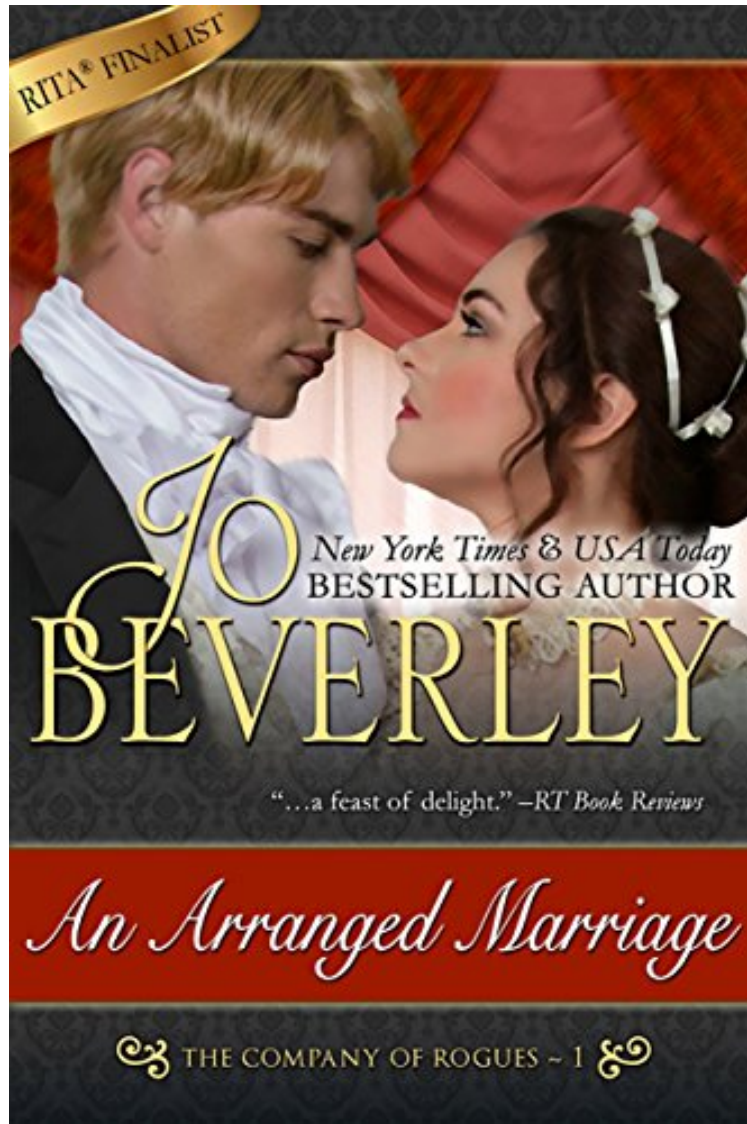


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Von Jo Beverley : An Arranged Marriage (The Company of Rogues Series, Book 1) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Arranged Marriage (The Company of Rogues Series, Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. No Warm Fuzzy Feeling Here!Von Ein KundeOk, Nicholas marries Eleanor because his brother ruined her and she may

be carrying his child. Then he supposedly falls in love with her but keeps a mistress (he's only sleeping with her for the sake of his country...he doesn't enjoy it...what a load of garbage) and avoids Eleanor so that he won't hurt her by going from his mistress's bed to hers. Personally, I rooted for Eleanor to run away with Lord Middleton. I mean I felt absolutely no sympathy for Nicholas..in fact I grew to seriously dislike him. I'm sure that England could have found some other way to get the information Nicholas was looking for without his mistress. In the end Eleanor just forgave him and took him back because of course he did it for his country and didn't mean to hurt Eleanor. If you are looking for a story that leaves you feeling like things worked out the way they should and the characters deserve to live happily ever after this is not the book for you!

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is one of my very favorites! Von Ein Kunde I loved this book the first two times I read it. I enjoyed once again the third time. I think you need to have a regency mentality to understand that mistresses were a way of life and the dishonor that Eleanor would have felt made a "marriage of convenience" so much more palatable. I felt that Jo Beverley was able to get those ideas across very sympathetically. This book sets up the Rogue series in a way that had me panting for more! Thank heavens I don't have to wait--I've already read them all! As far as having any sympathy for Kit--Puhleeze--he constantly had to run to Nicholas to pull his coals out of the fire!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. First in the Company Of Rogues series Von Helen Hancox This is the first book by Jo Beverley that I've read and it's the first of her "Company of Rogues" series, of which she's written many other books. However on reading this book I have some doubts as to how likely I am to want to read them. This book features Eleanor Chivenham, a lady of 23 who is living with her brother who is a dissolute man - his house hosts orgies and other dodgy behaviour. Eleanor has survived thus far by locking her door at night but one night she's drugged and finds herself being raped by a man - although we are aware that her attacker has also been partially drugged and that he's sleeping with her (and he thinks she's willing) to prove that he isn't gay - which he is. The next morning Eleanor is on her way to drown herself when she is seen by her attacker who tries to look after her, eventually telling her that he isn't her attacker but is his twin. This man, Lord Stainbridge, tells her that he will sort everything out for her and he looks after her and arranges a marriage between her and his twin, Nicholas Delaney, who is returning from France. So Eleanor finds herself in an arranged marriage with a man she believes is her rapist (although she discovers pretty quickly that it was Lord Stainbridge that did the deed). She then discovers her husband is carrying on with a woman who runs a brothel, Therese Bellaire, and in fact she doesn't see that much of Nicholas because he is away so much of the time, ostensibly on business but she knows it's actually with Therese Bellaire. We are introduced to other members of the Company of Rogues, a gathering of men who met at school, and they take Eleanor under their wing, trying to shield her from the knowledge of what Nicholas is up to. Eleanor is a truly remarkable - almost unbelievable - character. Not only does she approach marriage with her rapist in a surprisingly phlegmatic way, she also seems able to cope with almost anything thrown at her. I found I couldn't believe in her - either that or she's incredibly stupid. The rape doesn't seem to have affected her much - her wedding night goes reasonably well - and this seemed highly unlikely to me. The plot relies on a lot of misunderstandings between Eleanor and Nicholas which are pretty tiresome to read. And, for me, a major flaw in the whole story is Nicholas's behaviour; he's sleeping with Therese Bellaire in order to find out a plot to rescue Napoleon but I found it impossible to consider him a true hero character in the novel because of this. He's married, for goodness sake! Eleanor's bovine phlegmatic nature seems to allow this but I would be spitting mad and as a result I couldn't like Nicholas, who also comes across as heartless and unnecessarily obscure in his speech. There isn't much of a romance in this book, and in fact Nicholas doesn't appear that much in person (he's always with his mistress); it feels as if the romance is purely to make the best of circumstances - they're married so they might as well try to get on with each other. There are some side characters in this book that I liked (no doubt they feature in subsequent novels) but the overall story was a disappointment to me. Historicity is reasonable for an American-authored Regency but the basic story was too irritating and the characters too flawed for true enjoyment.

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