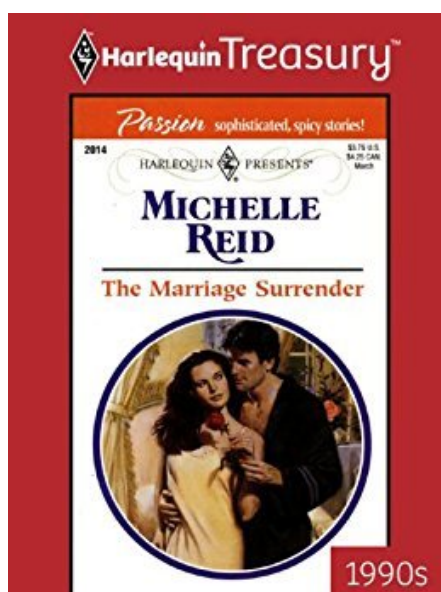




The Marriage Surrender

Michelle Reid

Download now

Read Online ➔

The Marriage Surrender

Michelle Reid

The Marriage Surrender Michelle Reid

Joanna adored Alessandro Bonetti, but knew she could never give him what he really needed. So she walked out on their marriage.

Now, two years on, she has no choice but to turn to Sandro for help. He agrees, on one condition: that she return to his bed, as his wife.

Joanna realizes she loves her husband more than ever, but a replay of their disastrous wedding night is more than she can bear. Surrender to Sandro means he'll discover the secret she's kept hidden from him all along but maybe that's a risk she must take if she's to save her marriage.

The Marriage Surrender Details

Date : Published by Harlequin Books (first published 1998)

ISBN :

Author : Michelle Reid

Format : Kindle Edition

Genre : Category Romance, Harlequin, Harlequin Presents, Romance, Contemporary, Contemporary Romance

 [Download The Marriage Surrender ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Marriage Surrender ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Marriage Surrender Michelle Reid

From Reader Review The Marriage Surrender for online ebook

Megzy says

I would expect from a female author to talk to rape victims or research the topic before they write about it. I don't believe sexual therapy was the answer for her to get past all the trauma. No rape victim is going to just one day decide to shrug it off and get back to her life the way it was before.

Chitra *CJ* says

"The Marriage Surrender" is the story of Joanna and Alessandro.

Two years ago, a scarred Joanna had run away from her marriage with Alessandro because of her inability to allow him to touch her. A tragedy had befallen a week before marriage, and Joanna hides the trauma behind aversion to physical intimacy..

Now as she runs out of money and is harassed by her lewd despicable boss, she approaches Alessandro for monetary help.

But seeing him again brings back all the heartbreaking memories, and her own insecurities.

Can these two scarred souls overcome their past with their love?

What a beautiful, heart-wrenching tale about the victim of sexual assault trying to deal with PTSD, albeit in a dramatic HQN drama filled away. Michelle has a way with angst, and this had oodles of it. The hero was kind and caring who never gave up on his wife, and despite their differences the couple loved one another. Yes, the heroine did over-analyze and over-react to everything, but I kinda found it real, especially if she didnt actually deal with what had actually happened.

The eventual post coital events were a bit cheesy, but I totally did enjoy reading it.

A very different and offbeat read, but a must for all angsty romance fans.

Safe

4.25/5

Leona says

In typical Michelle Reid fashion this is an absorbing book filled with a lot of angst. The heroine and hero are madly in love. One week before their wedding, she is brutally raped by two men in an elevator. She goes through with the wedding, but is so emotionally scarred that she can not consummate the marriage and she ultimately leaves him. Two years later, she enters his life again asking for help financially since she has fallen prey to a loan shark.

Though, I wasn't able to put the book down...there were some things that really bothered me.

First, The heroine was seriously traumatized over the rape. The fact that the hero forced her back into a relationship and was often callous towards her struggles just didn't make sense. Secondly, this woman needed some serious counseling if she was ever going to recover. (view spoiler) Finally, it didn't feel to me that the author truly researched the reactions of a rape victim and the recovery. To tackle such an important topic without the due diligence and research, seemed inappropriate.

Jenny says

It was ok but the rape thing is too serious and just not a good plot for a Harlequin.

Jacqueline says

There was a lot of angst in this book. The hero and heroine fall madly in love but one week before the wedding she is raped by 2 guys in an elevator. She doesn't tell anyone and goes ahead and gets married and then freaks out and can't sleep with her husband. The story starts 3 years later when they have been apart for 2 years. He was basically emasculated by her refusal to sleep with him or even let him touch her so she left him. So she comes to him for some help with a money problem and he won't let her go again. In the meantime her sister has told him the scoop so at least he knows what's up.

There were bits that I had problems with. First off the girl needed counseling. As soon as the hero found out, if he loved her, he should have gotten her counseling. Secondly even knowing what he did, he kept getting fed up with her fear etc. Then you find out that they had been waiting to have sex until they were married and he was all hyped about marrying a virgin. The fact that she wasn't a virgin anymore turns out to have been her major problem. She wasn't scared of sex, she was just scared he would find out she wasn't a virgin and thus she wouldn't have anything special to give him. When that finally all comes out he tells her it isn't all about her virginity but about him loving her so they finally have sex and everything is now rainbows and butterflies.

I just felt like there were moments of brilliance that were overshadowed by wonky motivations and reactions that kind of didn't strike me as quite right. Didn't quite live up to its potential.

? Basil ? says

This book was emotional, but I thought the hero was insensitive and clueless. It was all about how her situation made HIM feel. Then to find out he knew about her rape and didn't search for her. Just, hey, I found out you were raped, but you needed to wait while I had to go be with my sick mom (because I can't spare a couple of hours or try to get you to talk to a therapist), then I got back and you weren't living there anymore, so, yeah, I just decided to let it go instead of looking for you. Oh, and I used to have lunch once a month with your sister, but then we stopped and I never thought to call her and see if everything was alright, which it wasn't because SHE'S DEAD.

I could have understood more if he didn't realize what happened to her until later in the book but he KNEW when she came back what happened and still acted all arrogant and haughty.

Vintage says

Re-read

SPOILERS:

Apologizes here. Total reversal on a review. I rated it a two star before, and it barely makes a three star now but the reasons have changed.

Torture porn for starters:

Orphaned heroine.

Virgin raped by two men two weeks before her wedding

Leaves marriage due to emotional trauma

Beloved younger sister is killed

Boss blackmailing into sex

The h approaches the H for money to pay off her boss as he has her cornered for sex. The H hasn't seen her for about two years. We find out later he kept up with her via her little sister, but didn't know the little sis died while he was out of country for a month.

Bottom line, the H adores her and wants her back. There has never been anyone for him since she left although he was considering possibilities. He tries to use tough love to break through which ultimately works. This is an HP universe, so, of course.

Why my initial 2 stars? Unbelievable turnaround of a rape victims. Reid did a huge disservice to her two characters and readers with the resolution for a rape victim. Counseling, counseling, counseling. Rape by anyone, much less two men in an elevator, is hardly cured by a magic penis and tough love. It's obvious the hero loves her regardless of virginity or rape, but the resolution is far too simple.

Bumped to three stars because I bought the H's emotions this time around.

Old review

Having problems sticking with this. Potential DNF.

(view spoiler)

Okay, I'm done.

(view spoiler)

KC 2.0 says

The Marriage Surrender is a serious romance dealing with serious mental and emotional health issues. How it concluded didn't sit too well with me as I'll explain.

Joanna was a tormented woman whose low self-esteem drove most of the story's conflict. This lack of worth

was the reason why she didn't believe in Sandro's love for her. The reason why she spent the majority of the book wallowing in fear and self-pity. And the reason why she had run out on their marriage. Joanna didn't believe Sandro would love her the way she was now. (view spoiler)

My point with this is that I don't believe Joanna had truly overcome her hangups by the novel's end. Or that their happy ending would last. Joanna was too messed up and needed professional counseling for the happy ending to stick. It seemed as if Joanna was only willing to compromise (view spoiler) because she feared Sandro giving up on her. He pretty much had inferred that he was tiring of the "lost cause". Giving Sandro what he wanted seemed like a desperate attempt on Joanna's part to keep her husband and not because she'd truly healed emotionally.

Joanna compromising or "surrendering" before she was ready to troubled me a bit, making this just an okay read for me.

StMargarets says

[the heroine's rape that took place two weeks before her wedding. She was a virgin and felt her "gift" to the hero was taken from her. Further, she wasn't able to have sex with the hero in the long tortuous year they lived together. She finally left when the hero gave her an ultimatum - be a proper wife or get out. Now, two years later, she owes her sleazy casino boss 5,000 pounds and she contacts the hero.

It's obvious the hero still c

Tina says

From start to finish, the heroine is in utter emotional turmoil because of what had happened to her a week before her marriage. In a romance novel, I like to see some ups (happy moments) and downs (conflicts)...However, in this book it is all downs until the last 2 pages. It was too draining, and simply too exhausting to get through...

Only 2 stars because I didn't enjoy the time I spent reading it.

Kiki says

This book started with addressing serious issues but what I felt was ended abruptly. The hero claimed even demanded intimacy from the heroine pretty much throughout the whole book not with tact. Heroine was raped, so she has issues with intimacies, he didn't try to offer counselling and at the end of the book basically mentioned he was getting tired of the lost cause. Any intimacy followed by that threat is bound to be out of desperation not out of being free of trauma. The ending felt definitely rushed, so not the best read for me.

Cecilia says

Because of being raped very shortly before her wedding to the hero, the heroine is unable to 'be a proper wife' to the hero; this, in addition to her inability to tell anyone the details, or tell her husband anything at all about it, causes the breakdown of the marriage.

Two years after leaving him, the events of the novel start. Characters are sympathetic (although the extreme high-pitch of the heroine's emotional state is hard to relate to). The resolution comes about rather suddenly; really, the whole book takes basically three days. The heroine is a shivering wreck for most of it, then she's fine. This was a little implausible to me. I think it would have been better had it been a lot longer and slower paced, or had it started with the main character at a more advanced stage in her healing.

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

DNF

I was in chapter three hating the h with passion so I came to GR to check reviews and found out the reason for her behavior. AS I'm sure I won't like it and I'm not having much time to read, I'll skip this one.

3houd says

The plot was promising, but the execution was lacking.

Nazneen says

I didn't like this book. I liked just Sandro. Other books I've read of this author are good, but this one I couldn't. Not because of a 'rape' subject but because this didn't convince properly..80% of the book was just joanna's thoughts. Ofcourse, what happened to her was the most horrible thing & it cannot be consoled so easily, nobody could move on but, I also felt Sandro too suffered so much. Though she should have told him before the wedding, I understand why she couldn't. Bcz, she wanted not to accept the reality. But later when she couldn't let him touch her, she should have told him. He was hurting so badly, didn't even know what was wrong. He had the right to know. She owed it to him. Ofcourse, I don't expect her to bed him bcz after such incident, a girl is terrified. I really felt bad for her. It happened just a week before the wedding that too when she wanted to gift him with her virginity. Her state of mind must be terrible. But, before leaving him, at least she could have let him know. He didn't even know the complete truth yet, he was so patient with her. After knowing complete truth, I think the time he meant sex, it was just to encourage her not to be insensitive. He was right when he told that she hurt him, too.. Then, I don't know how just in 4 days they bedded. Maybe I understood when she told that, going slowly may again make her to draw back. So sometimes, it is better not to think much. But, ending should have been elaborate & more of their happy times should have been shown.
