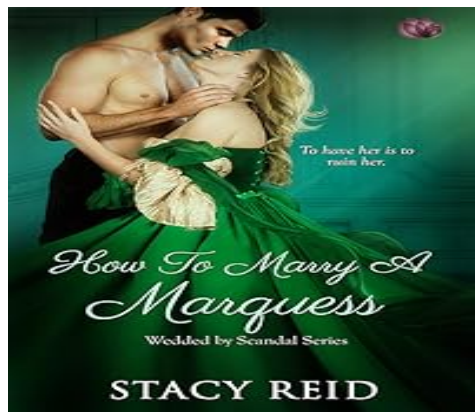


How to Marry a Marquess (Wedded by Scandal, #3) By Stacy Reid Happy reading :) 1640632581 4 friends-to-lovers angsty stars I love this series and I loved this couple - I was looking forward to their story and while I definitely enjoyed it there was more angst than I felt necessary. There are some allusions and ties to book 1 in this series so I would recommend reading *Accidentally Compromising the Duke* before reading this one for some more background on this couple and their history. Lady Evie Chesterfield has been in love with Richard Maitland since he happened upon her casting up her accounts at a party she was not supposed to be attending as she was not yet of age. Not only did Richard her older brother's good friend and the second son of a duke keep her confidences he also gave her advice on how to avoid being married off to an older gentleman that her mother has been pushing on her to secure at her coming out party happening the very next day on her 16th birthday. Before long Evie realizes she has fallen head over heels in love with Richard but she knows he has vowed to never marry after his former fiancée broke his heart years earlier. When her mother schemes to marry Evie off to the Duke of Wolverton (known to all in the ton as the Mad Duke) at a house party that they are hosting Evie betrays her best friend Adeline by setting her up to be compromised by the duke so that he will have to call off their betrothal plans to wed Adeline instead (this plot unfolds in book 1 mentioned above). Fortunately for all the duke and Adeline fall in love but when Evie's mother tells her that their family is falling into financial ruin Evie knows she is running out of time before she is forced to wed. And Evie is also who Richard turns to when he learns he is a father and the mother of his child (the fiancée that jilted him years earlier) abandoned their daughter Emily at a baby farm. Because of the situation he found Emily in and the circumstances of the many other children he has since rescued Richard is equally determined to use his seat at the table as the Marquess of Westfall (set to inherit the dukedom as a result of his brother's untimely death) to take on the establishment that only allows the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer. His interactions with his peers and their disdain for people who are not responsible for their impoverished conditions has soured Richard towards the ton to the extent that he no longer socializes with them nor cares what they think of him. Though he has always had strong feelings for Evie she has been the darling of the ton since her coming out and he knows that his standing in society would drag her down. But when Evie tells him that she must marry will Richard truly be able to let her go? Can Richard give Evie a chance to accept him for who he is and his daughter as her own? And when they are caught in a compromising position will Richard step up to the plate? What I liked:--- In the earlier books of the series I always liked Richard but Evie was so selfish in the first book setting her best friend up like that. I didn't like her much at all; this book gave me much more insight and demonstrated growth so I found both main characters likeable in this story--- The characters from book 1 were in this one quite a bit which was nice bc I enjoyed their story--- The story dealt with the disparity between the rich and the poor in this time period which is often not a focus in HRs so it was nice to see a champion for this cause--- Once we GOT to the steamy goodness it was delish What I didn't like as much:--- FFS Richard - get over yourself! While I liked that he was passionate about his daughter and making positive changes in the world he was WAY TOO STUBBORN about things with Evie and he made too many assumptions - made me crazy and I felt like it went too far beyond what would be considered reasonable (thus my too much angst rating); and I HATE when there is a big falling out and the H decides to make it up to the h but doesn't talk to her for a couple of weeks so she thinks it's over and is totally miserable all that time - you don't leave someone you truly loving hanging in the wind like that - pet peeve of mine in romance novels when the author does that--- SLOW BURN - I really could have used a little more much sooner bc there was already a relationship there between the two so there wasn't much need for all of the lead up time Overall I enjoyed this story of friends-to-lovers. There was a lot of chemistry between the main characters some steamy goodness and (of course!) a satisfying HEA! Plot --- 4/5 Main Characters --- 4/5 Supporting Cast --- 4/5 Steam Level\* --- 3/5 Violence --- some descriptions of children being abused but not graphic; recounting of a fight - also not graphic Language --- not egregious POV --- 3rd\* Note that steam level is not a rating so much as a how hot was it: 0/5 - clean; 1/5 - mild (nothing descriptive); 2/5 - 3rd base action/1 home run; 3/5 - now

we're getting somewhere (a couple of full-on steamy scenes); 4/5 - yes please! (erotica territory); 5/5 - they did EVERYTHING in this one y'all 1640632581 ARC Provided by NetGalley and publisher in exchange for an honest review. She had some fantastic moments in this book that I won't spoil for you but just know that she did what needed to be done and that it often left me with a huge smile on my face. I enjoyed how this book really elaborated on both of their character traits and allowed the reader to get a good understanding of each of them and the make sense of their past decisions. 1640632581



RE READ AND ENJOYED IT MUCH MORE THIS TIME AROUND!! UPGRADING TO 4 stars  
How To Marry a Marquess had the bases for a good story  
5 After reading the first and second books of this series which I loved btw it took me a very long time to get this third book to read. I even agree with him but he is soooo extreme for him everybody was intolerant and didn't care for the less fortunate when in reality there's always the bad but also the good. However I will say that it is well written fast paced while giving plenty of details as to the internal conflicts both the hero and heroine are dealing with intriguing humorous and steamy. Richard is a strong protective hero that is struggling with his past as well as his future while Evie is a bit naïve about what life outside her insulated bubble really entails. Received an advance reader copy in exchange for a fair review  
Dual POV  
Safety issues - the hero is with other women after meeting the heroine but is celibate the year before they finally come together as a couple  
No apparent triggers 1640632581.

: Richard Maitland the Marquess of Westfall has been in love with his best friend's sister since she was 16 and he was 24. It takes 6 long years for them to get together romantically but the story continues to drag on as to why Richard can't have her or marry her, They finally do get there HEA at the very end of the story. The love and the Sexual encounters of the H/H is very hot and they are very connected you can feel their love and longing for each other, Although Richard is best friends with Evie's brother he is not a part of the story until the end. So what happen to the friendship? For some reason Richard's illegitimate daughter Emily and the group of other orphaned children didn't really sit well within the storyline. The story was just Okay compared to some of this authors other stories, 1640632581 3 or maybe 3.

I am an unapologetic romance lover: I spend a copious amount of time drooling over Rick Grimes from Walking Dead watching Japanese anime and playing video games with my love Dusean. I spend a copious amount of time drooling over Rick Grimes from Walking Dead watching Japanese anime and playing video games with my love Dusean, {site\_link} Lady Evie Chesterfield is a darling of the ton who refuses to become engaged: She's been desperately in love with her brother's friend Richard Maitland Marquess of Westfall since forever. But the dark dangerous marquess only sees her as a friend and refuses to marry any woman. When circumstances change and Evie has no choice but to take a husband she decides to convince London's most notorious gentleman to marry her by seducing the scoundrel: Richard Maitland decided long ago that he wanted nothing to do with love. So when the gorgeous off-limits Evie asks him for lessons in seduction Richard knows he's playing with fire, Despite Richard's determination to protect her from his dastardly reputation he is tested at every turn by his need for the infuriating but enticing Lady Evie: Before too long he is faced with making an impossible choice: How to Marry a Marquess (Wedded by Scandal #3) I am so

thrilled for Evie and Westfall's book to be out in the world, I got dozens upon dozens of emails/FB messages from readers asking about their story: I was excited and petrified in equal measure at the anticipation I felt from readers: I hope you love/enjoy Evie and Westfall's journey to Happy Ever After as much as I did, Evie has no desire to be married - she is much too young and she believes in love and wants to find it before she makes that kind of commitment. But over the next few years Evie and Richard become close friends and they seek each other's consult when they have no one else they can talk to about things: Richard Maitland became enchanted with Evie from the moment he met her and over the years they have become friends and confidants: In fact Evie is who he turns to when he returns from war and grieves the loss of his older brother. Evie supports his decision to find Emily and claim her regardless of her birth status even when the rest of the ton including his own family turn against him, He also isn't certain that she could ever accept his daughter and openly embrace her in society: 5 Lady Evie Gladstone had been friends with Marquess of Westfall Richard since she was sixteen and he twenty-four: Richard was Evie's brother friend first but the two bonded and had a special connection over the years: But Richard had a cynical view of love he was hurt and betrayed by a woman in his past that he thought he loved and would marry, Richard cherished their friendship but knew that there was a line/boundary that he couldn't cross with her, Richard went off to war and Evie became the diamond of the ton. One day Richard learns he has a daughter from the woman who betray him: He does something that is so outrageous and against what the ton would ever accept he acknowledges his daughter and brings her to his home to raise her, What transpires is Richard fighting his attraction to Evie and believing she would never accept his daughter, Even though Richard cares for her he believes/thinks Evie is somewhat of a snob and the approval and acceptance of the ton is most important to her, Evie in the mean time struggles to understand what she believes/stands up for opposed to the tons and her family, She learns that Richard might marry for his daughter sake so she can have a Mother figure in her life: Evie is hurt angry and determined to be that wife to Richard and mother to his daughter: She devises a plan she asks Richard to teach her how to seduce and entice someone she cares for, Richard struggles with the notion of Evie with someone else but yet can't resist her or the temptation of her, The story takes off from there with the ebb and flow of their acceptance for each other communication and development of a deeper relationship, There was misunderstandings hurt but yet enlightenment of their true feelings and growth of their character, I found this not to be a true Regency fiction with the customs and restrictions of the era/time, More a modern version of a Historical (if there is such a thing ☐), The time span of when they were not together at times seemed lengthy but not so much that it took away from the story, 1640632581 5 STARS!! He was the darkness to her purity: I know that quote sounds like a cliché but before you scoff at me I have to tell you . cliché or not How to Marry a Marquess was absolutely WONDERFUL!! We know quite a bit about Richard Lord Westfall and Lady Evelyn from the first two books of the series: He's the jaded scandal-ridden man who had the audacity to claim his bastard daughter and she's the society sweetheart who loves him, Of the two she sounds like the boring one doesn't she? Wrong. His love for his daughter and his crusade to help the impoverished were heartwarming and contrasted sharply with his disdain for the hypocritical ton, She worked to prevent herself from fidgeting under the cunning intelligence glaring at her, that would soften around Evie to make this book incredibly swoon worthy at times: Honestly they were both pretty great characters that were brought to life with lots of humor passion and angst by the very talented Stacy Reid: I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this one! 1640632581 I was curious about this couple since they've both made small appearances in the first two books of the series. Evie made a selfish decision and sacrificed a friend to save herself from an unwanted marriage and Richard was cold and blatantly rude to everyone he came across: Both must get married however Evie only wants to marry Richard and Richard doesn't want to taint Evie with his scandalous reputation: Richard had lots to overcome and had to soften his heart to see clearly, He had a special reserved soft side for Evie his daughter and his sister. His other redeeming quality was his plight to care for the poor ignored and underserved: Lots of drama and angst hot steamy scenes and lots of tug and pull, I really disliked Richard in the previous ones and only decided to read his book because the forth is

about his sister, Anyway it was nice to see the world from his point of view. And I understand his reasons against marriage and the hypocrisy of the ton. Even though he's not odious anymore in my point of view I cannot love this couple as I loved his friends in the first and second books: I really couldn't believe when Evie fainted because she was in the rain and it was cold. Puff I live in the Netherlands and if I fainted every time I was caught in the rain and cold I would live in the ground hehehe And her mother: I really wanted to shake the woman! But I looooved the end of this book it was super cute and left me with a smile, 1640632581 Finally Evie and Westfall!!Wonderful build up for these two during the first two books of the series. I loved the heat and longing between these two!My only complaint was the angst drove on a little too long for my taste which is the only reason for the 4 star rating. Fabulous build up on the plot! I also hope to see reconciliation between Richard and his family as he helps locate his missing sister. 25 Sterne □ 1640632581 Evie 16 and Richard 24 meet as she's throwing up in the garden during a house party. He boldly advises her how to withstand the unwanted pursuit of gentlemen her mother pushes her way, It is really quite inventive and I assure you you've not read this before in a romance: They immediately become friends and remain so for the next six years: He is soon traveling down a path he never anticipated and yet feels strongly about, When society scorns his decisions Evie remains steadfast as his friend, This book has a lot of inroads that take you in different directions adding depth to the story as well as the characters. It is a rich full story that deals with issues that were not only prevalent at the time but still has a message for society today, There is a scene that was actually extremely difficult to read because this author shades it with truth and grit: I hesitate to share much more of the plot due to its intricacies. The evolution of both of their characters was at times angst filled but beautiful: I truly enjoyed this book and the lack of one star on my rating is due to the fact that I'm particular about my heroes being only with the heroine once they meet. I understand that is unrealistic especially considering their age at the time they meet but I live for the fantasy: Either way I still cannot recommend this book enough to anyone who enjoys historical romances or anyone who is interested in trying one out[1]

But it dragged on to much. Way to much angst for my taste. They become best of friends over the years. They are obviously in love with each other. It got to be to much. Whoa the sex was erotic but well written. It was like they were just there. I read it. I write it. Enough said. Well.I also have a warrior way Never give up on my dreams. I am an unapologetic romance lover. I read it. I write it. Enough said. Well.I also have a warrior way Never give up on my dreams.Rating 3. As the years passed their feelings grew and became deeper. Evie came to love Richard and dreamed of being his wife. He was attracted too Evie and cared deeply for her. Plus she was too good sweet and proper for him. As years pass they correspond and continue their friendship. Not too much Historical accuracy. But I did find it entertaining and engaging read. The characters grew in depth and the plot was engrossing. . I loved Evie. She was sweet and loyal yet she had some great spunk. I never promised to be predictable. There was no help for it. She had to be decisive bold and dear Lord. . rebellious. But don't think that I'm implying that Richard was boring. He wasn't. And he had a intense streak a mile wide. . Neither had particular good traits. These two have been friends for 6 yrs. Evie played her part well. She was outspoken and stood firm in her desire. it was written very well. as well as the ignorant. they are okay at best.Soooo looking forward to book 4 with Westfall's sister. 1640632581 4. At least I haven't. During this time Richard's life is turned upside down