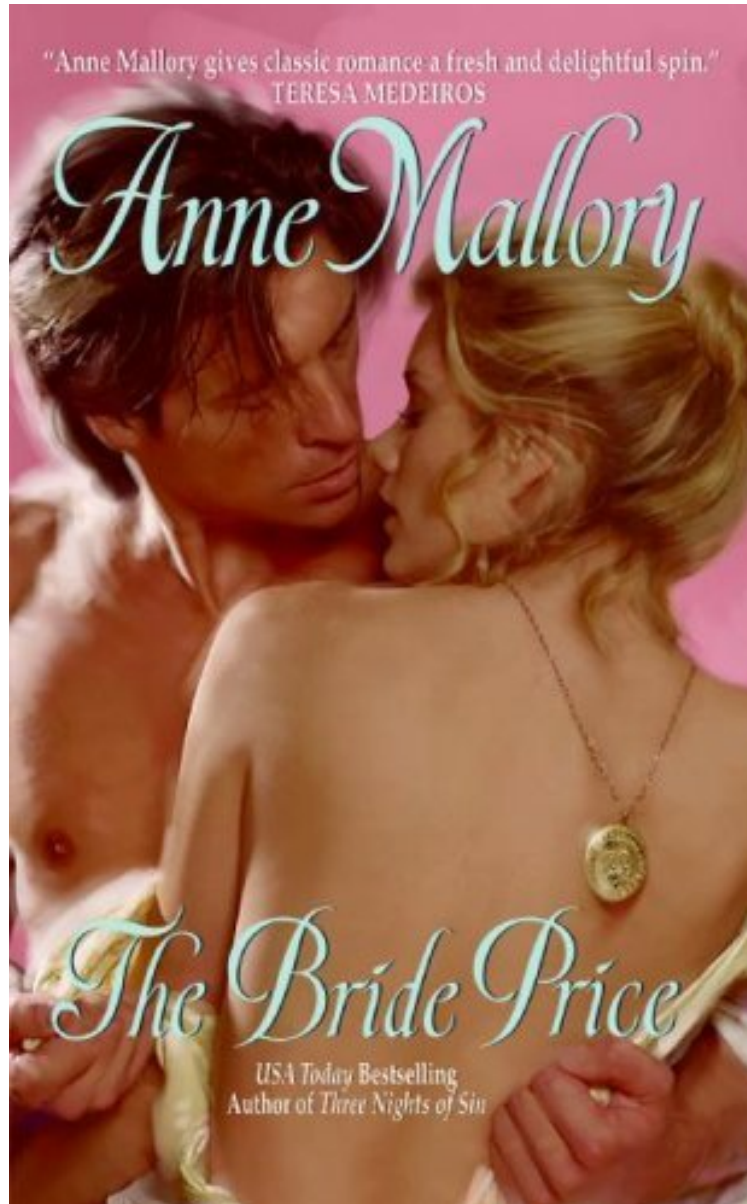


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Improbable romanceVon Helen HancoxWhen reading a book it helps if the reader actually believes in the fundamental

plot thread undergirding the action. In the case of 'The Bride Price' I found the competition between 15 illegitimate or third-or-fourth sons to win an aristocratic title, some land and property and a particular woman as a wife, to be laughably unlikely. As a tool for our hero Sebastien Deville, illegitimate son of the Duke of Grandien, it worked well enough; he had a chance to shine in the traditional noble pursuits of gambling, horse riding, fencing and the rest of it, but it also gave him an excuse to spend two months amongst other men (including his half brother) and a passel of women, including the heroine, Caroline Martin. The competition also allowed Caroline to do some sabotaging as she doesn't want Sebastien to win as he would win the hand of her friend Lady Sarah as a bride and Caroline knows Sebastien and Lady Sarah won't suit. Sebastien doesn't seem interested in Sarah, however, but he is interested in Caroline 'very much so' and although his pursuit might be put down to a bet, there might actually be much more to it. Caroline has thrown her life away on a worthless man once before, will she make the same mistake again? So the competition is a useful device upon which to hang various events. But it's so incredibly unlikely, along with many of the events that take place in this novel, that I was unable to take the story seriously. There were some interesting vignettes into people's lives changing, people growing up and learning what's important, but it was all emeshed within the threads of the competition and so it lost its force for me. The author also made some errors of language where people speak American rather than English, including a reference to people behaving like 'chickadees', a word for a bird unused in England (we have the rather more amusing 'tits' instead). The behaviour amongst the houseparty guests seemed very unlikely too and the neatly-wrapped ending didn't convince. Overall this is a story with some good points but equally many points of annoyance and unbelievability. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 2008

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Synopsis Let the Bastard Games begin. A group of less than noble gentlemen hold a competition pitting their bastard and third born children against one another to determine whose seed is best. The winning son gains a fortune, a title from the king, and a pre-chosen, well-born wife. Sebastien Deville, the bastard son of a duke, is strikingly handsome, jaded and sinful. He coldly recognizes the extraordinary opportunities that winning will give him - power, revenge, sponsorship and the deed to his deceased mother's lands - the only place he has ever felt at home - purchased from under him long ago by his hated father. A consummate bad boy and rake, Sebastien meets a beautiful widow during the competition and puts his best hunting skills to use. What he doesn't expect to find is a woman who chips away at his shields and captures his heart. But the contract for winning is all or nothing. And in the end, he has to choose between the land, power and respect he has always craved, or the woman he has come to love.