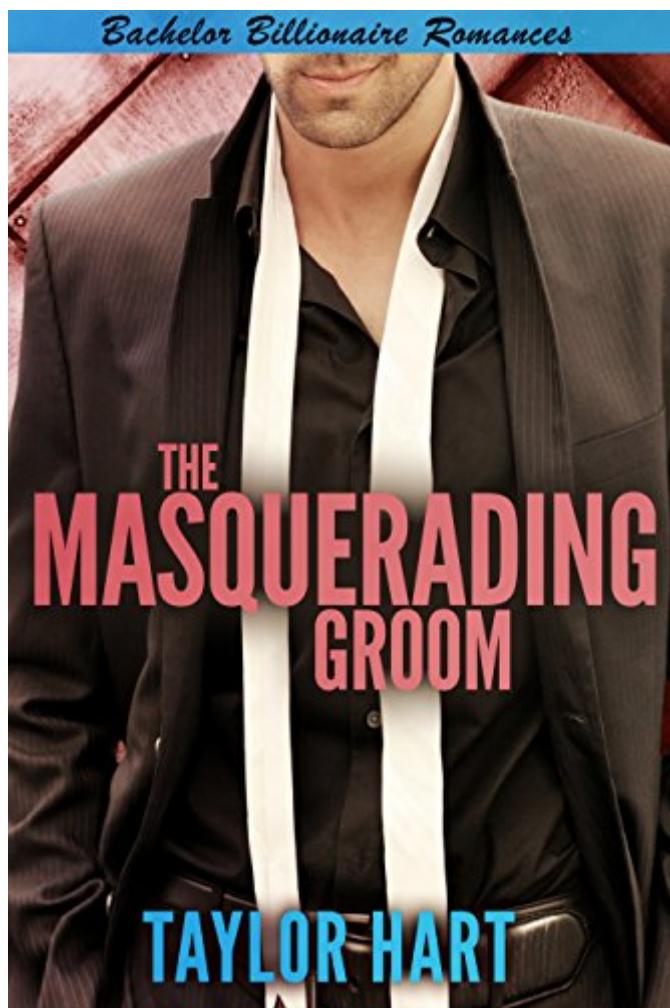


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# The Masquerading Groom: Bachelor Billionaire Romance



## **Synopsis**

Enjoy this fast-paced sweet romance by best-selling author, Taylor Hart. When Sterling Pennington, movie star/billionaire extraordinaire, gets stuck with a paid date at a masquerade party he's not happy. Too bad his agent doesn't want the press to think he's lonely after the pretend break up with his latest co-star. The arrangement makes him feel like a loser, until he sees the woman in the sequined dress. Sayla Jones made it clear she would only take this date if the egocentric movie star knew he got three hours before she turned into a pumpkin. That's all. She never imagined she might actually connect with him, or that he would kiss her. Good thing she slapped him for good measure. Sterling never expected to see Sayla again, and he really wasn't expecting to find her at the hospital. The next thing he knows, he's taking her home and spending the next four days cooking, listening to Neil Diamond on a record player, and putting braids in her hair. His feelings intensify when he finds himself admitting out loud, she even looks cute while drooling in her sleep. What's happening to him? When Sayla confesses she believes they are too different to make it work, Sterling is faced with a choice—fight for her or live alone in the world of masks forever. This book also includes an excerpt of Christine Kersey's newest release, Sawyer and Amethyst: An Emerald Falls Romance. And Cami Checkett's new release, The Protective One: A Billionaire Bride Pact Romance. Sterling's story's is a stand alone book. But, there's four other fun bachelor billionaires living in Jackson Hole, Wyoming who have already fallen in love...they are: Cameron Cruz, football player for the Denver Storm. His story is Second String (Part of The Last Play Romance Series) and Montana Crew, his story is The Country Groom (Part of The Bachelor Billionaire Romances) and Hunter James, his story is The Unfinished Groom (Part of the Bachelor Billionaire Romances) Cooper Harrison, his story is The Barefoot Groom (Part of Bachelor Billionaire Romances) Nathan Sterling, his story is The Christmas Groom (Part of the Bachelor Billionaire Romances) Damon Freestone, his story is Rescue Me (Part of Park City Firefighter Romances and a companion book to Bachelor Billionaire Romances) Luke Freestone, his story is The Lost Groom (Part of Bachelor Billionaire Romances) Coming Soon--Nick Freestone's story in The Undercover Groom--look for it! If you want The Last Play Romance Series in order, they would go like this: Last Play The Rookie Just Play A Player for Christmas Second String

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sterling and Says are my new favorite characters. I love Taylor Hart's books. She writes well. The stories are engaging. The editing is great. Even knowing it would be a HEA didn't spoil one second of the book. Wish other authors could get the idea that an excellent book can be written with no sex and still be fantastic. I'll definitely read everything Taylor Hart's writes.

This was a sweet story, until it's abrupt ending. It was like, let's get this over quickly, with a rushed ending. Then the rest of the "ebook" is one commercial after another touting other books! I've found this true in more often in Taylor Hart's books. I have purchased ten of her books, loving the storyline~ but, I've been disappointed with this situation. So I'll no longer be buying them .

I have to start by saying that I did like parts of this book, but some things kind of ruined it for me. I loved the premise of the book, and the ensuing theme of "masks" both real and figurative. There were quite a few mentions though of foster care, all with negative connotations, that really bugged me. I understand it's a work of fiction, but because I am currently a foster parent myself, this was a HUGE turn-off for me. I also felt like the story too easily resolved itself without really addressing

issues the characters had.

I appreciated the theme of "taking off the mask and being yourself" threaded throughout this story. Growing up in foster care has hardened Sayla Jones' heart. "She could be whatever she wanted, whoever she decided to be." The shock of losing her husband in a devastating accident has thrown her into a tailspin from which she can't seem to recover. Striking, Sterling Pennington slips into her life as easily as he slips into his movie roles. "He wanted nothing but had everything" except what he truly desires, "a wife, kids, long walks at sunset" with someone he loved. As the rapport builds between these two, the dialogue is witty and snarky. She is nothing like the plastic beauties he encounters in his world. Sayla is authentic and real and sees right through the mask he hides behind. Common heartache and loss draws them together. His tender care of her post surgery is so sweet. His patience as he helps her deal with her survivor's guilt is both attractive and appealing. Love, forgiveness, friendship are wonderful elements of this sweet story. Fun cameo appearances by Hunter, Summer, and crusty old Henry rounds out this enjoyable, clean romance.

The Masquerading Groom was a romance using the "arm candy turned real" trope. It seems to be thoroughly mediocre, with nothing really memorable except the MMC's instant infatuation, and FMC's almost instant giving in to their passion. The ending was way too fast and neat. Sterling Pennington, billionaire movie star playboy, was stuck with a hired arm candy at a masquerade ball. Blame his agent who thought he needed company after a pretend break-up with his co-star. Sterling didn't count on Sayla Jones, sassy, smart, and a nurse who was just filling in for one night as a favor. He had to see her again. When he ran into her at the hospital the next day, they finally gave in to their attraction, even though they admit to each other this would not work long-term... they are just of different worlds. Now Sterling must make a choice... Honestly, I didn't feel too much chemistry between the two. Both are just... too nice, not angst-y or moody or damaged or whatever. They are just... bland?

This was a fun romance that was lighthearted yet also dealt with some tough subjects. I really liked the characters and how you got to know them. This type of book is pretty cheesy and predictable, but I love them. It was a clean and sweet romance.

This book was sweet & clean, & I really liked that. However, something seemed to be missing. The premise was good, but it fell a little flat. There was an issue with the H's family that I think could have been explored a little more. When he got together with his family, all was made up in about three paragraphs. The H & h were good people, & really likeable, I think the back stories (or maybe the side stories) should have been carried out more. Still, quick, easy, & lite read.

I don't know what it is with the books I've read lately, but I swear they have taken scenes from my own life. I love it. I was sweet, heart felt, and for lack of a better word AWESOME! I love the forgiveness, the letting go, and healing both physically and mentally. I really enjoyed it.

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