because of family loyalty. Nic refused to let her go, and got her to meet with him again. While she was walking on the beach one day, she met Nic's mother, who was dying of cancer, and whose greatest wish is to die on Chantaine. Because of the feud, Pippa goes behind her family's back and finds a house for them to stay in. She also sneaks away and visits on a regular basis. She also spends even more time with Nic and falls in love with him. I loved the way that she took such good care of Amelie and tried to make her life better. I also really liked Nic. He wasn't arrogant or obnoxious, and he obviously loved his mother. He also wanted to be with Pippa, but was sure that her family would keep them apart. I loved the section where "good girl" Pippa finally told off her brother and moved out to her own place. I'm looking forward to reading more in this series.

Desi says

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El #4 de la serie Devereaux

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Royal Babies

Category: Heart & Home

Mudpie says

How did this story go so wrong? When reading the previous book (Bridget and Ryder) we had an exciting glimpse of Pippa and the family enemy Nic Lafitte's relationship. I was more intrigued by their developing story than Bridget's! When this book blurb likened Nic's mother to Audrey Hepburn I really want to read this book. Thankfully my library Overdrive has a copy.

With such high expectations I started the book.

SPOILERS SPOILERS SPOILERS! ! !

Ok so the book opened with the scene in the Texas charity ballroom where Nic and Pippa met unexpectedly and the two older princesses confronted Nic to leave their baby sister alone. From this I gathered the two had started something but Prince Stefan their brother decided to nip this in the bud by sending Pippa Philippa to Texas. As we know how small the world is Nic had to be there too *roll eyes*

Then the book jumped forward seven months I think and Pippa was no closer to forgetting Nic. Now Chantaine was a small island and our princess liked to run and walk on the beach at 6am to avoid the crowd. Who did she bump into? Why Nic and his dying mother Amelie of course!

What went on next was basically Pippa pulling in favours to let Nic and his parents stay in her cousin's unused cottage. Amelie had a dying wish to breathe her last in Chantaine but her husband, who snatched her from Pippa's father almost at the altar decades ago, was a wanted man in Chantaine - thanks to this fight for Amelie he had punched the ruling prince!

So the next like 90% of the book was on how Pippa sneaked off to spend time with Nic and his parents...and in between she nipped off to Capri for an official visit and had a day off as birthday present. That's where Nic seduced her fully. Her siblings tried to match make her with totally unsuitable men and it was such a drag, Nic had to pull off a family reunion before Amelie died...and then in the last bit the author seemed to have a new contract to extend this series a bit...the Devereuxs found out their philandering father had two illegitimate children!

And then like the blurb said at about 95% Pippa found out she's pregnant, told her family and finally in 99th % decided to ask Nic if he loved her.

In the final 100th % it all came together all the "I love you" and permission from Stefan to marry, Pippa gave birth and HEA. I kid you not all this in the epilogue!

I am so terribly disappointed. We never saw just how Nic and Pippa fell in love, not even a miserable flashback. We were just told how they met and then after a few months they knew how impossible their relationship was and Pippa just gave up. So is this a second chance romance? It felt as though Pippa spent more time with his parents than Nic!

And what's with the title? Nic was no outlaw?! He may have been descended from pirates but you cannot call him an outlaw!

I am very bored with the Devereuxs so no more.

Megan says

I was really enjoying this up until the last few pages. I think the ending spoilt it and wasn't really worthy of the book. Could there not have been a few more pages just to make the ending a little better and more in line to the whole book?!

Tia says

I know it's part of a series and all but I found this novel absolutely dreadful. I was bored out of my mind and yawning so much tears were running down my cheeks. I can't say that it was really worth reading nor can I say I got an emotional response from it.

LoveRomance says

A little slow, but sweet

Sweety says

I like the background of the story with two family in the fraud, but the conflict not quite catch my heart, the problem so easy resolved, i think it will good if the heroine family more determined to break apart the heroine from the hero.

i like the second character, the hero mother, unfortunately in this story, Leanne make the mother die and the situation between hero brother and hero father not yet resolved, hopely there is another novel about the hero brother.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://longandshortreviews.blogspot.c...>

This tender and poignant romance is a read-in-one-sitting story with elements that might require a box of tissues to be on hand. Ms. Banks put a lot of heart and soul into creating her characters because if she hadn't, I wouldn't have cared as much as I did about Nic or Pippa.

Many books are written about feuding families and a child from each growing up and somehow overcoming their differences and fall in love. That's the basis for this tale but the author put a different spin on what brings the hero and heroine together. In fact it was so effective, it zinged directly to where my heart was softest and my emotions the most vulnerable.

The back cover blurb was a bit misleading. This tale is solidly about the growing relationship between Pippa and Nic. It's about the hurdles they had to overcome, the preconceived notions of the past and one woman's kind-hearted, compassionate and strong moral compass. I think Pippa did the most growing and in the process, she taught her own family about forgiveness and redemption. Certainly the power of love cannot be denied. I'm not talking about physical love between the sheets. I mean the love between a son and his mother, the love of family and the love between a wife and her husband. All of those are what makes life worth living and the sacrifices that are made to protect that love is what gives this story the power it has to affect a reader's emotions.

Pippa was a delight. She's a bird in a royal gilded cage and she struggled to be what her family wanted and needed her to be. But it wasn't what she needed. It wasn't until she met Nic, then his mother, that gave her a better understanding of just how trapped she was, what she was missing and it gave her the inspiration to strike out for independence. It's not without cost but I admired the heroine's character because she was willing to pay the price. She didn't love her family any less, but there's another kind of love worth fighting for, she just didn't realize that's what she was doing in the beginning. A reader can see her love for Nic grow. The author puts hints here and there, little phrases or internal comments from Pippa's POV that showed the progression of her connection to Nic.

Nic was a surprise. At first, readers are under the same impression as the Devereaux family, that he's no good, a bad influence and to be avoided. However, once I got to watch him with his mother, watch him as he responded to Pippa, I grew to adore his character. Still waters run deep and what Nic bears on his shoulders is impressive and yet he never made a big deal about it. A lesser man would have buckled and run from such responsibility. Not Nic Lafitte. Towards the end, a reader gets full disclosure and it will simply astound a person that the hero bore what he did. Every mother should be blessed with a son like Nic. It brought tears to my eyes.

The tears really showed up with the introduction of Amelie, Nic's mom. The strength of her character and its influence fueled the plot's conflict as it weaved throughout the book. It affected how the hero and heroine came together, and what kept them together. Shared pain tends to be a bonding experience between people and the fact that Pippa ended up loving Nic's mom as much as he did truly tugged the heartstrings. It was beautiful as it was tragic. Ms. Banks treated Amelie with respect all the way through. Her pain, her hopes, her little joys, all made her character real so when the eventual thing happened, it was all the more powerful. The paragraph with the butterflies was the most stark and heartfelt of the whole book. That's when I needed the tissues.

I liked the dialogue, the character interaction and the pacing of the story. I enjoyed how the romance grew and matured and I had a lot of fun meeting Goldie, one of Nic's helpers at the cottage. I liked the family component with all its prickles and spines and I was entertained with all the little kids running around the palace.

The Princess and the Outlaw is a book about heart, family and love. It illustrates what is really important in life and that historical grudges have no value or power except to hurt and destroy. The strongest characters, and the ones that make the most impact on a reader, are those that stand up for what they believe in and

pursue their dreams into the future. That is what Nic and Pippa eventually do and what makes this story work so well. It's an awesome read and well worth taking the time to spend it getting to know Nic and Pippa. You'll be glad you did.

Aldy says

El peor libro que leí en este tiempo, aburrido, sin sentido, no avanza NUNCA. ¿Si hay tan terrible pelea en su familia, porqué ella le da una mano a él al comienzo del libro?

Paraphrodite says

It's always a bit weird to start a book in the middle of a series. Not a bad read even though it was a bit sad at the end.

Veronica says

3.5 Stars
