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1780. Albany, New York.

As the war for American Independence carries on, two newlyweds are settling into their new adventure: marriage. But the honeymoon's over, and Alexander Hamilton and Eliza Schuyler are learning firsthand just how tricky wedded life can be. Alex is still General George Washington's right-hand man and his attention these days is nothing if not divided--much like the colonies' interests as the end of the Revolution draws near. Alex & Eliza's relationship is tested further by lingering jealousies and family drama.

## Love & War Details

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## From Reader Review Love & War for online ebook

### Marialyce says

3.5 historical stars

I have read a few book about the Elizabeth and Alexander Hamilton. Ron Chernov's Alexander Hamilton gave one a wonderful perspective into the life and the times of this great American forefather. I, Eliza Hamilton introduced us to Eliza and provided her point of view on her marriage, life, and courtship to Alexander. In this book we take a look at the early marriage and the stresses and strains that a young America put onto this couple and how they were truly deeply in love with one another.

This couple, because of Alexander's willingness and striving for honor and glory for both himself and his country, made one realize that in so many ways our founders gave up so very much to establish the country in which we are indeed fortunate to live in. Alexander was driven, he wanted to be so much to prove that he had the ability, even though he was of what was considered low birth, to become a person others looked up to, especially his wife. Eliza adored Alexander and she bore the brunt of his zeal spending much time away from him in their early years of marriage.

Theirs seemed to have been a marriage of love as we see the devotion they had for one another. This book is part of a series for young readers and a fine way to introduce them to learning about the men and the women who were instrumental in the birth of our nation.

Thank you to Melissa de la Cruz, G. B. Putnam's Sons, and Edelweiss for an arc of this book.

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### Maja says

Look, I'm not sure why I read this book when I hated *Alex & Eliza* so profoundly; I think I was just wildly, morbidly curious as to how the fuck this story can even CONTINUE TO BE WRITTEN AS A YOUNG ADULT BOOK, SERIOUSLY, THE PREMISE IS SO GODDAMN BONKERS!! I can't believe Melissa de la Cruz deliberately changed how soon Alex and Eliza had kids just because she's writing a young adult book, like, this was your choice?? What are you doing?? SO MUCH of the decisions are just ridiculous--like, the emphasis on how pale-skinned everyone is, in a story inspired by Hamilton, is just gross, and the weird intense progressiveness of Eliza as contrasted to literally every other woman is an extremely Not Like Other Girls/Historical Cool Girl tactic, like she can only shine if everyone else is put down by comparison. Ugh. UGH.

Here are the things I liked about this book: a couple of good foreshadowing moments with Burr, and some very homoerotic friendship moments with Laurens. Also, some good sister bonding? That... that's it. That's straight up it. (The Laurens stuff is pretty much the only reason this is getting two stars, though. And the sister stuff is better than in the first book because Eliza isn't being elevated while Angelica and Peggy are being put down!)

Otherwise: racism, like I said; cool-girl-flavored sexism, like I said; very strange historical rose-tinting of the relationship between Alex and Eliza, as in the first book; a couple of INCREDIBLY cringey meta references (Alex saying he's going to sing on Broadway???? PLEASE); rather preachy writing (the anvil being dropped about the founding of the US on the ideals of liberty while slavery was happening is... uh, pretty damn blatant); and, honestly, my biggest issue with this book: NOTHING GODDAMN HAPPENS. Yorktown

goes down, and then Alex has his case, and... that's absolutely it. NOTHING ELSE HAPPENS IN THIS BOOK, SO NOT ONLY IS IT BAD, IT'S INCREDIBLY BORING!!! Come on, I'm hatereading this for the DRAMA, give me some material!!! (God, I hate that there's a third book happening. I'm going to have to hateread it, and I will be so unhappy, but I CANNOT RESIST THE DRAMA.)

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### **Azrah says**

**DNF 30%**. I absolutely loved the first book. I gave it five stars it was *so good*. But I just couldn't continue on with this. I got so bored. idk maybe one day I'll decide to pick it back up, who knows :-/

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### **Cindy says**

3 stars

- Honestly nothing much happened. Some parts felt repetitive and the ending didn't feel exactly final
- However, I did love the characters! They were charming and fun to read about and I did enjoy reading the book
- I loved the banter and the focus on feminism
- I really enjoyed seeing their relationship grow too!
- While I wouldn't jump to recommend this book, I did really enjoy it!

A longer and more thorough review can be found on my blog [here](#)

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### **Mihlean says**

Yikes I'm putting this on hold because *I'm bored out of my freaking mind*

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HOW DID I ONLY JUST FIND OUT THAT THIS EXISTED???????? I AM SERIOUSLY QUESTIONING MY LIFE RIGHT NOW HOT DAMN I KIND OF REALLY WANT TO READ THIS BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS ONE WAS SO CUTE AND AAAHH!!!!

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### **kayla ? says**

DNF 123 PAGES IN

I actually really like this book but I lost all on interest in it so I'm moving it to my DNF shelf until I feel like picking it back up

### **Kitkat says**

3.5

I loved how sassy Eliza was. Eliza called out Governor Clinton. I loved how they defined democracy but they didn't even know what it was. They thought it was compromise and respecting each other's opinions. I liked how Alex thought he saw her but it was the painting the jailbird made. I could not handle how adorable they were. The first part was extremely boring and I thought it had the affair in it but I was wrong. I am sure the next book will have the affair and I'm so anxious.

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### **Natalie says**

It was interesting to see Alex and Eliza as newlyweds navigating their new life together. This is less about the romance and more about their day to day lives as a married couple.

I very seldom read historical fiction about real people, but I think the author did a good job with Hamilton. He was quite the visionary. The author's version of Eliza seemed to be a little too independent for the time period, but I still liked her as a character.

I didn't know that the Hamiltons only lived a few doors down from Aaron Burr! And I can't believe that Eliza's mother was pregnant 12 times!

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### **camillereads says**

I didn't know Alex & Eliza had a sequel!

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### **Arlene says**

If I had been taught American History through the telling of a love story, I feel I would have remembered a lot more. History lesson (with some noted fictional elements) that was actually quite captivating.

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### **Luna says**

\*3.5\*

This was a nice read just a bit boring and uneventful. I thought it would cover the affair as well but I suppose that will be next book. This mostly surrounded Eliza being lonely and Hamilton being away all the time lol. Nice read just not super amazing.

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## **Maggie says**

I was hoping this book to reach higher than my low expectations, but it didn't. It was slow moving, and nothing happened. I only enjoyed when Alex was helping Mrs. Childress because there was some jealousy and action. Overall I didn't think it was worth reading.

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## **katwiththehat says**

In this sequel to "Alex and Eliza" Alexander Hamilton and Eliza Schulyer are newly married, but war continues to separate them. Alex is on the battlefield and Eliza is at home.

Please excuse typos/name misspellings. Entered on screen reader.

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## **Joelle says**

I've really enjoyed this series so far and can't wait for the third book.

I love history and YA so this was super appealing to me. I liked the focus of this novel on the early stages of the Hamiltons' young marriage (even though the author took liberties with the timeline for their children). There were possibly a few slower moving chapters in this novel versus the first, but it didn't take away from my overall enjoyment of the book.

I hope all you Hamilton fans have checked this series out! ??

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## **Suzanne says**

It was nice to read the sequel but I was not into this one as much as the first book. I think it was because fans are now moving away from the new love courting Alex and Eliza found in book one on to the more serious grownup stuff. I wonder if there will be a next book in which Maria Reynolds (yeah I'm a nerd ?) enters the picture. I mean we know Alexander Hamilton had what many view as the first sex scandal of a politician but will that be approached in this series? Because I don't know how that would not tarnish the magic readers found in book one.

I think I read somewhere that the author is taking creative liberties with the series so I'm hoping we can skip the infidelity. I don't mind when historical fiction is not accurate to real history because if I wanted to learn the facts I'd read nonfiction to find out. I don't think I have ever went into a fiction book thinking. "Let's get some facts today!"

My quick and simple overall: was pretty good but not as good as the first book and did have times that dragged a bit.

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