

## The Secret Marriage Pact The Business Of Marriage Book 3

From enemies-to-lovers, to wedding night passion, to life-changing consequences... This sparkling romance from Michelle Smart has it all! A marriage built on a lie...until her pregnancy test confirms the truth! Claudia Buscetta is swept off her feet by Ciro Trapani. Their wedding night is everything she dreamed of—but then she overhears Ciro’s confession: the marriage was his way of avenging his father. Heartbroken Claudia prepares to walk away from him forever...only to discover she’s pregnant! Driven Sicilian billionaire Ciro is suddenly bound irrevocably to his enemy’s daughter! Claudia is far from the pampered “princess” he imagined. And living with her sparks a fierce battle...between his quest for revenge and his burning desire for his wife! From Harlequin Presents: Escape to exotic locations where passion knows no bounds. Read both books in The Sicilian Marriage Pact duet: A Baby to Bind His Innocent by Michelle Smart The Terms of the Sicilian’s Marriage by Louise Fuller

A secret carried down the aisle! Late one night, Susanna Lambert, the illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Rockland, bursts uninvited into a stranger's carriage, turning both their worlds upside down. Suddenly, fun-loving Justin Connor finds himself forced to consider marriage! For Susanna, marrying Justin is a chance to finally escape her cruel stepmother and forget about the rake who ruined her. But as wedding bells begin to chime, Susanna discovers she's carrying a huge secret...one that could turn to dust all promises of happiness as Justin's wife! Life changes in an instant. On a foggy beach. In the seconds when Abby

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Mason—photographer, fiancée soon-to-be-stepmother—looks into her camera and commits her greatest error. Heartbreaking, uplifting, and beautifully told, here is the riveting tale of a family torn apart, of the search for the truth behind a child's disappearance, and of one woman's unwavering faith in the redemptive power of love—all made startlingly fresh through Michelle Richmond's incandescent sensitivity and extraordinary insight. Six-year-old Emma vanished into the thick San Francisco fog. Or into the heaving Pacific. Or somewhere just beyond: to a parking lot, a stranger's van, or a road with traffic flashing by. Devastated by guilt, haunted by her fears about becoming a stepmother, Abby refuses to believe that Emma is dead. And so she searches for clues about what happened that morning—and cannot stop the flood of memories reaching from her own childhood to illuminate that irreversible moment on the beach. Now, as the days drag into weeks, as the police lose interest and fliers fade on telephone poles, Emma's father finds solace in religion and scientific probability—but Abby can only wander the beaches and city streets, attempting to recover the past and the little girl she lost. With her life at a crossroads, she will leave San Francisco for a country thousands of miles away. And there, by the side of another sea, on a journey that has led her to another man and into a strange subculture of wanderers and surfers, Abby will make the most astounding discovery of all—as the truth of Emma's disappearance unravels with stunning force. A profoundly original novel of family, loss, and hope—of the choices we make and the choices made for us—*The Year of Fog* beguiles with the mysteries of time and memory even as it lays bare the deep and wondrous workings of the human heart. The result is a mesmerizing tour de force that will touch anyone who knows what it means to love a child. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Michelle Richmond's *Golden State*.

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Phoebe Hall's Manhattan life is unexpectedly derailed off the fast track when her long-term boyfriend leaves her just as she is accused of plagiarizing her latest bestselling celebrity biography. Looking for a quiet place to pick up the pieces, Phoebe jumps at the offer to teach at a small private college run by her former boarding school roommate and close friend Glenda in a sleepy Pennsylvania town. But behind the campus's quiet cafés and looming maple trees lies something darker. The body of a junior co-ed washes up from the nearby river, and soon rumors begin to swirl of of past crimes and abuses wrought by a disturbing secret society known as The Sixes. Determined to find answers and help Glenda, Phoebe secretly embarks on a search for clues—a quest that soon raises dark memories of her own boarding school days. Plunging deeper into danger with every step, Phoebe knows she's close to unmasking a killer. But with truth comes a deeply terrifying revelation: the past can't be outrun . . . and starting over can be a crime punishable by death.

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Times bestselling author V. E. Schwab's genre-defying tour de force. A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget. France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Katee Robert continues her smoking-hot series about the O'Malleys-wealthy, powerful, and full of scandalous family secrets. Carrigan O'Malley has always known her arranged marriage would be more about power and prestige than passion. But after one taste of the hard-bodied, whiskey-voiced James Halloran, she's ruined for anyone else. Too bad James and his family are enemy number 1. Hallorans vs. O'Malleys-that's how it's always been. James should be thinking more about how to expand his family's empire instead of how silky Carrigan's skin is against his and how he can next get her into his bed. Those are dangerous thoughts. But not nearly as dangerous as he'll be if he can't get what he wants: Carrigan by his side for the rest of their lives.

I was sixteen when I vowed I would never marry him. We shook on it. Pinky swore. Even put it in writing and all but signed our names in blood. It was the one and only thing we ever agreed on. To the world, he's Prince Ian, Duke of Montcroix, second in line to the Chamont throne. Panty-melting accent. Royal charm. Hypnotic presence. Blindingly gorgeous. Laundry list of

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women all over the world who would give their first born for the chance to marry him. Most eligible bachelor in the free world ...But to me, he's nothing more than the son of my father's best friend—the pesky blue-eyed boy who made it his mission to annoy the ever-loving hell out of me summer after summer as our families vacationed together, our parents oblivious to our mutual disdain as they joked about our "betrothal." He was also my first kiss. And my first taste of heartbreak so cataclysmic it almost broke me. I meant it with every fiber of my soul when I swore I'd never marry him. But on the eve of my 24th birthday, His Royal Highness has the audacity to show up at my door after years of silence and make a demand that will forever change the trajectory of our lives: "We have to break our pact."

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From the bestselling author of *William and Harry* and renowned Royal Family news correspondent Katie Nicholl, comes the first in-depth biography of Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge. Katie Nicholl, bestselling author and royal correspondent for *The Mail on Sunday*, gives an inside look into the life of the future Queen of England, Kate Middleton. Since becoming Duchess Catherine of Cambridge in 2011, Middleton has captivated royals fans around the world and

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now, Nicholl delivers the story of her early life, first romances, and love with Prince William. Nicholl will reveal new details on Middleton's initiation into royal life and, of course, her first pregnancy.

Will the marriage pact be fulfilled? Return to Mustang Creek, Wyoming, with #1 New York Times bestselling author Linda Lael Miller for more Brides of Bliss County! Since Hadleigh, Melody and Bex—the best of best friends—entered into a marriage pact, two of them have found (and married) the men of their hearts. But Bex doesn't think she'll be as fortunate as the others. Her own first love died years ago in a faraway war, and Bex has lost hope for a happy marriage of her own. She concentrates on her business, a successful chain of fitness clubs, instead. Then, when single father Tate Calder comes to Mustang Creek with his two sons in tow, who befriend Bex's eight-year-old nephew, she and the handsome, aloof newcomer are constantly thrown together. But is the marriage season over? Or can a man with doubts about love be the right husband for a woman who wants it all?

On her 30th birthday, Marci Thompson's life is nothing like she always imagined. Instead of the family and career she hoped for, she's far from home, stuck in an endless temp job, and a hopeless relationship with her married boss, Doug. When her college friend Jake reminds her of their promise to marry each other if

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they're still single at 30, Marci's life gets even more complicated. How can she say no to her old friend without explaining her new entanglement? But how could she say yes without giving Jake her whole heart? As Marci navigates the lines between right and wrong, friendship and romance, fantasy and reality, she will make the most difficult choices of her life. Will she earn the happiness she's always wanted, or lose everything and face her next birthday alone? This debut by M. J. Pullen launches a charming series about a group of 30-somethings in Atlanta making surprising discoveries about friendship, love, and happily ever after.

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“You wanted to marry me, and you will. Only it will be on my terms.” Vicenzu is surprised by Imma Buscetta, daughter of the rival who took everything from his family. His plan is to marry her for revenge, yet Imma’s beauty disarms this most nonchalant of tycoons. But he will reclaim what’s rightfully his. Innocent, stifled Imma throws caution to the wind with Vicenzu. But after just one earth-shattering encounter, she’s stunned when he proposes! Until she learns his motives... If Vicenzu seeks vengeance from their union, she wants freedom. So begins the most passionate of negotiations...

You know that pact you make with your childhood best friend of the opposite sex? The one where, if you're both still single, lonely and hopeless at thirty, you'll marry each other? This is the story about what happens when you hit the big three-oh and have to make good on that pinky promise. Personally, I think love, romance and all of that nonsense is a crock of, well, you know. And Reese Collins, the boy who used to put worms in my hair at backyard barbecues, knows that better than anyone. But when he moves to the same city I've happily, and singly, inhabited for years, memories of oaths past resurface. Reese is like a dog with a bone; a really hot dog and that bone just happens to be me. He won't stop hounding me, and the crazy thing is, my frigid, traitorous heart is starting to cave.



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For my best friend. It seems so far off, when you're a kid playing Monopoly in your treehouse. But when that clock strikes midnight on your thirtieth birthday, and you're standing alone in front of a grocery store-bought cupcake, a childhood deal to walk down the aisle doesn't seem so silly anymore.

The Cinderella Governess Joanna Radcliff has always dreamed of the day when she'd become a governess and finally be part of a proper family. Except, instead of a warm welcome, she's given a frosty reception by her employers — and her charges! The only person who pays her any attention is the dashing Major Preston... Despite their stolen conversations and tantalising glances in the ballroom, Luke and Joanna know that their stations in life are just too different. But when this Cinderella governess's life is transformed and their roles are reversed, will they risk everything to be together? The Secret Marriage Pact Jane Rathbone is used to being left behind and no longer believes she deserves happiness. But when childhood friend Jasper Charton returns from the Americas, more dangerously sexy than ever, she has a proposition. She'll give him the property he needs if he'll give her a new future — by marrying her! Jasper never imagined taking a wife, but wonders if loyal Jane could be his redemption. And when their marriage brings tantalising pleasures, convenient vows blossom into a connection that could heal them both...

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How far is too far when it comes to protecting your marriage? Find out in this relentlessly paced novel of psychological suspense for anyone who loved *The Couple Next Door*. “Ranks with *The Stepford Wives* and *Gone Girl* as a terrifying look at what it really means to say ‘I do.’” —Joseph Funder, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Switch* Newlyweds Alice and Jake are a picture-perfect couple. Alice, once a singer in a well-known rock band, is now a successful lawyer. Jake is a partner in an up-and-coming psychology practice. Their life together holds endless possibilities. After receiving an enticing wedding gift from one of Alice’s prominent clients, they decide to join an exclusive and mysterious group known only as The Pact. The goal of The Pact seems simple: to keep marriages happy and intact. And most of its rules make sense. Always answer the phone when your spouse calls. Exchange thoughtful gifts monthly. Plan a trip together once per quarter. . . . Never mention The Pact to anyone. Alice and Jake are initially seduced by the glamorous parties, the sense of community, their widening social circle of like-minded couples. And then one of them breaks the rules. The young lovers are about to discover that for adherents to The Pact, membership, like marriage, is for life. And The Pact will go to any lengths to enforce that rule. For Jake and Alice, the marriage of their dreams is about to become their worst nightmare. Praise for *The Marriage Pact* “This fast-paced nail-biter goes in unpredictable directions. . . . It also raises thoughtful questions about individual agency and marital commitment. With strong writing, intriguing characters, and a compelling conceit, this

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psychological thriller seems destined for the top of summer reading lists. Recommended as a fresh voice for readers of Gillian Flynn or Ruth Ware.”—Library Journal (starred review) “Creepy and engrossing . . . [The Marriage Pact takes] readers deep into the heart of a marriage and exposes some of the darker drives, such as possession and control, that can lurk within even the most harmonious of unions.”—Booklist “Gripping, thought-provoking, and irresistible.”—Dean Koontz “Riveting psychological suspense! This book will keep you up all night, while making you second-guess everything you know and everyone you’ve ever loved.”—Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Right Behind You

Bride for hire? Money couldn't buy love, but would it buy Adam Tate a wife? Claire needed a plane ticket home, and money to help her sister. Adam promised to help—on the condition that Claire became his wife and mother to his two-year-old son, Jamie! Adam was rich, charming and gorgeous. And the deal was simple: one short wedding ceremony, and Claire's problems would be over! Financially, at least. But she knew Adam would be a hard man to walk away from. Was Claire ready to promise her heart for better, for worse...forever? "Ms Duke captivates readers with...intense passion, a strong emotional conflict and endearing characters." —Romantic Times

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In How Big Is Your God? Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with

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God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

Hadleigh Stevens finds her plan to find a husband disrupted when her brother's best friend, cowboy Tripp Galloway, who prevented her making a marital mistake ten years earlier, returns to Bliss County to save his father's ranch.

Jenny and her husband Dave take a cruise up the Yangtze River to scatter her murdered best friend's ashes, but the trip quickly evolves into an examination into her flawed marriage, troubled past, and uncertain future.

Four historical romances to transport you in time! The Secret Marriage Pact by Georgie Lee An improper proposal! Jane Rathbone is used to being left behind, and no longer believes she deserves happiness. But when childhood friend Jasper Charton returns from the Americas, more dangerously sexy than ever, she has a proposition. She'll give him the property he needs if he'll give her a new future-by marrying her! Jasper never imagined taking a wife, but wonders if loyal Jane could be his redemption. And when their marriage brings tantalizing pleasures, convenient vows blossom into a connection that could heal them both... A Warriner to Protect Her by Virginia Heath An heiress in distress and an earl in disgrace... When heiress Violet Dunston escapes from an abduction, she finds an unlikely protector in Jack Warriner—a member of one of

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England's most infamous families. Ensnared with mysterious Jack behind his manor's walls, soon escape is the last thing on Letty's mind! Jack may be an earl, but his father's exploits have left him with nothing to offer except a tarnished name. He's turned his back on the ton, but with Letty tempting him day and night, he finds himself contemplating the unthinkable—a society marriage! Claiming His Defiant Miss by Bronwyn Scott Seduced by her bodyguard! Aristocrat's daughter May Worth is beautiful, headstrong...and in trouble. There's only one man who can protect her: Liam Casek, her brother's best friend, a government agent and the man whose sinfully seductive touch she's never forgotten. Rakish Liam always knew May's wild beauty would be the death of him, but if he's to protect her with his life, he's damned if he'll deny their still-sizzling chemistry! May is everything Liam wants—if only he dares claim this defiant miss for his own. Rumours at Court by Blythe Gifford Wed by royal command! Widow Valerie of Florham wants nothing more than to forget her abusive marriage and live peacefully at the mercy of no man. She'd never have dreamed of a liaison with handsome Sir Gil Woldford, but then comes a royal decree...they must wed! Gil craves military conquest in Castile, far from his haunted past. Marriage to Lady Valerie is the last thing he should want, yet both have truths to hide from the rumour-mongers at court. They have no choice...and, once wed, the marriage bed changes everything!

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He was a man exiled from society - handsome, unpredictable, and proud. Dark rumours surrounded his name. But Anne Burnett had signed a marriage contract binding her to Aiden Black, the Earl of Tiebauld. And although she'd never met him, she's

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determined to keep her word and make theirs a marriage in truth. Because a well-bred lady with little fortune to recommend her has no choice. From the moment she arrived, Anne fell in love with Kelwin Castle and its roguishly handsome laird. By day, he instils a fierce loyalty in his people with his masterful ways...and by night, he tempts Anne to surrender her innocence to him. But while he is willing to offer his body, Aiden refuses to give Anne his heart...making her wonder what prevents him from truly claiming her as his wife.

A marriage of convenience, Texas-style Dallas Calloway is desperate to find a bride. If the billionaire former rodeo champ's not married by his birthday, his dreams for the D Bar C will end, thanks to his father's will. So Paris Reynolds's arrival at the ranch looks like the answer to his prayers. The ravishing interior designer is desperate for a job. And Dallas has a proposition he hopes she can't refuse—marry him for one year, in name only, then get an annulment. But with the irresistible passion raging between them, how will they ever make it a year without sharing a marriage bed?

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They call me the rocker's princess, some even call me the dance prodigy, but none of them knows the real Mia Armstrong. Now that dancing is no longer my future, I don't know either. All I want is the opportunity to find out, to have some time to try being just a little normal. To discover who this new girl is. I fought for the chance to go to college on my own. Without the guards overshadowing my shot at a real college experience, drawing unwanted attention and making it impossible to learn new things about myself. My goal was to get my degree and start my own dance school. Barrick wasn't part of that goal, but suddenly, he was everywhere—and I was so damn tempted. His arms felt so good wrapped around me, making me feel safer than I'd ever felt in my life. But Barrick had more secrets than I could ever hope to uncover. And one just might break me completely.

Bestselling author Kimberly Belle is back with a “domestic thriller [that] will keep you reading into the wee hours of the night.” —Redbook "Fans of Gone Girl and



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The Girl on the Train will eat up Kimberly Belle's latest novel."—Bookreporter  
Everyone has secrets... Iris and Will have been married for seven years, and life is as close to perfect as it can be. But on the morning Will flies out for a business trip to Florida, Iris's happy world comes to an abrupt halt: another plane headed for Seattle has crashed into a field, killing everyone on board and, according to the airline, Will was one of the passengers. Grief stricken and confused, Iris is convinced it all must be a huge misunderstanding. Why did Will lie about where he was going? And what else has he lied about? As Iris sets off on a desperate quest to uncover what her husband was keeping from her, the answers she finds shock her to her very core. Be sure to check out Three Days Missing, the next page-turning novel by Kimberly Belle.

Megan Vandemeer meant to tell her parents about her broken engagement, but a month and a half later she finds herself boarding a plane home to her wedding. Having stretched avoidance to its limits, it's time to come clean--a terrifying prospect since her mother is sure to blame her rather than her cheating, emotionally frigid ex. A couple of drinks and two Dramamine later, Megan finds herself spilling her sob story to the tall, dark, and handsome stranger in the seat next to her. With only one week left to save his business, Josh McMillan boards a plane to Kansas City in a last-ditch effort, leaving the details to chance. An

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unexpected answer is delivered in the form of the beautiful brunette beside him. Though she's completely loopy, her honesty, openness, and humor charm him. So when she passes out before landing, he helps her off the plane--a good deed that leads to a colossal misunderstanding. Her parents assume he's her fiancé. In a twist of fate, the mix-up might help Josh save his business, so he plays along, figuring he can help Megan too. All he has to do is stage a public break up convincing enough to appease her mother. Josh is only supposed to be a substitute groom, but the more time he and Megan spend together, the more their pretend engagement starts to feel real...and the less they want to break it off. Can a relationship that began as a farce turn into happily ever after?

From the beloved author of cult sensation *Convenience Store Woman*, which has now sold more than one million copies worldwide and has been translated into thirty-three languages, comes a spellbinding and otherworldly novel about a woman who believes she is an alien. Sayaka Murata's *Convenience Store Woman* was one of the most unusual and refreshing bestsellers of recent years, depicting the life of a thirty-six-year-old clerk in a Tokyo convenience store. Now, in *Earthlings*, Sayaka Murata pushes at the boundaries of our ideas of social conformity in this brilliantly imaginative, intense, and absolutely unforgettable novel. As a child, Natsuki doesn't fit in with her family. Her parents favor her

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sister, and her best friend is a plush toy hedgehog named Piyyut, who talks to her. He tells her that he has come from the planet Popinpopopia on a special quest to help her save the Earth. One summer, on vacation with her family and her cousin Yuu in her grandparents' ramshackle wooden house in the mountains of Nagano, Natsuki decides that she must be an alien, which would explain why she can't seem to fit in like everyone else. Later, as a grown woman, living a quiet life with her asexual husband, Natsuki is still pursued by dark shadows from her childhood, and decides to flee the "baby factory" of society for good, searching for answers about the vast and frightening mysteries of the universe—answers only Natsuki has the power to uncover. Dreamlike, sometimes shocking, and always strange and wonderful, Earthlings asks what it means to be happy in a stifling world, and cements Sayaka Murata's status as a master chronicler of the outsider experience and our own uncanny universe.

Synopsis coming soon.....

Would you marry a stranger to live the life of your dreams? 'A fun and refreshing read! I couldn't put it down!' HEIDI SWAIN 'The best book I've read in 2021. I LOVED it, it made me smile so much. Fresh, funny and utterly wonderful' HOLLY MARTIN 'Original, funny and so, so romantic, The Wedding Pact is a breath of fresh air that you should add to your summer reading list immediately'

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CRESSIDA MCLAUGHLIN August Anderson needs somewhere to live. Dumped by her boyfriend who would rather be alone than move in with her, she has almost given up on happiness. Until she notices that the beautiful Georgian townhouse she's long admired (ahem, \*obsessed over\*) is looking for a new tenant, and suddenly it seems like things might be looking up . . . There's just one catch - the traditional, buttoned-up landlord is only willing to rent to a stable, married couple and August, quite frankly, is neither. Competition for the house is fierce and August knows she'll have to come up with a plan or risk losing her last shot at her happy ending. Enter Flynn, the handsome, charming and somewhat unsuspecting gentleman who August accidentally spills her coffee over. Flynn is new to the area and is looking for somewhere to live, and August thinks she knows just the place, but only if he's willing to tell a little white lie . . . The perfect feel-good summer read from reader favourite Lisa Dickenson, writing as Isla Gordon. Perfect for fans of Heidi Swain, Sarah Morgan and Anna Bell Praise for ISLA GORDON: 'Heart-warming and full of hope. I loved it' HEIDI SWAIN 'The most beautiful, heart-warming story. Gorgeously cosy, uplifting . . . utterly lovely book' HOLLY MARTIN 'Sunday afternoon bliss!' FABULOUS magazine "No marriages outside of royal families..." This has supposedly been the royal family's pact for two hundred years. Annegret, a TV producer, is looking for a

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mysterious painting that is rumored to prove this pact. Snooping around the palace, Annegret soon finds herself in trouble but is saved by none other than Prince Maxim. She starts to fall for the sincere, passionate prince. But she knows there is no future for her, a commoner, with a member of the royal family. I never thought I could fall for my rival after just one night. Shayla attended a party organized by the Dante clan...not to celebrate with them, but to find ways to exploit them. While there, she came across a marvelously beautiful man?Draco. In no time, he and Shayla were in bed together. Shayla fulfilled her wish of giving up her virginity to someone wonderful. However, she has yet to notice that she is falling in love...and Draco, her lover, is destined to lead her either to heaven or to hell.

Katie Nicholl, Royal Correspondent for the Mail on Sunday, has been at the centre of royal reporting since she joined the newspaper in 2001. There is no one who is more intimately acquainted with the lives and loves of Princes William and Harry. Katie has spoken to a wealth of contacts close to William and Catherine Middleton and reveals how their love affair really started at St Andrews, the hurdles the pair overcame and the challenges they still face. Originally published to great acclaim in 2010 as *William and Harry*, Katie Nicholl has updated and added to her original account of the princes' lives and recounts the definitive

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story of William's royal romance with the young woman destined to become Queen Catherine.

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