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In this arranged marriage, falling for the wrong brother leads to a royal romance!

Now that her family will rule Alma, Bella Montoro is a candidate for a royal wedding. But the Miami-born free spirit won't be a pawn in her father's power plays. Though he matches her with an oil baron's son, the princess has a preference for his twin brother, James Rowling.

Long the Rowling black sheep, James is notorious for his way with the ladies. Could it be that the soccer star has met his match in Bella? Or will his reputation--and a little surprise--stand in the way of a happy future together?

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Susan says

Loved this book. There's an arranged marriage in the works, a case of mistaken identity, a princess with a mind of her own, and some smoking hot chemistry to stir it all up. Bella's family recently became next in line to rule the tiny country of Alma. This is putting a bit of a crimp in her life, as Bella has been pretty much of a party girl and something of a magnet for scandal. With her brother soon to be king, she has to mend her ways, and her father has the perfect solution. He plans to marry her off to the son of a prominent businessman in an arranged marriage.

Bella isn't too happy with the idea, but for the sake of the family she's willing to meet the man and see if there's a chance of it working. But before she can meet Will Rowling, she literally lands in the lap of his twin brother, James. She doesn't know Will has a twin, and this encounter with James is pretty funny. The attraction between them is immediate and hot, even after they discover their mistake.

I have to admit that the initial impression of James isn't the best. He's the wild one of the two brothers, known as being very much of a player (and not just of soccer). Even after he finds out that she may be marrying his brother, he's still intent on getting her into his bed. I gained some respect for him after he talked to his brother, but even that conversation was a bit inappropriate. I loved Will's side of it, as he could see that James is already in pretty deep with Bella.

Bella was reluctant to go out with Will after meeting James, but for her family's sake she gave him a chance. It was obvious from the beginning that there was no spark between them, as Will was pretty uptight. I loved seeing that she still had the independence to stand up for herself and let Will know that there was no chance of anything between them.

The relationship between James and Bella happened very quickly. They are very much alike in their views of life. When they first got together, neither had anything permanent in mind. Bella's view of marriage has been affected by her parents' marriage, which was not a happy one. James is also not ready to give up his bachelor ways, so they agree that neither is looking for forever. In search of someplace where they can be together, they find an old house that had been in her family for years. For the next several days and nights, they spend their time cleaning it up and getting to know each other. I loved seeing how they bring out the best in each other. James discovers that he has a romantic side, and it comes out in some really sweet ways. It's wonderful to see how well he understands her. I loved the way that Bella sees the good in James, and is able to get him to see that he is better than his father believes him to be. I really loved the way that they committed to being honest with each other about their feelings and their fears. When they finally leave their haven, there are things that they have to face right away, especially Bella's father. I don't like him any more in this book than I did in the previous ones. He is selfish and manipulative and I didn't like the way he treated Bella.

But there is a twist coming to James's life that is going to put a strain on their relationship, thanks to interference from James's father. I didn't like him at all, and what he did was really low. I was a bit upset with Bella for listening to him but James comes through with flying colors. There is another surprise for Bella and her family thanks to some letters that she found. I am looking forward to seeing how that works out.

Carol-Ann says

A great Read that was beautifully written and created the story flowed really well from chapter to chapter loved James and Bella and there story and chemistry and the twist and turns of what life throws at them both. I really loved the interaction between them both a couple that wasn't meant to be together but a chance meeting and fate played a hand! I Received an Advance copy for an honest review!

Diana Tidlund says

I'm been addicted to reading romance books since my grandmother started passing them down to me when I was 11 and 36 years later I'm even more in love with them then before and part of that reason is because of Authors like Kat Cantrell and Desire Romances.

The Princess And The Player by Kat is one that charmed its way into my heart thanks to characters like Princess Bella Montoro and playboy soccer star James Rowling.

Bella Montoro was always princess in Miami then her family was reinstated to power and this princess in name only was about to become a Princess in real life as second in line to the throne of Alma. She's so anything for her family except marry an oil barons son in a marriage that was arranged by their parents. James Rowling was let go by his team and was facing an uncertain future when Bella literally tripped over him and stole his heart. James wanted her but she was the one thing he couldn't have , his twin brothers fiancée. Though James was the family black sheep he still had honor when it came to poaching his twins girl. Both Bella and James have a deep sense of honor but is it strong enough to withstand the power of their attraction? And when James gets thrown a huge curve ball will can that new love they were feeling for one another survive?

Beautifully well written , The Princess and The Playboy is a wonderful escape from reality ! Especially for those of you out there who like a little bit bad boy in their book boyfriends. So lose yourself in Kat Cantrells Desire, The Princess and The Playboy , you will be ooh so glad you did!

Lynn Brooks says

The continuation of the Montoro's Dynasty did NOT disappoint!

In preparation of her brother Gabriel taking the throne as King of Alma, Bella Montoro leaves her party girl lifestyle in Miami behind to show family support in Alma. To her dismay, her father has an arranged marriage in mind for her with Will Rowling. She grudgingly agrees to meet him, but first runs smack into his twin brother James. The sexy soccer/football player flirts shamelessly and intrigues Bella.

Does Bella stay true to the family and marry boring Will to further the royal business relationships, or will she throw responsibility to the wind and choose the brother that sets her on fire with just a look? Watch as Bella learns to grow up and fall in love and make her way through the twists and turns that life decides to throw at her.

Very enjoyable read. I read it from cover to cover without putting it down!

Pauline Frost says

Great story,well written. I felt the book was a light and flirty read with struggles that were real in a fanasity read. I don't know that arranged marriages still go on but the story was believable for me as it could have

gone down like that.

Main characters Bella Montoro and both Will and James Rowling (twins) were strong intelligent people and sexy, charming and all wanting to get their way. As Bella realizes she has to change her ways to take control if she is in line for royalty but she is a fun loving person who's father doesn't think she can make her own correct choices. James is the black sheep twin where Will is following in his father's footsteps to take over the company and keep it running. So the arranged marriage would be for Bella and Will, but Bella doesn't want to get trapped in a marriage like her mother felt she was. So in her open minded way she ends up following the wrong brother and her father isn't happy.

Bella and James made the heat level to a very hot romance read. Story flows brilliantly with plenty of unanticipated developments to keep the reader enthralled. Well developed characters and a great ending. Love it and would recommend this and any other work written by Kat Cantrell.

I.Heart.Romance says

???? 4 Stars ????

*** * * POSSIBLE SPOILERS * * ***

◆?BOOK: #4 of DYNASTIES: THE MONTOROS series. Can be read as a standalone. 183 pages.

◆?POV: dual, alternating third person, H & h

◆?WRITING: very good, humorous

◆?EDITING: no errors found

◆?HERO: James Rowling--Professional football (soccer) player. British. The black sheep twin brother of Bella's potential fiancé. Aqua-colored eyes, quick-witted.

◆?HEROINE: Isabella "Bella" Montoro--Wild party-girl. Alma's Princess. Passionate about wildlife conservation. Beautiful, blond hair, blue eyes, flirty, witty.

◆?PLOT: Miami party-girl, Bella Montoro, is off to her new home on the sun-drenched islands of Alma. As its new, and only princess, a marriage to Will Rowling, son of Alma's most powerful businessmen is expected of her. Only, it's his charming and notorious bad-boy brother James that catches her attention. Bella and James have a lot to overcome...scandalous pasts, interfering fathers, commitment phobias, misunderstandings and an OW with a secret illegitimate baby!

A quick, humorous read with likable characters and a sweet romance.

◆?STEAMINESS: mild, 2/5 - 2 sex scenes

◆?ENDING: HEA, Epilogue, No cliffhanger

◆?QUOTES:

"Why do anything that didn't have fun written all over it?"

"I expect fireworks simply because you're the one setting them off."

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Desere says

Arranged marriages are always an emotional test for both parties involved. It's either we learn to love each other in our own little way or we engage on a journey of hatred, anger and rage. Sadly in real life it's usually the road of anger and rage.

But lucky for us romance readers it's the opposite in the books. But what if it's with the wrong brother? Yikes is so not even close to the appropriate word, and in true Kat Cantrell fashion, a journey of stunning romance, self-discovery and one heck of a twist took me as reader by storm!

The read introduces us to Bella Montoro, her family will rule Alma, and she's the candidate for a royal wedding. But instead of falling for the chosen son she falls hook, line and sinker for his twin brother James Rowling.

James has always been the black sheep of the family. Charming as all hell , with a coating of sugar so sweet no woman alive is safe he always get's his way with the ladies and doesn't much care for any of them. With the appearance of Bella his life changes and it's all for the better. Except he has a secret that's about to be dropped into his lap, and it could ruin his new found happiness with Bella. It sends this star studded soccer star to hopelessly fighting for the woman he loves.

I really, really, really loved this book. It was the perfect combination of true love prevailing vs a princess fighting back when the demands of being a princess is stacked against her, and a man on a mission, nothing has ever been as sexy as James literally putting everything on the line to get Bella!

And best of all there was two other stories of romance nicely laced into this one, I love triple romance reads, sadly they are very few of those around. Both main characters were remarkable and crafted with such elegance that I truly felt as if I could touch their very essence of royalty.

Of course I did not feel too much for James in the start, he 's a bit of bastard , and normally that's how I like my hero's , because I know the heroine is going to be the one to come along and totally change him, and yes it did happen in this read. But for some reason I wished James to be a little less of an bastard or rather black sheep. I wanted him to be a little more of a knight in shining amour, little did I know that this author was once again going to send me off my little rocker and surprise me in a way she has not done before. James black sheep total jerk does turn into a knight in shining armor, when the time is right, and not at the time I wanted him to, and this my dear reading romance addicts showed the author's incredible talent for always letting the expected still be unexpected, absolutely breath taking work Kat!

I liked Bella, she was a fun and funky princess and not the normal stuck up kind that you wish you could lock into a closet and make her read up on how to be a proper human being! But there was a moment when I thought I would still lock her up simply because she fell for one of the oldest tricks in the book!

Wrapping it all up , this was a really stunning romance read, heartfelt emotion, twists and turns (loved the letter Kat!) a beautiful ending and the perfect message we all need to remember life is what we make it and not what the world decides.

5/5 star review

" The princess get's played or no wait the player get's the princess !"

Melody Cox says

Disappointed in Turn of Events--Twist Ruins it for Me!!

*****POSSIBLE SPOILERS*****

This is probably not a review you all will be pleased with and I am sure I will hear all the displeasure. But I have to tell you that I review as honestly as humanly possible. Unfortunately there are several subject matters that bother me in any book I happen to read and they greatly affect my ratings.

This book had two of them. (**Beware of spoilers**)

1. I absolutely cannot tolerate the man-whores that are so ever present in almost every book I pick up these days, especially those who have had many scandals plastered in the news and rag mags. Past or present man-whores, they simply rub me the wrong way and make my stomach churn unless the offender had changed his ways after meeting 'the one'.

2. I actually despise when new love is found, the couple is growing so close and creating a loving bond and an ex lover shows up with the man's baby/child...that he knows nothing about. Totally ruins the book for me. It is very difficult for me to finish said books. I have triggers and believe me, I wish I didn't because selecting books would be a lot easier.

My rating: I gave this book a two star rating instead of one star because they truly loved one another and got their HEA. It was not my cuppa at all. I mean no offense...just my honest feelings about this book. I do love this author, but not this book. I cannot personally recommend it but everyone else loves it and I am certainly in the minority. I suggest you read it for yourself and form your own opinion.

Diane Miller says

A great story about two people who have instant chemistry when they meet. Both have scandals in their past, but are trying to behave better for themselves and their families. They can't fight their attraction to each other and decide to try to be together. After roadblocks are put in their path by outside influences, they find their way back to each other. This is another entertaining read by Kat Cantrell. Can't wait to read what she writes next.

Books, Coffee & Passion says

Books, Coffee & Passion

What's more perfect than a book about a royal arranged marriage? That's easy: The Princess and The Player by Kat Cantrell. Why? Because the princess prefers her groom-to-be twin brother, their chemistry is off the charts and the twists in their story are perfect!

Bella is a free spirit who has been living her party girl life in Miami, but now that her brother will be Alma's

King, she has to return to Alma to support her family. Unfortunately, her father also believes that an arranged marriage with Will Rowling is the perfect move for Bella to help her brother.

James is a famous soccer player who has been recently dropped by Real Madrid. He loves the sport and he's struggling with the most painful failure in his career, so he returns home even though his relationship with his father and his twin brother is cold. While Will was always the golden boy, James was obviously the black sheep so they never had much in common.

James and Bella are immediately attracted to each other and their first meeting is hilarious! I liked that James tried to do the right thing and keep his distance from Bella but they just couldn't resist each other. I loved their story and how they evolved together.

I definitely recommend *The Princess and The Player* to all readers who love a touching romance with well developed characters and a few twists and turns.

Helen says

Kat Cantrell never disappoints! This is her first venture in writing as part of a collaboration series and it's just as exciting and well-written as her standalone works. I had read a few other books in the Montoros series, so I already had a good introduction to Bella, the main character in Kat's latest work. That's not to say that the other books gave away any of the yummy, plotty goodness Kat always delivers in her books. Far from it! Bella's story was exciting, spicy, romantic... everything I've come to expect and enjoy in a Kat Cantrell work. If you enjoy author collaborations, you'll definitely enjoy the Montoros series, especially this addition to it.

Jackie (Jackie's Book World) says

*****Review can also be found at Jackie's Book World.*** :D**

The Princess and the Player is yet another book by Kat Cantrell that did not disappoint at all. Her books are page-turners and fascinating. In this particular book we meet two strangers whose destinies collide by pure chance and whose polar opposite personalities has brought them together

For many years the Miami-born free spirited Bella Montoro has lived a somewhat private life. But when your family is royalty in another country, she has had her fair share of being in the spotlight. When she gets the news that her family will rule Alma, her father is determined to bring two powerful families together, and to do that he is willing to marry her daughter off to the Rowling family. Being Bella, her loyalty will always be towards her family and she is willing to marry someone she doesn't love to please her father. Little did she know that meeting her fiance's twin was going to turn her world upside down and completely change the course of her life.

James Rowling has been through a lot, after being a major soccer star, his life changes when he is let go and soon his notorious life as a playboy starts to take off. He has always been known as the black sheep of the family, after all his brother is the one that is going to take over the Rowling business. But when he sees his brother's fiancée he can't help but to feel the instant chemistry between them, and soon things start to take off from there. With their pasts and future at stake, both of them will have to learn to deal with their pasts in order to move on.

I really enjoyed reading the book, it was a page-turner from the very beginning. From the story plot to the twists and turns, Cantrell does a good job describing what the characters go through in order to find

themselves. The characters are likable, both are outgoing and they are willing to risk anything to protect their families. Although James had some issues at the beginning, things slowly progressed throughout the book. We get to fully understand what happened in his past to make him the way he is, and it all tied nicely at the end. Overall if you're looking for a good romance story that will have a fairy tale ending then this story is worth checking out. I highly recommend it along with any other story by the author. ;)

****ARC provided the author in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.****

Judyrody says

The Princess and the Player is the fourth book in the Dynasties: The Montoros series. I love books with the premise of an arranged marriage, but The Princess and the Player was so much more. Bella Montoro was promised to a man that she had absolutely no chemistry with and who does she fall in love with but his identical twin brother. James Rowling is nothing like his brother. He's the black sheep of the family, won't join the family business and a ladies man to boot. When Bella runs into James on the beach, they are immediately attracted to one another. I loved this story and loved the fact that she got her "arranged man" albeit it wasn't the one her father expected. I loved Kat Cantrell's writing style and I love how she magically takes the reader on a journey to find true happiness intertwining the expectation of being a part of a royal family and her desire to not conform to her father's wishes. I truly loved this book and I highly recommend it. I'd like to disclose that I received an advance copy of The Princess and the Player in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Jennifer Schultheis says

Arranged marriage meets mistaken identity. Bella or should I say Princess is supposed to meet Will, who might be a potential husband candidate but ends up meeting his twin brother, James, instead. Sparks fly when these two make contact, but he is the wrong brother for her to be attracted to. James is the black sheep of the family and is totally wrong for her....or is he?

I really loved Bella as a heroine. She's strong, tries to do the best for her family, and knows who she wants. She doesn't intend to stand aside and let someone else choose her husband for her. She's very outgoing, fun, and the opposite of Will. And in this case, opposites don't attract.

James is used to getting what he wants and keeps his emotions hidden, but that all changes when he meets Bella in a very memorable way. He tries to walk away from Bella, knowing the fathers want her with his brother, but their chemistry is too much to deny. It's definitely not the type of connection you just throw away or give to somebody else....like maybe their twin brother.

Bella and James are perfect for each other. They both have....colorful pasts and reputations, but before they can truly be together, they need un-complicate the rest of the world.

The writing is flawless and the storyline is very easy to lose yourself in. The characters were intriguing and kept my attention. Easily a 5 star read!

Amanda says

Kat Cantrell's PRINCESS AND THE PLAYER is a fun and interesting read. The story is beautifully written. The characters come to life between the pages and their personal stories unfold as a movie would. The issue of an arranged marriage gives the plot an intense backdrop and I especially love the opening scene with the macaws.

Bella Montoro is a strong, beautiful and capable woman...a princess who knows what she wants and knows just the right way to get what she wants: do things her way! Until she is charged with changing her ways and marrying a man of someone else's choice! But she cannot stand to marry Will Rowling and what better way to make her point by zooming in on his very delicious twin brother James?

Yep. Bella wants the black sheep in the Rowling family and what Bella wants Bella gets!

Although James Rowling has quite the charm for making women drool in and out of bed, he keeps his emotions locked away behind a shield. He has never cared for any woman before but that is all to change. In walks Bella, a breath of fresh air, who flips his world upside down. They grow close to each other, their feelings so strong, so intense. Until one wicked secret comes to James attention and for once he vows to fight for a woman...a woman who he loves!

Kat Cantrell is a talented writer and the characters in her stories are so touching it lays bare emotions of true human feelings.

Most Definitely Recommended

5/5 Stars
