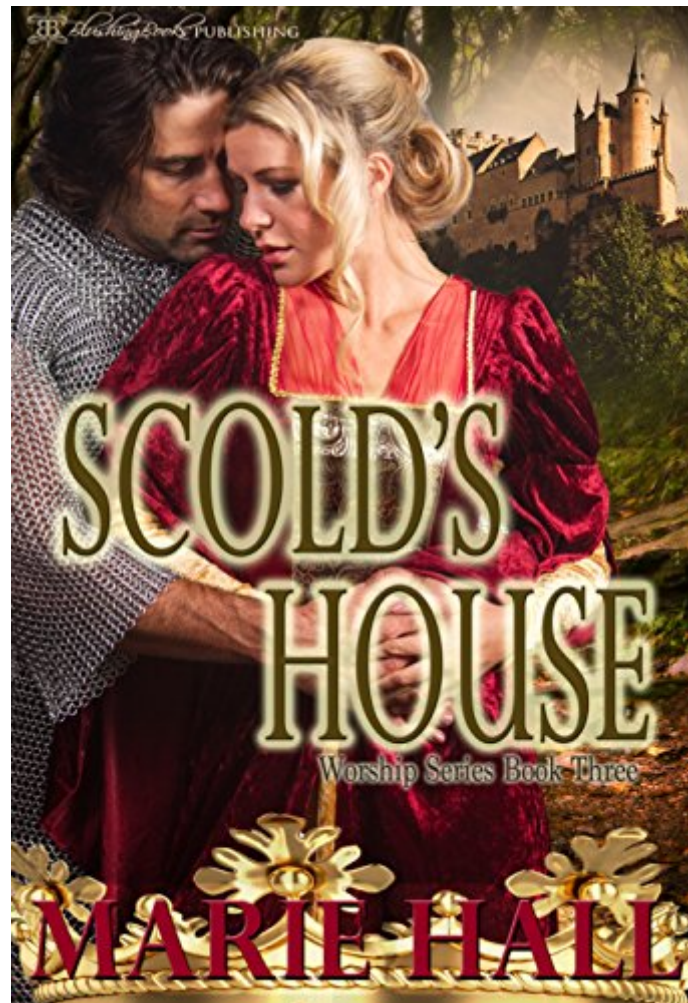


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Scold's House (Worship Series Book 3)



Synopsis

A home with love is heaven. And Xavier Brice thinks it is nothing short of that with his wife Io next to him. After years of warfare in the name of his king, all Xavier wants is a peaceful life with his goddess of a wife whose spirit and beauty fires his lust and sometimes his temper. But he knows with the right balance of a firm hand and a gentle love he will be able to live out his life with the perfect woman beside him. That is until his estranged mother arrives with the woman she wants to be Xavier's wife. With them in his home, heaven quickly becomes like hell. And everything he could ever want could end up as ash under his feet. A home with doubt is hell. And Io Brice can not help the doubt she is filled with when her husband is given the chance to take another as his wife. The life of uncertainty and struggle was supposed to be in the past. But as Io watches, Xavier seems to find favor with the fine and well-bred lady his mother so approves of. As much as it hurts, Io is not sure she can stand in the way when Xavier has the chance to have what a man of his status deems he should have... A Lady Wife. As everything Io has known is slowly stripped away, can she find the strength and courage to believe in Xavier and hope he will stay true? Can Xavier and Io stand together as others try to pull them apart? Will the mysterious goings-on in their home shred all hope of a happy ending? When the line between Heaven and Hell are blurred, all two people can do is hold on to what they feel for each other and pray it is enough. Disclaimer: This book contains the spanking of adult women and sexual scenes.

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Customer Reviews

This is the continuation of Xavier and Io's story. I was so sad thru this book for Io. She and Xavier have a happy relationship and then Xavier's mother comes to stay and she is not happy that he married Io. She brings with her a friend and her daughter, the woman she wants Xavier to marry. The women exclude and ignore Io, but Xavier does nothing, as he was taught by his father that his mother was to be treated with respect always, even when she doesn't deserve it. And, believe me, she doesn't deserve it!! Things go from bad to worse through this story. Io grows more unhappy and Xavier either doesn't see it or doesn't understand why. He punishes Io harshly and he wonders why she is fearful of him. There is no happy ending in this story, we must wait for book 4 to see a HEA, I hope. Even though this was a sad story, it brings the storyline along. I spent the whole story rooting for Io and Xavier. I will say that Xavier is a total jerk during the majority of the story. We do see what motivates him, but I really want him to stand up to his mother. Unfortunately, this does not happen in this story. I loved it and so will you! I give this 5 stars.

This left too many loose ends. Prices mother and a friend and her daughter whom she wants Brice to marry. They treat Io terrible. Call her a whore, belittle her, insult her both privately and in public all with prices blessing. He takes Io home, her horse won't let her write to the other men, takes the other women out forcing her to stay home. He forced her to stay and chat with the women forcing her to miss lessons than punished her for it. She is afraid of all horses but hers and he gave hers to the daughter forcing Io to stay home alone and someone tried to kill her. We never found out who. The women will be back then what. How will Io ever trust her husband again after all the lies, insults, and refusing to protect her over and over, taking his mother's side while she tells Io she isn't important, good enough a hard. All the while Brice stands silent. There needs to be another book and it had better not take another yr so we can find out who tried to kill her, find out how Brice gains her trust after months of abuse. Please do not leave me hanging like this. Do not buy this book if you don't want a half story, leaving you feeling bad because the husband she loves is too chicken to stand up to his mother, refuses to protect his wife over and over and over.

This book was hard to read because of Xavier. I never warmed up to him. He's a brute. His punishments are abusive and borderline sadistic. He was awful and never defended his wife. The author doesn't give a good enough explanation about his relationship w his father and why he doesn't stand up to his mother. therefore, the reader has zero compassion for him. How could I forgive him? At times he plays the victim and can't understand why I don't believe what he says...moron. I am the reason. For the 5 rating. I love to read about her. My hope she finally dumps Xavier and winds up with Gerard or John

Book three continues the deep character development this author has great command of. True humanism is carefully woven into this tapestry. Well done again. On to book 4

This has been an exciting series for me although there was a bit of a wait between books 2 and 3. Book 4 followed quickly and I hope Ms. Hall writes a 5th book to tie up some loose ends. This series is definitely better read in order but not necessary. It's a series that you could curl up on the couch and not want to put down until you have read all books.

I can't say I really liked this book. To me it was so sad. The H was a total moron. His mother lied to him time after time, lies again and he has to calm himself down to hear his wife's side of the story, apparently he thinks the h is at fault, surprise his mother lied again. After he continuously betrays the h's trust he worries about how he will rebuild their relationship. How about growing a pair and telling your mother to shut up, no you go along to get along. The H is supposed to be a warrior, so none of the story makes sense. Every time his mother says his father would have been ashamed of him I wanted him to throw it right back in her face. Really who acts like this. After all is said and done he tells her she is his Goddess and they live happily ever after. or until his mother invites herself again. Argh!

I will admit this was the most frustrating book to read with a man who is a warrior, husband, Lord, and leader to be a complete idiot when it came to his own mother. Xavier Brice may want to be respectful to his mother and her guest, but he should have never placed them above his own wife, I. My heart breaks for I and what all she must endure because of the nasty comments, lies and deceit brought into her home by Lady Charlotte and her guest. To take away her responsibilities and let his mother take over was just another slap in the face to I. The plot of this story is painful,

physically and emotionally for Io. I was in pain and angry reading it. This is a series that must be read in their written order to understand fully and follow this saga. I don't think we have seen the last of it either, but it has been a year between books two and three. I hope it won't be another year. We are left hanging. Words hurt more than deeds and what all Io endures with her mother-in-law's words don't even come close to the damage from Xavier. The man is a fool and needs to be strung up and whipped. He doesn't let her speak; he takes the words of others, and all he does is threaten and carry out extreme harsh discipline and then later learns the truth. You can only say "I'm sorry, I made a mistake so many times and then it just becomes useless words. There is a reason in the Bible it tells a man when he marries to leave his parents and be joined only to his wife. That doesn't mean being disrespectful to your parents, but your spouse becomes number one in your life. Marie, we need book four, please.

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