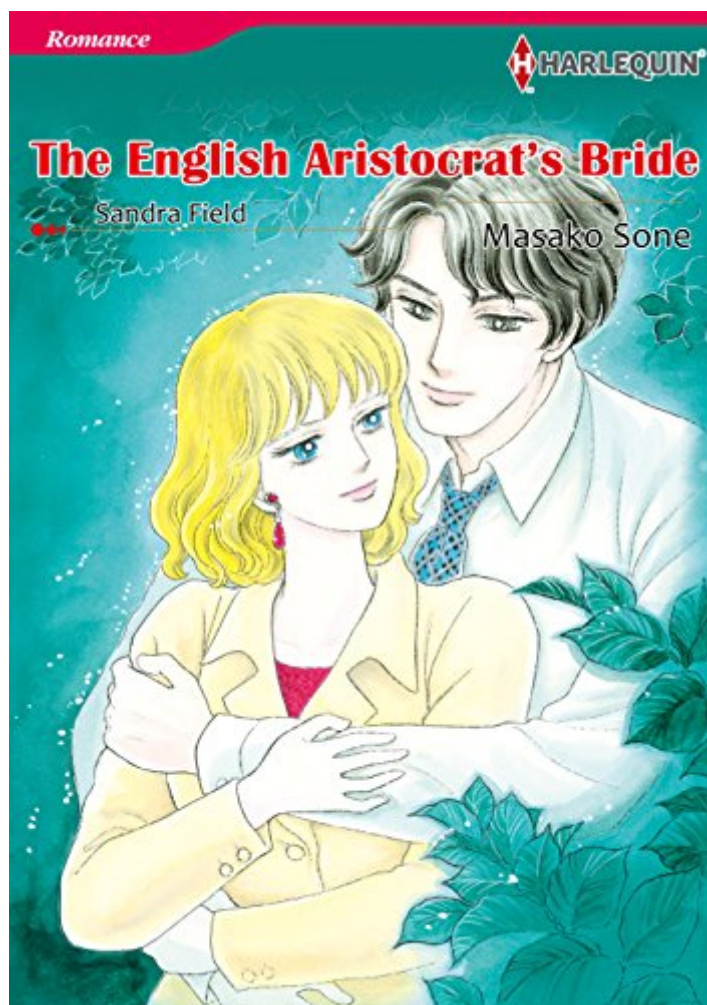


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# The English Aristocrat's Bride (Harlequin Comics)



## Synopsis

Karyn plans to visit the Talbot residence, the elegant mansion where her estranged twin sister, Fiona, resides. But as she's busy planning just how to approach such a visit, a young man calls out to her using Fiona's name! As Karyn tries to get a grip on the situation, he suddenly kisses her very passionately. Karyn panics and bolts, but she's unable to forget what's just happened. To think that a man she doesn't even know kissed her like that!

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## Customer Reviews

I have been a Harlequin fan since teens, but the books are becoming very disappointing. The writers have forgotten that the reader is looking for angst and passion.

This story is pretty good, but it's actually the typical 'Harlequin-romance' characteristics that bring it down. Karyn from Prince Edward Island, Canada, comes to England to find her sister (they are twins separated & adopted at birth). She finds her, but for a variety of reasons decides not to disturb her sister's life. Fortunately (as it happens) the sister's best friend/possible lover Rafe Holden, gets Karyn's story from her, after stumbling on her in the woods by the sister's house (and kissing her

passionately). He tells Fiona (the unsuspecting twin) about her sister and the twins are reunited. Rafe then insinuates himself into Karyn's life, flying to Canada to see her & jetting her off to Greece for a romantic, sexy holiday. But Karyn's in a quandary because she's the widow of an abusive controlling husband, and feels that Rafe has many of the same qualities. The heart of the story (whether Rafe is a controller and is Karyn right to hesitate marrying him) is a decent one. The ultra-wealth of the aristocratic hero, and the heroine's relatively normal circumstances (but she fits so easily into his world it's a laugh) are the typical Harlequin-romance touches, along with the jetting off to Greece. But the dialogue is good, and the character's motivations and their actions toward each other basically make sense. Karyn's hesitations about Rafe do become slightly unbelievable -- I mean, he's practically on his knees begging her to give him a chance to prove he's not like her late husband, and she \*still\* rejects him. I ended up liking the story but it's not really a keeper. By the way, the title & the back cover description of the plot are misnomers. Karyn's not Rafe's bride; they spend the book finding out if they should get married or not.

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When her mother passes away, Karyn believes herself to be truly alone now with no family, until she opens an envelope that contains her birth certificate and adoption records for two babies. She's shocked to find out that she has a twin and is eager to find her sister, who from the records lives in England. So Karyn leaves her home in Canada to seek out her long lost twin. Only when she arrives she's met first by a stranger who thinks she is her twin, Fiona. And then by Fiona's adoptive father who denies the adoption and threatens her should she insist on spreading her lies and impose herself on her twin. But it's the stranger, Rafe, who had thought her to be Fiona and had kissed her with such a passion; it's his scorching accusations that she is an imposter and only after ill gain that has Karyn retreating and giving up her sister. Rafe is mystified by Karyn and the outrageous lies. He grew up with Fiona, he remembers her family bringing her home from the hospital. But he can't help feel something for Karyn and wonders at the tortured look in her eyes, so he hires a PI to seek the truth. When he discovers that Karyn is indeed Fiona's sister, he tries to make amends and reunites them. Rafe is torn. Fiona has been his constant friend and he was preparing to ask her to marry him. But the passion in Karyn's kiss is missing from Fiona, and Rafe cannot deny that he wants the wrong twin. This is one of those forbidden love stories. Karyn feels she is betraying her sister with her feelings towards Rafe. Rafe is torn between his feeling of duty and loyalty to Fiona and what was expected for their future. There's much heart ache, which actually could have been avoided had either Karyn or Rafe asked Fiona what she wanted. I enjoyed this very much.

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