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No Way Out – Catherine Martin is trapped. Either she wed an elderly man and commit to a marriage without love, or continue living with the father who believes her guilty of murder and one foot outside the asylum. Catherine picks marriage to the Duke of Ashton, Grant Fielding. However, when she stays with the Fielding family before the wedding, she doesn't plan on falling in love...with Grant's nephew, Nicholas.

Destined for a lonely life – Nicholas Fielding loves his uncle's soon-to-be bride, and has loved her since they were children. Now Nick must choose between his dying uncle's last wish to marry, and the woman who will make Nick happy for the rest of his life. No matter how hard Nick tries, he cannot stop his love for Catherine.

A flurry of accidents begins to happen around the Fielding estate and soon all accusing eyes turn to Catherine. When accidents escalate to murder, suspicions expound and even Catherine's father believes she's gone mad. Does Nick love her enough to discover the truth?

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Deborah says

I had mixed feelings about reading this one since I was told most of the series past this book wasn't clean. I decided to read it anyway because I had so many friends say it was a fun read.

I will say I really enjoyed it. It was a page turner and I really wanted to see how it was all going to turn out. There were a few things I really didn't like, I know what the Uncles plan was the whole time but, I think he was still a little creepy that he let her think that he was planning to marry her. It just felt a little "off" to me. I also, thought the whole murder was a little unnecessary. It just seemed like the story didn't need it. I did however love the tension between Kitty and Nick. They had great chemistry and I totally bought it.

I however will not continue with this series because I have not heard good things about it. Too bad.

May Abbey says

Intersting storyline with lots of mystery and suspense mixed in with the love story, which is always fun. But sometimes the characters confused me, their emotions and behavior seeming erratic and a little extreme at times.

A Voracious Reader (a.k.a. Carol) says

1.5

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Catherine Martin has been betrothed to a much older man, Grant Fielding, the Duke of Ashton, since she was fourteen. Catherine is not happy that she will have to wed a long-time friend of the family. She's not titled, so she never thought she'd be forced into an arranged marriage and she's not happy that she'll not get the chance to find a love match like her friends. Now that she's nineteen it's time to announce the formal betrothal and plan the wedding. However, complications arise that no one could foresee and Catherine's freedom is threatened in a way she never believed possible.

The premise for this book looked promising. A young beautiful woman set to wed a much older titled gent that she doesn't love, his single, handsome nephew and heir who has loved her since their childhood and mysterious nefarious goings on that point to Catherine and question her sanity. A tangled web to be sure. However, this book just wasn't for me. There is a lot of telling instead of showing and the characters weren't very interesting. Catherine was spineless and she didn't bother to question anything. Nicholas was an idiot and I just couldn't believe in his love for Catherine. He was constantly sneaking into her room or stealing kisses, risking her reputation and then hating himself after. Gregg and Ian were cardboard cut outs propped up to create some dissension and the rest of the characters were caricatures. So, when I wasn't rolling my eyes at the characters or the dialogue, I'm afraid I was bored out of my mind while reading this and won't be continuing the series.

H. says

Love Me Always, by Marie Higgins is a sweet romance with a teaspoon of mystery tossed in.

I enjoyed reading this book. It was a book of contrasts. On one end is Catherine, a sweet young middle class girl from a dysfunctional home and on the other is Grant Fielding, a creepy well-to-do duke, old enough to be Catherine's father, who is raising three of his grown nephews. Catherine is a normal 19-year-old pitted against her crazy, controlling father and his equally controlling friend. It's a wonder she ended up with the right guy!

Usually in mysteries, I can guess the culprit within a few sentences, but this one surprised me. I guessed the identity of the murderer faultily, two times. Nobody seemed to have a clear motive except the two people I guessed wrongly.

I did, however, guess Uncle Grant's real intentions fairly early in the book. It was just too transparent not to. Despite Catherine's confusion about Grant, that part of the book seemed crystal to me.

I enjoyed the plot of this sweet little book. I enjoyed the delicious hints of insanity and intrigue. I wanted more closure, though. I wanted to know why Catherine's own father thought she was insane. He and his motives and reasoning needed to be developed a little better. Marie kept intimating that Sofia was thought crazy, but it was always unclear why. That should have been more clear.

More than that, I wanted to know what the villain's motive for murdering so many people was. Sure he thought they were evil, but there should have been some other all-powerful trigger. Instead, we never really know anything, other than that he thinks evil-doers need to be punished and knows his Bible.

I wanted to know what happened to Catherine's father after it was all over. Did she invite him to the wedding? Did he finally come to the knowledge that he had been drastically wrong? Repercussions?

The question of whether a person is completely sane or not has plagued people for years. In the late 1700's and 1800's the subject was coming to a head. People were being shipped off to newly installed mental institutions, often willy-nilly. A person could be dumped into an institution for incredibly spurious reasons including the hatred, greed, and/or ignorance of the person recommending it. Drug use was rising astronomically. Opiates were openly touted as panaceas for anything from unsettled nerves to mild indigestion, making a diagnosis of insanity an easy stretch.

I was amazed that Catherine got off as easily as she did with the insanity accusation. I would think she would have had an examination by at least one doctor, be he quack or otherwise, especially if her mother were suspected of being mad. I tip my hat to Marie for dipping her toe in this otherwise murky subject.

This book was a pleasant read. It would, however, have benefited by a better editor and a little more research on life in the 1800's. There are some instances when Marie used the wrong word or the characters did something uncharacteristic of a person in that time period.

I enjoyed the book and would be interested in reading more of Marie's books.

Kristina says

Rating: 4 stars.

This was my first Marie Higgins book and I liked it so much that I neglected most of my chores for the day just so I could finish it. It was quite a page turner!

The story was set in Victorian England (1850). Catherine Martin at 19 years of age was being forced by her father into an arranged marriage with his widower friend, Grant Fielding, the Duke of Ashton. The Duke lived with his three adult nephews Nicholas, Gregg and Ian, his deceased brother's sons, who he'd taken care of from when they were young. The nephews were much more suited to Catherine in age than the elderly dying duke.

Catherine was sent to live at the Duke's manor to get used to the idea that the ailing man was to be her betrothed. She remembered the Duke as her parent's kind friend but she only saw him as a "father figure" and benefactor - not as her future husband. She tried to fulfil her duties to her family, unhappy though she was, and played her part of the supportive future wife. She was saddened however that she could not marry for love.

Catherine enjoyed her future step-nephews' company and was drawn to the very handsome Nicholas, who at first appeared to be constantly annoyed and angry with her. It was only his way of dealing with the agony he felt having her near, yet out of his reach. Nicholas was the Duke's eldest nephew. He had been in love with Catherine since he was a young boy. He'd hoped to make her his wife one day but his dream was shattered by his uncle's insistence that he would marry her. The old man at times appeared a little selfish and creepy. Deep down, he knew Nicholas and Catherine loved each other, yet he still inflicted pain on them both by insisting Catherine would have to marry him against her wishes.

Catherine had a very tense relationship with her father. His wife was murdered and he blamed his daughter for her death since she had found her mother's battered body but had no recollection of what happened on that night. Once Catherine went to live at the Duke's mansion, strange accidents and deaths started to occur. Catherine began to look like a suspect. Nicholas refused to believe she was involved in the incidents but how could he prove it?

There was plenty of suspense throughout this entire book. I had my suspicions about the murderer from the beginning but the author kept me guessing until the very end. This was quite an entertaining book with plenty of clean romance and a mystery to solve.

Wendy Tavenner says

My first book by Marie Higgins and I loved it. There are so many twists and turns you don't want to put the book down. You just need to read to experience all the intrigue!!!

Kristen says

Sooo cute. Loved every minute of it. The end surprised me a lot, didn't think "he" was the culprit. Romantic without being trashy!

Valerie Waters says

3.5 stars

I really liked the middle part of this book. I felt like the beginning was a little slow and the ending was...interesting? I loved Nick but I hate it when characters give up or just believe what someone says without asking the actual person. Misunderstandings. I hate misunderstandings where they could so obviously be avoided!!

Teya Peck says

THis was a really good book! The almost end actually surprised me. It was fun, exciting, surprising, and clean. I love her love stories though best part of the books, if I do say so myself. I'm excited to read #2 Charmed by knight, next.

Literary Chanteuse says

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Shellie says

Pretty good story! Catherine finds out her parents have arranged for her to marry an old friend of the family. The problem is that he is as old as her father. Having grown up alongside his three sons, Catherine feels closer to the boys than she does her betrothed. And then she falls in love with Nick...the oldest son and heir to her current fiance's estate.

As accidents begin to happen, and people die, Catherine is blamed and her father accuses her of being insane just like her mother was. Now, Catherine must find some way to prove her own innocence even though she can never remember what happened the night each of the accidents took place. Will Catherine and Nick be able to have a life together? Is Catherine really insane, or is someone framing her?

Krissys says

Although I felt the book needed some work, I have to respect the fact that writing is not an easy thing to do. Being able to create the characters and story that Marie has managed to do is pleasantly satisfying but there were a few things that left me wanting more because I became so interested. I hope that the gaps that were left get filled in. I look forward to seeing where Marie takes this series. Since I have several of the books in

this series in my collection I will be reading them soon.

Petula says

This book has lots of surprises. Cathrine is off to marry her father's old friend. He is dying but her father insists. Her father believes Catherine murdered her mother and she is suffering from the same madness her mother had. When people start having accidents the suspicion falls on Catherine again. To make matters worse Nick the nephew of her intended has been in love with her since childhood. This is a sweet historical no sex but it doesn't need it. I will certainly read the next book in the series.

Valerie Steimle says

There are great things about this book which I liked.... great characters, great story line and easy to follow. While the trials and tribulations were great for Catherine Martin, it was just so dramatic through out the whole story. I know many would love this kind of up and down emotion all the way through and the story did keep me going to finish the end but boy what a ride.... Marie Higgins is great at giving all that she has for her stories.

Gayle says

3.5 stars. A sweet historical romance with a dash of mystery thrown in.
