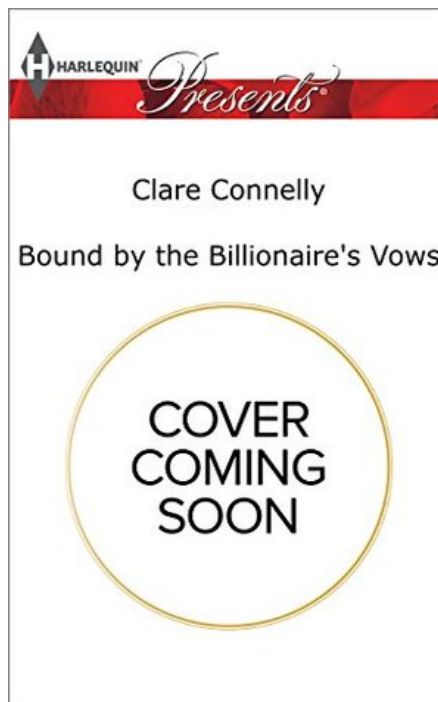




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From Reader Review Bound by the Billionaire's Vows (Harlequin Presents) for online ebook

Ishara Dasruth says

Matteo, the H, pursued and married Skye, the h, for a hotel that was bought by her father, which has been in his family for generations until his grandfather went bankrupt. It turns out that her father was in love with his mother but she rejected him, opting to marry the H's father instead. So when the family business starts to struggle the vindictive man buys up their assets including this hotel, and horror of horrors, he shuts it down.

Poor Skye thought Matteo was in love with her although he never said so... Matteo never told Skye about the history between their families even though she deserved to know. Do you see the pattern here? COMMUNICATION, people. But if they did actually talk to each other, HP LAND would be a boring place ?

So, in summary, we have a family feud, a MOC, a separation, a secret baby and tragically a miscarriage. Very heartbreaking, and a rather good read.

Birdie says

Four stars for Skye. She was the only really great thing about this book because Matteo was such a pile of shit until the last like 10 pages. This book takes the standard Clare Connelly angst and ramps it up even more. I really liked Skye. I thought she was strong, especially for how young she was and how sheltered her life was growing up. I totally understood her feelings of devastation over finding out that the one person who she thought loved her, turned out to be lying to her about everything and made a fool of her love. She was no pushover, and she loved HERSELF enough to walk away-- twice. I wish that Matteo had come to realize his feelings for Skye sooner, and hadn't referred to their whole marriage being about sex. That cheapened everything, and the author never quite fully overcame that for me. I saw another review say that Matteo deserves better. That's laughable. Lying to and deceiving Skye in the worst way-- he let her think he loved her so she would marry him, so he could have an **object**.

Geraldine Sadiku says

Strong emotional read, loved it

Esther says

Short review here.

Well this was an emotional read, but very satisfying.

This one was filled with angst. Hero marries for ulterior motives (revenge, ability to gain access to hotel that was his grandfathers), heroine fall in love with hero and believes in happily ever after. She learns the truth

and is devastated. Disappears for a while but returns to asks for a divorce. She's pregnant and hero learns about it and is determined they will stay married. Tragedy strikes but love prevails in the end.

Really liked these two characters. Hero at first comes across cold but as the story unfolds he develops into a likable and true hero. Heroine was sweet, strong and determined. Appreciate that she stood up to him and had a backbone but yet came across as a sweet and caring individual.

Nice story line, good pacing, lots of emotion, nicely developed characters and a very happy ending.

RomLibrary says

"I have a condition..." Can she agree to her husband's terms? When heiress Skye learns her marriage to Matteo was built on lies, she demands a divorce. A pawn in his revenge, Skye's heart shattered when she discovered her husband's game. The clock is ticking; she needs his signature. But Matteo is not willing to let Skye go so easily--the price of her freedom is one last night together!

Debbie DiFiore says

Too much angst

I did give this four stars simply because of the epilogue. Otherwise it would be three. The heroine annoyed me for some reason. It kind of dragged on around the 80% mark and I just wanted it over. Yes tragic stuff happened but it seemed she just wanted to hurt him at the end. I know he hurt her but wow did he grovel near the end. His words were beautiful. I really would love a man who told me that. Check I'd probably love anyone that told me that. I definitely did not like the hero at the beginning but he grew on me. I really did like this book but I wouldn't read it again.

Ivy H says

3.5 stars.

A poignant, romantic tale of deception, love lost and found again...

This is a story about a H who cold bloodedly and ruthlessly seduces, then marries the heroine in order to get access to his family's old hotel in Rome: Il Grande Fortuna. Just for the record, I must mention that the H and the heroine are both billionaires and he's not a fortune hunter or gold digger. The hotel was the prized possession in the H's family portfolio of properties. It had been in his family for 4 generations when the heroine's father ruthlessly ruined the H's grandfather's empire, bought the hotel and then closed it down.

Matteo, the H, was raised by his grandparents after his parents died when he was a child and he's filled with a burning obligation to acquire this abandoned hotel and restore it to its previous grandeur. Skye, the 22 yr old heroine, knows nothing about the family feud between the H's grandfather and her dad. It had all started when the H's mother broke off her engagement to Skye's father in order to marry the H's dad. The heroine's father was obsessed with the woman and filled with so much vengeance that he deliberately set out to ruin the H's father; he ended up ruining the H's grandfather since the latter was the one in charge of the Vin Santo corporate empire. Matteo had been trying for years to get Skye's father to sell the abandoned hotel back to him, without luck. After the heroine's father dies, she becomes a billionaire heiress and Matteo thinks that if he asks her to sell then she might also be told, by her dad's lawyers, to refuse all his offers. That's when Matteo schemed up his plan to marry her and use his sexy husbandly persuasive skills to make her sell.

When Skye discovered that Matteo had only married her in order to get her to sell the hotel, she leaves him. It was heart breaking to read the scene where she confronts him about his actions and he couldn't deny any of her accusations. Sky also finds out she's pregnant and since she wants to be divorced from Matteo, she offers to sell him the hotel **if** he signs the divorce papers. At first he refuses to sign the papers but when he sees that she's not budging, he eventually gives in. Soon afterwards, he looks out from his office window and sees that she's fainted and fallen into the nasty waters of the Venice canal. The revelation of her pregnancy changes things for the H because he tears up the divorce papers and takes her back with him to their old home. Skye goes with him because she's still a little ill but she obstinately refuses to be nice to him. This part of the story started to stagnate a little bit because they keep going over the same old argument and nothing much happens except for the couple of times they end up having spontaneous hot sex. The author didn't create any drama with other minor characters so the bulk of the storyline deals with the MC's living alone in their home, fighting, making up, fighting again and then having sex.

Things only changed after Skye has a miscarriage. This was a rather depressing and sad part of the story because both MC's were filled with anguish for the loss of the child that they hadn't even planned. The H goes through a lot of emotional pain and he deserved it ! After she recovers from the miscarriage, Skye decides to leave him for good because there's no longer a baby to bind them together anymore. This is when the H really started to change and to grovel. He finally realized how much he loved her and the best part was that he no longer cared about the hotel anymore. He only wanted his wife to stay with him. He grovelled, begged, apologized and declared his love and his desire for them to have other children in the future. But the heroine was skeptical because she'd been hurt very badly by this man's deception and she was unsure whether she should trust him. I felt very sorry for him when she left him this time because the man was suffering so badly and I'm such a bleeding heart for heroes experiencing the pain of unrequited love. Skye really put him through some harsh punishment:

OK, so he got more than 2 minutes punishment... Lol

He got a few weeks punishment and the poor man lost weight because he couldn't eat, he refused to accept her deal to buy back the hotel and he was filled with depression as he waited to see when new divorce papers would arrive. Eventually, they meet at the lawyer's office and reconcile:

‘Then tell me what you need, bella. Tell me what will make you happy and I will do it.’

‘Even if that means leaving? And never seeing me again?’

A muscle jerked in his cheek but he nodded. ‘Yes, Skye.’ She saw him swallow and brace himself, and she understood the emotions that were spreading through him. The pain and fear and miserable acceptance.

But he continued bravely. 'I will never not love you. I will never not need you. But I will leave you alone...if this is what you want.'

And, finally, she smiled. A smile that spread over her face and through her body. A smile that was definitely not matched by Matteo's expression.

'Why would I want you to leave me alone?'

He frowned, his confusion understandable. 'Oh, Matteo.' His name quivered against her mouth. 'I wish everything between us had been different.' She chewed on her lower lip thoughtfully.

'I wish there was no family feud, no hotel. No anger and hatred. But, even with things the way they were, I still loved you.'

His lips were grim. 'Because you are all that is kind and good. Only you could love a man like me...'

She held a hand up to silence him, pressing her fingertip to his lips.

'I married you because I loved you. I left you because I loved you too much to live with you, when you didn't feel the same way about me.'

'Only I did, cara. I've been such a damned fool.'

'Yes,' Skye murmured, narrowing her eyes thoughtfully. 'But, seeing as you've seen the light and are prepared to spend the rest of your life showing me each and every day just how much I mean to you, it would be rather foolish for me to make either of us suffer a moment longer. Right?' She lifted a hand to his cheek.

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Maybe I rated this a little too high, because the middle of the story did stagnate for a bit but the H's suffering, punishment and the lovely epilogue served to elevate my overall impression of the novel. The MC's ended up, in the epilogue, having twin toddlers (a boy and girl) and the Il Grande Fortuna hotel is refurbished in a more magnificent manner and re-opened for business.

The hero, Matteo:

The heroine, Skye:

lily waheed says

that was emotional! loved the h and my heart broke for her when she miscarried , that jerk don't deserve her ,

loved the epilogue.

Jenny says

This heroine had zero maternal feelings and she wanted to lose her child. I hate cold and unfeeling heroines. Hero deserved better.

Danielle says

When I heard the premise for this book, I was really excited. I've been really into the second chance romance especially when it features an estranged married couple that comes back together again. They tend to be full of delicious drama, hurt, angst and misunderstanding between the couple especially when there's unrequited love on the one side, and this book exactly all the that and some other things thrown in there to add flair to the story. I really enjoyed it, and I did tear up just like I thought I would just something was missing that I didn't get the full blown feels like I was expecting. I don't know exactly what it was, but it was something, which was why I couldn't give this a five stars.

This story was fraught with emotion from the very beginning. Skye was broken-hearted and hurt over the state of her marriage especially when she found out about the circumstances surrounding her marriage. I didn't blame her for feeling the way she did, and how much she had loved Matteo, but only married her for access to a hotel that her family owned. It hurt her. Bad. And she didn't want to be in a marriage when she felt she was unwanted and unloved. She had enough in her life and she didn't need anymore. And once she found out she was pregnant, that just really set things into motion with ending her marriage.

Then they had a battle and the butted heads about ending their marriage especially when Matteo learned that she was pregnant. He never put his heart out there while she did, and it was hard to witness because her love for him was very clear and she wasn't getting it back. Their relationship tended to focus on the passion side instead of the emotional side, not until much later anyway. It was an uphill battle and a fight.

There were some tender moments between them as they worked through their marriage. They had some little romantic moments here and there, which were really sweet. Matteo showed his tender loving care in his own way. He got to know her, and really started to understand why she felt the way she felt about the marriage, and how unfair he had been to her. I wish they discussed more about her childhood in more detail which shaped why she kept resisting this second chance they were given and kept him at arm's length for quite awhile. Then I think he would have understood fully then and see where she was coming from. He knew she didn't have a happy childhood, but he didn't know the extent or her feelings on that. I wish it was more explored so I could see them connecting more on a mental level.

I think what really touched me the most was when Matteo basically groveled and put his heart and soul into that declaration. It was beautiful. It was heartbreaking. It was breathtaking. It was touching. Just so much emotion was in that scene when he put all his feelings out on the table, and I really loved that. I really could see where his heart was in that moment, and just how much it was breaking him that she was leaving him for the final time. It crushed him. I don't think I have read a hero that broken up over losing his girl, the love of his lie. I may have been unsure, a little bit, about his feelings in the beginning, but at this moment I was totally sure that he was totally in love with her, and it was beautiful to see. This really was a bittersweet moment, but he didn't fail to impress with this moment and later on where he poured out his soul again when they were reunited once more.

Overall it was a good story. It could have been a little more angsty for my liking, and there could have been more exploration of the pain of her past not only in her marriage but her childhood as well, but it was nice little romance between Matteo and Skye. They went through the emotional wringer to work through their marriage and get it back on track. It was a struggle, but they learned how important they were to each other and how much they needed each other in each other's lives especially on Matteo's part. He did some major groveling, romantic gestures, and poured out his heart and soul to Skye, and it was heartbreaking to watch because his heart was breaking that she was leaving him. He impressed me at the end. He really did. He ripped out my heart just like his heart was ripped out. It was breathtakingly beautiful. I really appreciated that. I really enjoyed it and will probably will reread it again sometime in the future.

Maria Rose says

Bound by the Billionaire's Vows by Clare Connelly is a passionate romance for a married couple on the verge of divorce who find themselves with a second chance to make things right.

Skye was devastated to learn that her husband has pursued her not for love, but for revenge. Leaving him for several weeks, she comes back to ask for a divorce, but is thwarted when her husband finds out she's pregnant.

Matteo should have been willing to let Skye go. His goal in marrying her was to regain control of the hotel that is his family legacy. Though he didn't intend to hurt Skye, he didn't love her either. When she offers him the divorce in exchange for the hotel, it should make him happy. But discovering she's pregnant changes everything. He believes they can make something of their marriage for the sake of the child, even if love doesn't come into play. But when they reconnect in the bedroom, the desire that is never far from the surface leads to more. Will Matteo realize his real feelings for Skye before it's too late?

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Deborah Schellenberg says

I give it a 4.5.
