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As she peered over the edge of the gallery, Sabrina Cameron trembled at the sight of the sun-bronzed giant striding into view. But she never recognized the stranger...not until the moment she found herself surrounded by arms of warm steel--and drowning in smoldering green eyes that had once held cool disdain but now shimmered with passion. Morgan MacDonnell, the boy, had been her tormentor. Now it looked as if Morgan, the man, would prove infinitely more dangerous...

Though hatred divided their clans, Morgan MacDonnell had come to Cameron Glen hoping for a truce...only to find that by evening's end the only way to avert bloodshed between the two families was for him to marry his enemy's daughter. But even as Morgan spirited Sabrina away to his rugged fortress, his battle would not be won. For this delicate rose of a girl would put up a bold fight...and the spoils of victory would be nothing less than a heathen MacDonnell's heart.

A Whisper of Roses Details

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Ctanner says

This book was a very frustrated read. This was one of those books were if the hero and heroine had had one honest conversation, there would have been no story to tell. "Oh we love each other, great, let's live happily ever after!" Instead you get 400 pages of constant misunderstandings and a refusal from both H and H to admit their real feelings. I like when their bumps in the road in a romance but when you are screaming at both characters throughout the book to stop lying to each other and themselves, I throw my hands in the air and give up.

Cait says

This book started out as exactly what I hope for when I read historical romance: lightly dramatic with lots of cute, romantic and funny moments that make me smile. However, in the third and fourth parts the story moved into a new set of conflicts that I found upsetting and altogether unpleasant. The exhaustingly tumultuous second half of the book was so full of ups and downs that I found myself skimming just to get to the inevitable happy ending... and found it never seemed to arrive. When everything was finally resolved in the last few pages, it felt a bit like "too little, too late" at least for me, though this could have been predicated by my very specific expectations when it comes to 'highlander romance'. I expect the balance of conflict and romance to lean heavily toward romance, but in this case I got a lot more drama than I was prepared for, and ultimately I didn't find the characters compelling enough to anchor that drama, so finishing the book became tedious.

HÜLYA says

Teresa Medeiros'u Güllerin F?s?lt?s? ile tan?d?m..Harika duygusal bir romand?...
Yazar?miz?n kalem? çok kuvvetli?,d?l? ak?c? ve sade. Jud?th Mcnaught,Jul?e Garwood ayar?nda b?r yazar.
Güller?n F?s?lt?s? Sabr?na'n?n alt? yas?ndak? hal?ye basl?yor. B?rb?rler?ne
nefretler?,evlenmeler?,nefretler?n?n aska donusmes? çok çok güzel canland?r?lm?s. Hele Sabr?na'n?n
Morgan'? terketme sahnes?nde gozyaslar?m? tutamad?m. Abone olacag?m b?r yazar buldugum için
mutluyum.Ne diyelim Ho?geldin Teresa.seninle tan??t??ma çok çok memnun oldum....
Ho?geldin Teresa...

Kathie (katmom) says

[Some said that they didn't feel like the Sabrina in the Third Part of the story was the same one from the first two.

I disagree.

SHE thought she was doing the best thing for HIM.

HE thought he was doing the best thing for HER.

Yes, they should have talked, but then where would the book have gone? LOL...that's the POINT of books, putting our poor characte

Amelia Fransisca says

**You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still. — Sir Thomas Moore**

Why oh why, akhir2 ini nemu novel yg bisa jd favorit numero uno..... fufufu

Gw dah yakin bakalan suka banget ama ni novel waktu baca prologue nya....

Sabrina Cameron, 6taon yg imut,n chubby pertama kali ketemu ma Morgan MacDonnell, 14taon..

Kutip pembicaraan pertma mrka bdua yg lucu n bikin gemes:

“Hello, boy.”

“My name is not Boy. I am —”

“— Morgan Thayer MacDonnell,” Sabrina intoned solemnly, “son of Angus MacDonnell and heir to the chieftainship. You serve only MacDonnell and hate all Camerons. And I am Sabrina, the daughter of Dougal Cameron.”

“There’s no denyin’ that.” Morgan’s voice was choked with bitterness. “You’re the devil’s own image.”

Sabrina frowned, searching her mind for some common ground where they might meet.

“Do you like worms?” LOL

“No.”

“Beetles, perhaps?” LOL

“Warriors have no time for such nonsense.”

Uniknya novel2 TM trdiri atas 3 Part...

Part 1 – lucu, ngegemesin, n twist nya udah mantapph bgt

Ceritanya klan Cameron & MacDonnell gak pernah akur, ketika Angus MacDonnell dan Dougal Cameron sama2 jatuh cinta ma seorang lady dan Dougal Cameron yg berhasil ngedapetin hati sang lady dr Inggris, makin gak akur d 2 klan ini.

Kalo hidup The Camerons dan penduduknya selalu penuh dgn canda tawa, The MacDonnells sebaliknya, mrka barbar n suka berantem..

Supaya teteup damai, bapak Sabrina ngundang Morgan tiap summer tinggal di Cameron..

Sabrina diam2 memuja Morgan tapi selalu mnjadi sasaran keusilan Morgan dan kakak laki2 nya sendiri..

Waktu brumur 6 taon Sabrina pernah bersumpah Morgan gak bakalan bikin dia nangis, jd biar udah di kerjain abis2an dia tetap tegar..

Morgan sndiri sama sprti bapaknya sangat mengagumi Elizabeth, ibu Sabrina...

Dia slalu kangen ma aroma mawar, bunga favorit lady Elizabeth.

Setelah 5 taon Morgan gak menghabiskan summer di Cameron, karna masalah2 kecil antar klan yg mulai

memanas –lagi- membuat Morgan tambah kangen ma aroma mawar dan gadis kecil nya The Camerons. Akhirnya supaya damai Dougal mengundang Angus dan Morgan ke Cameron. Pas lagi smntara dinner githu, ada yg ngebunuh Angus. The MacDonnells tentu saja menuduh Dougal yg mnjadi dalang pembunuhan trsebut.. Kali ini bukan masalah kecil, tapi maslah besar yg pasti bisa jadi perang antar klan.. So menurut hukum Gaelic, Sabrina mesti married ma Morgan supaya gak perang... Married d mrka bdua, Lucu bgt pas malam pertama mrka, Sabrina ogah bo2 ma Morgan, Morgan jg yg nsh brduka gak mau menjalankan tugasnya sbg suami... Jadi, biar gak ketauan belom nge-golin, mrka pura2 bikin suara2 aneh githu, LOL

Part 2 – sweet, love is in the air udah mulai nyesek ni piling >_<

Apa sih yg bikin kita demen bgt ma hero di nvl romance? Kalo gw suka yg sinis, suka ngegodain heroine nya, charming, cool apalgi y? pintar n seksi so pasti.. Kalo Morgan, secara fisik dia gede bgt 6'3" cakeeep dan tipe gw bgt... Flawless nya dia gak/belum bisa baca, tapi bukan brarti dia bodoh y! No, BIG NO

Gw trharu bgt pas dia blg ke istri nya kalo Sabrina mesti ngajarin dia baca, ngajarin dia maen catur dll. Sebagai MacDonnel yg harga diri nya segede dunia, kata2 yg keluar dr mulut Morgan itu sukses bikin gw mewek..

Malam pertama mrka yg resmi jg soooooo sweet, Morgan romantis sangatttt... Oke, sementara hep2 nya mrka bdua ada aja yg bikin masalah... Nah mulai dr sini aer mata gw gak bisa brhenti kluar, gw jd inget ma HR nya Judith McNaught yg jg sukses bikin gw mewek guling2..

Part 3 – power of love, faith, the payoff, the triumph

Gak tau mesti nulis apa ttg part 3 tanpa nyepoi bagian pentingnya.. Seruuuu bgt soalnya,,, Pokoknya sepanjang part 3 ini gw gak bisa brhenti mewek.. Bukan brarti ni novel cengeng, saluuut gw ma TM yg bisa nulis novel seindah n se amazing ini... -sigh-

Keknya gw nemu couple hero-heroine favorit lagi ni.... Gw slesei baca ni novel jam 3.30 pagi, dulu cuma SEP n JM yg bisa bikin gw kaya gini, baca ampe subuh >_ Extremely love this novel..... ^^v

Limau Nipis says

This is the essence of Teresa Medeiros. I cried till the last page *sobs*.

I first read this when I was in my university days, it was in 1999/2000, I can't remember. Thus rereading this again is like reading the book with a pair of fresh eyes.

The MacDonnells and the Camerons are sworn enemies for generation. Thus, by a twist of fate, much crueler than fate itself, Sabrina Cameron is to wed Morgan MacDonnell, as a redemption for Morgan's dad's murder.

This story is so enchanting that I cried every time I read a new chapter. I realised why I feel in love with Morgan and Sabrina's love story. I realised that I have to treasure this book.

There are 3 parts of the novel, that each part is dedicated with an event. The climax is not one, but two or three times - thus it is worthy to read the book, to understand the flow between part 1, 2 and 3. Part 1 is when Sabrina was offered to be the bride for Morgan. Part 2 is when Sabrina and Morgan find happiness (Sabrina wooing her groom, with her tender heart and soul, and finding alliance in the most unexpected foes),

..They were stunning, like liquid diamonds trembling on her lashes, slipping down her pale cheeks. She'd finally broken her oath. This beautiful girl was crying for him. For Morgan MacDonnell, the no-good, overgrown son of a ruthless scoundrel.

And Part 3 is where Sabrina and Morgan pick up pieces of their love and mend it together (Sabrina turning cripple). I cried the hardest when I read Part 3, it seems Teresa Medeiros save the best part for last. The climax is wonderful, unexpected, beautiful and haunting.

The introduction of every part is wonderful, with Part 3 starting with these quotes:

*You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.*
— Sir Thomas Moore

But ne'er the rose without the thorn.
— Robert Herrick

Flowers of all hue, and without thorn the rose.
— John Milton

I kind of fell in love with the cover, since it does not give away the story at all. I would not expect this book to be a Highland / Scottish romance, and there is no generic illustrations on the hero and heroine. Thus, my imagination gripped me with Ms Medeiros writings on the setting of MacDonnell's castle.

Morgan MacDonnell: *"Remember the MacDonnell motto. You've got to shed a little blood in any fight worth winning."*

Lucimar says

A história é dividida em parte:

Prólogo - (o encontro) A chegada de Morgan MacDonnell, um adolescente revoltado para passar uma temporada com o clã dos Cameron, que vai alterar a vida da única filha deles - Sabrina, com oito. que ofereceu amizade e foi rechaçada cruelmente, determinando uma rivalidade entre os dois. Morgan adora

provocá-la e faz pequenas maldades a ela, que nunca se queixa ao pai o tratamento recebido dele e jura que nunca ele a fará implorar.

Parte 1 - (segundo encontro) - Morgan já adulto e mais selvagem como nunca, visita os Cameron junto com o clã do pai.

Parte 2 - A morte deste vai novamente alterar a vida de Sabrina. Para manter a paz, quebrada pela morte do pai de Morgan, o pai dela, Dougal a oferece para ele se casar com ela, o que a deixa bastante chateada com o pai. Eles se casam e vão para o decrepito castelo dos MacDonnell, tendo Morgan como chefe do clã. A vida de Sabrina, se torna cheia de intrigas e de inimigos que a desprezam. Um acidente vai provocar a ruptura desse incipiente amor que começava a florescer.

Parte 3 - Sabrina volta para casa...Totalmente mudada, se torna uma mulher amargurada. Morgan, a pedido dos pais dela, pedem ajuda dele para trazê-la de volta a vida. E Morgan a prova o quanto foi capaz de mudar por ela.

É uma história emocionante, cheia de intrigas, tramas e personagens intensos, riquíssimos de sentimentos, o que nos faz odiar, perdoar e amar. É uma leitura de pura magia!

C says

Reminded me of Beauty and the Beast with his rough exterior and he learns to be civilized.

What I dont understand is that he has lived off and on with her family for years, he should of learned those skills then.

It was fine up until her accident, nothing quite made sense after that. They never did sit down and work out their issues.

Zoe says

I haven't read such a good romance in a loooooonnnngggg time. most of the romance novels just scratch at the surface and I don't feel connected to the hero and heroin. not this book. this book has all the early Julie Garwood charms and a relationship that tugs at your heart.

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

That last 30%? Wtf was that? Was it even necessary? Totally ruined the book for me.

Hanife says

Morgan'ın patavatsızlıklarına a?k olacaksın?z. Ben kitabı çok gülerek kimi zaman içim sızlayarak okudum. Ço?unluklada güldüm. Benim ?skoçlara zaafım vardı?r kitabı öyle yada böyle okurum ama bunu çok be?endim :) K?z?m?za son zamanlarda çok uyuz oldum. Yolasım geldiysede bar??t?lar ya derin bir oh çektik. Keyifli bir a?k'ın hikayesini okumak istiyorsan?z tam size göre bir kitap.

Kitap Morgan'ın iki klan aras? bar??n? temsil etmek amac?yla Sabrina'nın klan?nda her yaz kalmas?yla ba?l?yor. Y?llar sonra bu iki bacaks?z b?yümü? olarak kar?? kar??ya gelirler. Bu ziyafette Morgan'ın babas? öldürölür ve suçu k?z'n babas?na at?lm??t?r do?al olarak. Morgan o tepkiyle Sabrinay? rehin al?r ama k?z'n annesi Elizabeth k?z'n? kurtar?r. Morgan hücreye at?l?r ve daha sonra k?z'm?z'n babas? hatas?n? düzeltmek için Morgan'a k?z'n? verir. Bizim prenses gibi yeti?mi?, el üstünde tutulmu?, gül gibi k?r?lgan k?z'm?z bir da?l?yla evlenmi? ve bu hayata mahkum edilmi?tir. Ama Morgan'ın "Da?l?" duygular?yla tutku içinde yanacaklard?r :))

Cruth says

Author: Teresa Medeiros

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Length: 389 pages, 5509 locations

Setting: London, Scotland, 1730

Sex: Not frequent. Explicit.

Hero: Highlander who has been brought up as foster child with h's family. Never knew his mother. Illiterate.

Heroine: Pampered only daughter who has loved H all her ife.

Includes: Excerpt from Some Like It Wicked by Teresa Medeiros.

This isn't one of my favourite premises. Our heroine gives up everything for h and still he blames her for perceived slights, uses her (for sex, as housekeeper), and fails to ever see her pov.

But I really wanted to like it.

Unfortunately, I didn't really.

H was a stupid, unforgiving tyrant. h was so wishy washy and then petty.

Urk.

h did do all the work in this relationship. She made all the compromises. She worked to love him.

And he let her.

He let her love him and never gave her anything back in return.

(view spoiler)

In the end I felt the story was fragmented with an h who gave too much and an H who gave to little. Perhaps this is reflective of it being an early book (first published in 1993) but I simply failed to take to it.

Could have been better.

Mary Toft of Godalming:

A nice little touch, having Mary Toft turn up. A nice little historical hoax to add spice and colour to the story.

Brides of the Highlands:

The Devil Wears Plaid - Emmaline Marlow and Jamie Sinclair
A Whisper of Roses - Sabrina Cameron and Morgan MacDonnell
Heather and Velvet - Prudence Walker and Sebastian Kerr
Some Like It Wicked - Catriona Kincaid and Simon Wescott
Some Like It Wild - Pamela Darby and Connor Kincaid

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-CR-

∅???? [Punya Reviews...] says

My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book. This one's got 5 parts.

A 4.5 stars read from Teresa Medeiros and one of her most fav. But, it was a bumpy ride for sure!

Hihhi, so far I'm enjoying it so much, not a moment annoyed me. Really. I love Sabrina, she is what I want a heroine to be. The blurb said she's spoiled but I'm yet to see anything *spoiled* about her, trust me.

Morgan, well ... I always love men in kilts and Morgan isn't any different. He's a sexy boy (I can imagine well from the description, ahemm). I felt so sad knowing what happened to him when he was a kid, it just makes you wanna cuddle and kiss him. There were many funny scenes, one was banter between him and his father. Almost fell off the bed, I was laughing so hard, my god! Morgan is sexy, naughty and ... hmm, love him. ;p

Now, I love their chemistry. I'm onto chp 8 now, after many twists and turns, they've already married. I'll leave it to that ... for now.

I don't know about part 2. It's becoming annoying, embarrassing ... Poor Sabrina. Her naivete is so ... ah, it's like everyone knows what's going on around her, except her of course! After coming to Morgan the lout's (explanation will follow shortly) castle, she is experiencing the embarrassments of her lifetime. I even winced and blushed for her, these includes: on the first night there, coming f2f with her husband's one of many whores, in all her glory no less (trust me the way she handled 'the problem' later, I didn't quite agree ... I felt for her, wouldn't wanna be in her shoes). Then, her 'sweet, innocent' cousin's lurid revelations! Yah people, when she heard noises coming from the cousin's room, Sabrina thought someone was killing her, maybe raping (those MacDonnells!), which of course, ahem, wasn't the case. Lord, I was so blushing in mortification (my delicate sensibilities and all that!) since I had a guess and ... ah, that poor girl!

Now, to her lout of a husband. When he asked her to share his bed after he kicked the whore outta his room,

I was speechless! Really Morgan??? Poor Sabrina had to point out that she won't share his bed where his whore has been a few mins ago!!! Lord!!!! And there are many other things about Morgan is just killing me. He is insensitive, lousy ... mostly, not how I expected him to act, not the way I envisioned it at all. I would've kicked his bon-bon off (doesn't matter he's a 6ft+ giant, hard muscled and sexy) just for that. And also because I like Sabrina, she does care about that lout ... Plz girl, take care!!!

Lastly, the MacDonnell clan ... Crudest, rudest, disgusting (entertainment to them means ale and fondling women in front of the others, I don't even wanna explain)... They stink inside and out! Women are as foul as men, they've already started taunting Sabrina (the whore included)... Every time the men opened their mouth, I was folding myself into a cocoon and clamping my body shut. I felt so violated ... ewww!! I applaud TM for creating such specimens! *clap clap*

BTW: Did I mention they haven't consummated the marriage yet? (there is a funny scene there, don't know how to put it otherwise) The lout thinks he's going to court her and Sabrina being sweet and naive is already letting him ... Grrr!! :@

PS: They made me become a drama queen again [note: my review of "Heather and Velvet"], had no choice!

[Then, I had to change my views on Morgan...]

I know wrote long, long comments but this time I'm in a fix. I'm not even sure what to say, such drama unfolding in the end of part 2 and beginning of part 3. Many things happened including they finally did 'it'! Sabrina showed a type of kindness I'm not sure I'd do myself which includes befriending the whore. My god! She is good I must say. Now I just don't know what she's doing. She told him she loved him (he's yet to confess that), there were many nice scenes, amazing love scenes then this betrayal by someone in the clan, the accident where Sabrina gets hurt and now she's leaving him.

Yah, I don't know what to say. Morgan is such a lovesick puppy (and I love a big, burly man acting lovesick). There is a misunderstanding between them again. I know why she's doing this but girl, between all his faults, didn't he love you his best?

sigh ... I'm really hooked, have to see how this one goes!

Ok, more drama ... I should hate Sabrina for acting like a shrew and making everyone suffer but I can't. I think I kinda understand her desperation now, which sort of engulfed her after the accident. I feel sad but yet I can't understand her abandoning Morgan. I know I'm acting as Morgan the lovesick puppy's champion because he really loves her, it's all over the novel. Sabrina does too but she's just confused about all these negative changes in her life.

Now, Morgan is in London and trying to bring her back to *life*. I love his efforts, they're very genuine, some scenes were funny as well as heartwarming. Maybe they're on their way to resolve their differences...

I'd like to talk about Sabrina's cousin Enid and Morgan's cousin Ranald. Would've loved to see more about them, some more scenes. They're a crazier lot than Morgan-Sabrina! Lolz.

Finished it last night. Loved it till the end. Still there were things bothered me, like the ending which was

kinda abrupt, some questions left unanswered. Maybe TM wanted us to find our own answers, who knows. Morgan and Sabrina are meant for each other, with their faults and all. There were more drama and twists in the end ... Well, loved it. 4.5 for me. :)

Deb says

A wonderfully romantic book. Sabrina and Morgan fought hard to be together against many difficult odds stacked against them. Although Morgan was portrayed as the damaged hero, it turned out Sabrina had much further to go in learning how to give her heart over her pride. I didn't want to stop turning the pages to watch them on their journey.

Robin says

Non-communication is a pet peeve of mine although it is realistic and therefore relatable to many. This book although good was IMHO over the top with it. The Hero and Heroine met as children even though the Clans they belonged to were not getting along although at one point they did. The reason they aren't is akin to the whole Helen of Troy thing.

As children the two fall in love but the Hero (Morgan) chooses to play the I'm not worthy card and denies how he feels. When an attempt at reconciling the two clans to friendship again goes wrong Morgan agrees to marry Sabrina (Heroine) and their communication isn't too bad although for along time he doesn't tell her how he feels mainly I think because of the card he played. He finally starts to realize a few things but then Eve (an older lady who helped with his Dad) convinces Sabrina of a few untruths and plants the seed of doubt. Does Sabrina ask Morgan? No! She was planning to but then something happened and she jumped (view spoiler) to conclusion partly based on what she has just been told, partly based on something she heard earlier and partly based on what she thought Morgan was trying to do based on the first part.

We muddle through several more non and mis-communications. Sabrina having jumped to her conclusion sacrifices herself for the good of Morgan's pride not realizing that he doesn't care about anything but her (view spoiler).

Eventually information about Eve is learned such as who she is and why when members of the clan would have stoned her because she had a deformity that caused her to limp Angus (Morgan's father) had her spared along with why she did the various things she did. As far as who Eve turns out to be I had a feeling that was going to be the case. I'm not going to list the answer as spoiler you'll have to read the book for yourself.

Hopefully, I haven't given away too much. Of course as is the case with Fictional Romances the couple always seems to learn how to communicate and finally have that heart to heart aha moment that we want to figuratively slap one or both of them and say jeez get a clue numerous pages before they actually do.

Although, I only gave it three stars this is a book that I would recommend reading if you like childhood relationships that become happily ever afters especially in the Highlands!
