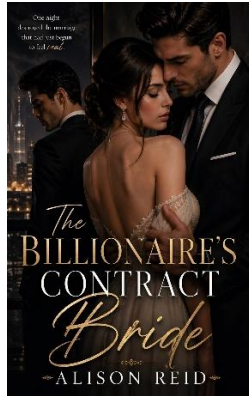


The Billionaire's Contract Bride



by Alison Reid

She never expected to marry Grayson Steele. Least of all for a business deal.

When Teagan Hartwell's father comes to Grayson desperate for the capital needed to save the family company, he offers the one thing he knows Grayson can't refuse: Teagan. Grayson has loved her for years. Teagan doesn't know that.

To her, the marriage is a transaction—one she agrees to only to protect her mother's legacy and keep her father from destroying everything her family has built. Grayson makes his terms clear from the beginning. This will be a real marriage. They will live together. There will be no separate lives, no convenient exits, and no pretending. Teagan expects a cold arrangement with a man who values control above everything else.

Instead, she discovers a husband who is steady, fiercely loyal, and far more determined to make their marriage work than she ever anticipated. And somewhere between stolen kisses, quiet mornings, and a life neither of them planned, the lines between obligation and desire begin to disappear. For the first time, Teagan allows herself to believe she has found something worth trusting.

Then one devastating moment makes her question everything. She sees her husband with another woman. And she walks away. Because Teagan has spent her entire life

watching her mother endure betrayal, and she swore she would never become the woman who stayed.

Grayson knows the truth. It wasn't him. But by the time he finds Teagan, she's already gone—and the one woman he has loved for years believes he has betrayed her.

Now Grayson has to convince the woman who has finally become his wife that the marriage that began as an arrangement was never just a deal to him. Because losing her once is more than he can bear. And getting her back may mean finally giving her the one thing he has always been afraid to surrender: His heart.

Tropes:

-  Contract Marriage
-  Billionaire Hero
-  Virgin Heroine
-  Forced Proximity
-  Protective Hero
-  Misunderstood Betrayal
-  Surprise Pregnancy

Reader Guide:

-  Heat: ★★★★★☆ (Very Steamy) *Frequent, explicit scenes & strong sexual tension*
-  Angst: ★★★★★☆ (High) *Heartbreak, separation, betrayal & strong emotional tension*
-  Emotion: ★★★★★☆ (Deep) *Powerful emotional journey with heartfelt moments & significant character development*
-  Dual POV
-  Open-Door Romance
-  No Cheating
-  Guaranteed HEA