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In Bed With A Highlander (The McCabe Trilogy Book 1)



Synopsis

Maya Banks, the New York Times bestselling author of romance and romantic suspense has captivated readers with her steamy Scottish historical novels, perfect for fans of Julie Garwood. In *Bed with a Highlander* is the start of a beguiling trilogy featuring three unforgettable brothers risking everything to save their clan and their legacy—and to surrender their hearts to love. Ewan McCabe, the eldest, is a warrior determined to vanquish his enemy. Now, with the time ripe for battle, his men are ready and Ewan is poised to take back what is his—until a blue-eyed, raven-haired temptress is thrust upon him. Mairin may be the salvation of Ewan's clan, but for a man who dreams only of revenge, matters of the heart are strange territory to conquer. The illegitimate daughter of the king, Mairin possesses prized property that has made her a pawn—and wary of love. Her worst fears are realized when she is rescued from peril only to be forced into marriage by her charismatic and commanding savior, Ewan McCabe. But her attraction to her ruggedly powerful new husband makes her crave his surprisingly tender touch; her body comes alive under his sensual mastery. And as war draws near, Mairin's strength, spirit, and passion challenge Ewan to conquer his demons—and embrace a love that means more than revenge and land. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I see review inflation has run wild with this title. This is not a 5-star romance. It is a collection of reworked ideas set forth in a straight-forward, simplistic style. They are all good ideas, of course. It's just they worked much better in the original context. Kidnapping and marrying an heiress was done much better in, for example, Julie Garwood's *The Wedding*. Consummating under time pressure was done much better in Lindsay Sands' *The Deed*. The list goes on. It seemed like on every page there was a plot device that I had read in another book. So the story is predictable and feels recycled. The setting, for no particular reason, is the Scottish highlands. You can tell it is Scotland, because people wear trews instead of trousers. Beyond that, there is nothing recognizably Scottish. There are no historical or geographic landmarks to orient the tale, and all of the attitudes and language are very modern. At one point the heroine says "I have a theory". The hero advises her to avoid "potentially explosive situations". The enemy is a "greedy power-hungry bastard". There are all interesting phrases, but they don't sound like ancient Scotland. They sound like modern television. The plot begins at the beginning, moves forward in a straight-forward way, to a predictable ending. Secrets are revealed, but they are predictable and not very dark. The bad guy is not a tortured guy whose natural good character qualities have been flawed by unfortunate circumstances. He's just a big dumb bully. The characters are dull and their dialog is very boring. Here is a sample: "I won't hurt you this time, Mairin." "You won't?" He smiled. "I won't. You're going to like it." "I will?" "Aye, lass, you will." "All right," she whispered.

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