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Blessed with incomparable beauty, Isabel MacDonald is prepared to use every means possible—including seduction—to uncover her husband's most guarded secrets. Instead Rory awakens Isabel's deepest desires and her sweetest fantasies. Now Isabel has found the happiness she's always dreamed of with the very man she must betray, and discovers that passion can be far more dangerous than revenge.

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Niyura says

Ha estado muy bien, es un libro entretenido pero simple, si os gusta el tema de los Highlander y el romance os lo recomiendo.

Cristina says

When it comes to highlanders, Monica McCarty takes the cake. Unfortunately, this one wasn't as good as the others. Perhaps the whole betrayal thing didn't work out as I'd hoped. Nonetheless, I'll continue reading.

????α [Punya Reviews...] says

My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book...

Hmm, so I was looking forward to a sexy Highlander book with a great plot, story with a yummy hero and an adorable heroine. What did I find in this book? A hero, though a ripped, good looking Highlander, is so stuffy that he can't decide whether to marry the heroine or to go on with his duties as a laird, which includes marrying another girl from another clan. He can't trust her, not after sharing so many things and even saying ILU to her. He was always looking for a way of 'convenience' where the heroine was concerned. The heroine, did she fight back? Nope. Oh she was perfect in every way; beautiful and strong, fiery and smart... NOT! Yah she was physically beautiful, we hear so many odes to that fact. It might've been done to veer us away from her perfectly BORING personality, who knows! Anyway, my 1st read of Monica McCarty was not fun or even interesting. It was pretty predictable (storywise) and yes, boring!

Roderick 'Rory' MacLeod aka Rory Mor or Rory the Great is the chief of the MacLeods of Skye. He wasn't supposed to be a chief but for the death of his elder brother and nephew put him into this position. We don't really know what happened to them. But, everyone knows that Rory The MacLeod is the best warrior along with all the MacLeod warriors he trains and leads. His family contains his younger brother Alex, sister Margaret and half-sister Fiona and his step-mother. Fiona, who is very young and her mother lives somewhere else so we don't get to see them, only know them by mention. But the MacLeods have years of feud with the MacDonalds. It started with the MacDonald of Sleat spurning and humiliating Margaret and rejecting the handfast between them. Margaret was blind in one eye after an accident but she's actually very beautiful. Rory vows revenge on Sleat and it has been going on for the last 2 yrs. Now, King James has asked to stop this feud and bloodshed by another handfast. This time it's between Rory and one of James-Anne's favorite from the court, Isabel. Trouble is, Isabel is a MacDonald but that is why James wants them to stop all this by this handfast. So far, no one but the MacDonalds know that it's Sleat, Isabel's uncle's plan. He wants Isabel to seduce Rory and make him fall in love with her; in return she'd bring out any information to defeat him (a task no one so far could accomplish) which includes the *Fairy Flag* of the MacLeods'. This *Fairy Flag* has a history which I won't explain but it has a historical background and MM has been true to it. But the MacLeods believe that the *Fairy Flag* has a blessing on them because legend has it that MacLeods are descended from the fairies. Anyway, Rory is of Nordic descent, with blonde-brown hair with a pair of sapphire blue eyes. He's of course, very handsome and well-built. Great! But he was equally stuffy and I

don't know, the fact is, I didn't really care for him and his good looks.

Now, why Sleat chose Isabel for this task? Because she is very beautiful with coppery hair and violet eyes; I mean so beautiful that men would have an eternal erection just by looking at her! Umm well, I might've exaggerated a little there but it's close, the way she was portrayed. Sleat thought it'd be no problem for Isabel to accomplish the task. Sleat was a real SOB and threatened Isabel with her own clan's ruination by the hands of their enemy, the MacKenzies. But, Isabel isn't an evil girl. She was mostly ignored by her father and her older brothers all her life. Even being this beautiful, she has no personality or confidence to speak of. She thinks she isn't worthy enough so to *prove* her worth, or so to speak, she agrees with this scheme. It was also because her father and brothers very shamelessly agreed with the plan, to push his daughter/their sister into such danger to save the clan. It was cowardly IMO. Anyway, the 1st scenes were good, how these two met. How Isabel saw Rory first and kept fantasizing about him. But it gets boring after sometimes. I'd rather read something more substantial than how ripped his body or how golden his hair is. Same goes for Rory's thoughts on Isabel. It gave me an impression that if Isabel wasn't as beautiful as she was, Rory might not have married her at all!

It's very apparent that Rory is also very attracted to her, like all his men. But he shows none of it, keeping his 'I'm the stuffy Laird' façade. I liked it that he hadn't slept with anyone from the time when the talk of his handfast was going round but he certainly wants Isabel. Isabel tries whatever her uncle told her to seduce Rory by wearing seductive dresses and so on but she fails miserably. Rory doesn't give in because he too didn't want to consummate the handfast since he meant to repudiate it after the time is out. But Isabel is almost a saint. She is so nice; she makes friends with Margaret, helping her with the castle accounts and so on. She is very good with arrows, once saved her brother Ian from certain death. But, those narratives bored me nonetheless because in the end, I saw no proof of her being spunky or anything like that. She was very indecisive about what to do. She also tries to look for the flag in a few places and Rory did catch her once or twice. He doesn't believe her but wants to, you know looking at her innocent, beautiful violet eyes makes him weak. Nonetheless, Isabel's stay at Dunvegan (Rory's castle) proves to be a success, except where Rory is concerned. But they did kiss and fondle and then Rory pushing her away like a jerk. He did act like a jerk over and over again with Isabel and wish, oh how I wished she'd sometimes show him her back just to let him know he isn't always the boss! One example was: Since Rory wasn't consummating and people were talking about their handfast, she asked him about it. There was this woman in Rory's place, whom Isabel kinda instinctively knew (and seeing how Rory is very open with her) that she was his mistress at some point, maybe still is. So, upon Isabel's question, the jerk told her that he's been 'taking his pleasure from elsewhere', so she won't have to worry about his needs. OMG, that was so crass! I wanted to slap him hard. It being a lie made it all the more appalling IMO. He just wanted to hurt her (enemy's daughter and all that) and immediately after, he'd feel guilty of hurting her feelings. Trust me, it went on all through the book, again and again and again, making me sick of this at one point. Isabel is so hurt yet forgives Rory the next moment he smiles at her. Oh he's so beautiful, how can one resist?!

Me? Watteva!

Anyway, everybody now likes Isabel a lot, even trusts her quite a bit. Margaret is now her closest friend and they're like sisters. After a few months, Rory begins weakening towards her. It doesn't help that they're now sleeping in one bed, only not doing the deed that he wants so much to do with her. Isabel was already, totally daydreaming away about him. Seeing how she brings joy in Margaret's life, Rory asks her to plan for a Highland games festival. Isabel is overjoyed that finally Rory, it seems, is feeling something different for her! Oh good luck with that! Afterwards, one thing leads to another and Rory thought WTH when Isabel came to their room and found him almost naked, getting out of the bath. They end up making love. And they kept on making love after that. Rory tries to be careful, not to come inside her which hurts Isabel since it tells

her that Rory doesn't have any plans for a future between them. Yah, Rory already informed her he means to reject the handfast. Then one day, Rory leaves for Scotland upon James's summon and spends like 2 months there. In the meantime Isabel convinces Alex, who's acting as the Laird now and obviously smitten with her beauty, to have a nice little excursion with Margaret and some guards. She didn't think there'd be any danger, even with the MacKenzies, who are also MacLeods' enemies, hovering around for a way to defeat them. They have some fun; Margaret is now almost as good as Isabel in archery, even with one eye. But on their way back, Mackenzies attack. Alex is hurt and Isabel ends up being almost raped... when Rory returns, so conveniently, to save them all. Rory is incensed by the MacKezies and kills the Laird's son who tried to rape Isabel. He knows now there'd be more trouble. Isabel is of course shaken by this but keeps saying 'sorry' for this and she'd keep saying sorry for many stupid things she did over the book.

Meantime, Sleat's letter arrives, asking for Isabel's progress. Isabel feels guilty and very scared. She thinks of something like MacKenzies are her father's enemies as well as Rory's, so why not ask some help from the King and the Queen who so obviously prefers her. It was all about some land the MacLeods had, rightfully theirs but Sleat and the MacKenzies' had their own vile plan to grab it for themselves. Isabel also writes letters to her family but no one replies. I couldn't believe this but shouldn't have been surprised, seeing the way they just dumped her here and fled right after the handfasting ceremony. The Highland games festival starts with a lot of aplomb and becomes a success for the MacLeods, inevitably. Sleat plans a meeting with Isabel but soon understands that she has fallen in love with Rory. Sleat is angry and threatens her with her clan's destruction along with revealing her involvement in this scheme to Rory. Isabel is very scared hearing this. She knows Rory would never forgive her if he ever realizes her involvement. I mean after sharing such bliss, is this what she got? How sad and pathetic! Rory sees those two talking and makes a point of asking her questions later on. But no matter what he thinks of her, it doesn't keep him from screwing her senseless. After the last day of the festivities, he 'celebrates' his win with Isabel, who of course, was more than willing to oblige.

The next day, they go out again. Here, gotta mention I loved the little snippets of Margaret and Colin, one of their clansmen and their budding relationship. I wish MM gave them scenes together and more information because I was more interested in them! Very frustrating for me. Anyway, in this outing, Rory is hurt and it seems mortally, when the MacKenzies attack again. Isabel takes care of him day and night, very much afraid for his life. After a few days, even Rory, when he's conscious thinks that he won't live. So he summons Alex and talks to him in private. Isabel eavesdrops... unintentionally? I don't think so. So, Rory was showing Alex where he keeps the Fairy Flag since Alex would be the Laird after him. Whatever Isabel hears/sees, she knew that she'd never betray Rory. That I believed of her because I knew how pathetically besotted she was with him. She even makes out a plan. The flag looks much like one of his old nursemaid Bess's (who accompanied her to Dunvegan and married someone here) shawls. She decides she'd dupe her uncle with the shawl. Later Rory calls her to himself and confesses that he loves her too. Isabel has already confessed it earlier, even though Rory was again being a suspicious jerk... ermm, don't even ask.

But, Rory doesn't die of course. He gets fit in about a few months and they resume their love life too. After a passion filled night together, the next day, when Isabel was replacing the flag to work on her plan, Rory catches her and instantly condemns her of betrayal. Actually much much more than that, calling her a whore (in a way) and just another beautiful woman he wanted to have. He calls her pathetic, someone who craves for attentions which he only provided her! He denies his confession of love, telling her that was because he thought he was dying. He commands her to leave Dunvegan at once and never set foot here again! Ok, why would I want to do anything with an a\$\$ like him? Tell Me! But oh, Isabel, the stupid woman tries to talk to him; of course he doesn't give a damn about what she has to say or her explanations because in his mind, he's already condemned her. After such humiliation, did Isabel just give him her back? Nope! In her uncle's estate, Dunscaith, she plans to do something, ANYTHING to prove her loyalty to Rory the a\$\$\$. She finds

some letter from Sleat to the English king (not sure but something like that) which smells of bigger conspiracy. She also suspected Sleat had his alliance with the MacKenzies too. BTW: Isabel's been fighting nausea for sometimes but still has no idea what is wrong with her, thinking this is just stress. Does any of you know what happened to her? *rolls eyes* Then what does she do when she's this sick? She rides for two days, alone at a breakneck pace, to reach Rory. Big feat, that!

Me? Watteva!

Rory in the meantime, has got an idea of how big an a\$\$ he really has been. Letter from James arrived telling him of granting Rory of his wish: which was that he already planned to stick to the handfast and not marry the Campbell woman he planned all along, to save his clan (something pissed me off utterly, his 'convenient' way of thinking!). Rory, when he was in love (I see no other way to put it) with Isabel, planned to keep her and marry her and asked James for help so that he doesn't have to make an alliance with Argyll (and marry the other woman) but it's a load of political clap-trap I don't feel like explaining. James also explains that he's granted Isabel's wish as she wrote to the Queen of her happiness. Isabel's wish being granted the land they're fighting over, to the MacLeods as her tocher or dowry. Rory now realizes, with a little talk from Margaret, that he needs to reclaim Isabel no matter what. Isabel, on the other hand, enters the castle with the hidden passage (the one they used to fool the MacKenzies when Rory was hurt). What she didn't know that the MacKenzie Laird already knew of this passageway and followed her, right after her uncle informed them of her treachery and planned to kill her soon. Rory finds her like that, weak and dirty yet beautiful (oh puhleez!) nonetheless, trying to sneak into the Fairy Tower, where Rory lives. Don't think Rory is looking good himself, as he'd spend the last two weeks only drinking and drinking... and more drinking! He is angry to see her but this time, gives her a chance to explain. She does, the pathetic fool and suddenly, Rory is all loving, starts calling her 'my love' and all that. Oh spare me the drama, I'm already bored beyond anything! Afterwards, they go to the tower, takes a shower, eats and then takes rest... Oh no, you're so gigantically wrong! They have sex, quite rough sex at that... I felt like screaming in frustration and throw the book away. SO PREDICTABLE! I mean hello, at least take a shower, you two!! That night the MacKenzies attack, don't wanna go into details but Rory actually kissed Isabel with a lot of passion just after the MacKenzie Laird was killed, in front of his dead body! Ermm, can anyone feel anything with a dead man in the room staring back at you? Oh but that was creepy! Anyway the next day, it's Rory who asks Isabel about her nausea and explains her sickness and monthly fluxes, to make her understand what's 'wrong' with her. Oh good! I don't care anymore. Glad that I finished it!

The only interesting thing about this book IMO was the author's note. It seems like there are real MacLeods (still present) and a real Castle Dunvegan. Oh, wow, it felt great knowing that many of the events of this story were taken from history. I only wish the story and the characters themselves were as good as the history. 3.5 stars.

I did my own research on Dunvegan and the Clan MacLeod. You can go to their websites to know more about them (yes there was a real Rory MacLeod or Rory Mor, who married one Isabel MacDonald and sired 11 kids! Why oh why I couldn't find one of his paintings... or anything at least?!).

Clan MacLeod History

On Rory MacLeod

More on him can be found in *Wikipedia*.

On Castle Dunvegan

Wanna see the real *Fairy Flag*? Here it is!

Here is a pic of Castle Dunvegan I couldn't help posting:

Beatriz says

Una historia muy bonita, sobre todo por las luchas internas que viven los personajes principales entre sus sentimientos y la lealtad que deben a sus respectivas familias. También me gustó mucho el estilo narrativo, que permitía leer las diferentes situaciones desde la perspectiva de ambos personajes.

Al final del libro, además, la autora hace referencia a una serie de personalidades y hechos históricos en los que se basó para construir su novela, que produce un resultado bastante interesante y original en el género. La recomiendo.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

This review is long overdue.

Highlander Untamed is what started my love affair with Highlanders.

I think that Rory is the absolute epitome of the clan chief who values honesty and loyalty, and whose main focus is for the good of his clan.

Rory MacLeod handfasts with Isabel MacDonald to do his duty, hopefully uniting the two clans. Unfortunately the MacDonald clan is ruthless and is their most hated enemy. Rory's sister Margaret had been married to Isabel's uncle the MacDonald, who used her and returned her. And she was in an accident that cost her the use of her eye, and scarred her face. When Isabel met her, Margaret wore an eye patch that was just horrid.

Now Isabel is quite the dutiful niece and is planning to snoop for her uncle, until she realizes that her uncle might just be wrong. She begins to admire her husband more and more. She is supposed to seduce him, but he won't be seduced. Rory's plan is to return her a virgin and pretend the year-long handfasting never happened. Eventually they do succumb, of course ;)

One thing that's really cool about this book is that it uses real people, and real history. The Fairy Flag the MacLeods have existed. The "War of the One-Eyed Woman" was true. The characters lived and Monica McCarty breathed new life into them. (you can find all the real info on her website, btw)

Eventually Isabel gains Rory's trust, and that of his family, and she actually *doesn't* betray him, even though what happens looks bad. So Rory throws her out. That scene is just heartbreaking.

She goes back to the MacDonald clan in shame, and more than anything she feels that she *has* to prove to

Rory that she's innocent. Their reunion scene is so beautiful. She and Rory of course live happily ever after, and what's cool is that there's a little bitty side romance with Margaret, who maybe didn't realize that the patch she wore was worse than the scar.

Great romance, and a great heroine. I liked how she grew up and realized that her uncle was the villain, not her husband. Her husband finally loosened up a bit and there is one line in this book that several years later as I write this review, I've never forgotten:

"Never think I did not want you."

I hope you can find that quote if you read this.

ilknur a.k.a. iko ? says

Bitirdim geçmedi.

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

From the cover:

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My review:

Highlander Untamed is my first Monica McCarty read, and it won't be my last.

I found myself drawn to the characters and their opposing "plights" faster than I have in any other book. McCarty does a great job of setting the stage early on and building the story word by word, page by page until I was left wishing that both sides could win. She did a fantastic job of taking the characters who are really just words on a page and making them into living, breathing people that I cared about.

I'm looking forward to reading more of Monica McCarty's Highlanders.

Moonlight Reader says

If you've read one Monica McCarty Highlander romance, you've pretty much read them all. Entertaining, but formulaic.

Kübra Yaşmur says

Şunu sakın unutmayın, elinizin altında bir şkoç kitabı her zaman bulunmal. Sonuçta canınızın ne zaman şkoç çekeceği hiç belli olmaz. Gecenin bir köründe ne okuyacağım ben, diye kara kara düşünmenizi hiç istemem.

Şte bu nedenle şkoç zulamdan karışık okuduğum serinin ilk kitabına, sabaha karışık bağılamış buldum kendimi.

Bir kere benim gibi historical severler için şkoç erkeklerinin yeri ayrıdır. *Tabii onların torunları da yok değil, bkz: Braden Carmichael* ? O seksi, vahşii, savaşı devlere bayılıyor. Kaya gibi sert, tutkulu ve daha birçok şeyler.

Roderick -Rory- MacLeod da tam olarak bu erkeklerden biriydi. Okurken beni fazlasıyla süründürdüğü de doğrudur ayrıca. Her yakınlıklarında hevesi böyle kursağında bırakılır mı be okuyucunun?!

Isabel, düşünün iki klan arasında barışın sağlanması için Kral James'in isteği üzerine Rory ile evlendirilir. Ama siz evlilik dediğime bakmayın. Evlilik adı altında bir yığın rehine konumunda kızımız. Evet, bir yıl sürecek bu evlilik için bir araya geliyor ikimiz.

Şimdi Kral James'e söylemek istediğim şeyler var ama oruçluyum, susuyorum. Yumuşatılmı halini dile getireyim sadece: Erkek kocaları haklarını hepsini kullandıktan sonra kızları yollayabileceği bir evlilik için nasıl bir teşvikte bulunursun pezevenk!

Şyi ki de yumuşatılmı, değil mi?

Monica'nın okuduğum ikinci kitabıydı ama ben kendisini ilk kitabıyla sevmiştim bile. Bu yüzden hayal kırıklığına uğramayı hiç beklemiyordum. Şimdilerde yazarın Türkiye'de yeni bir temsilcisi var ve daha çok Monica okuyacağımız diye umuyorum. Bu yüzden buradan Nemesis'e seslenelim şu serinin de yeni baskısını yaparsın.

Şnternette dahi taramaları yoktu kitabın baskısı geçtim. Bu yüzden orijinalinden okudum. Ş ikinci kitabı da bu şekilde okuyacağım ama diğer serileri acilen Türkçe istiyorum.

Valquiria says

No va a ver otro libro que me vaya a sorprender tanto como este.

Gracias a Megan Maxwell, iba con un poco de miedo a las novelas románticas de highlanders, ya que no me gustaron nada sus libros, pero "El Highlander indomable" ha sido un romance con todas sus letras y en mayúsculas.

Tanto los aspectos históricos (que me han parecido muy detallados y acertados con lo que pasó de verdad),

como el romance (que es maravilloso), como los personajes y la historia me han enamorado y me han parecido fantásticos. Los personajes tienen su relieve y es muy fácil conectar con ellos y vivir su historia intensamente; el romance es sexy, erótico, precioso y bien llevado; y la trama en ningún momento aburre. El único "pero" que le he encontrado ha sido la repetición de la palabra "Verga", que me parece bastante vulgar, y la repetición, también, de los mismos pensamientos varias veces.

Monica McCarty me ha devuelto el amor por la romántica de highlanders con una historia que te atrapa y no te suelta, con una narración muy bonita y nada pesada y con unos personajes que se recordarán por mucho tiempo. Deseo estar leyendo los dos siguientes libros de esta trilogía ("Los MacLeods de Skye")

Sha Mslvoe says

I was browsing about highland romance and stumbled upon "Favorite Highland Romance author". I read all the comments and Carolyn's comment captured me. I started looking all Monica McCarty's books and give a shot!

This was my 1st book and I truly enjoyed the plot and history of fairy flag. She has made it onto my must-buy list author. I couldn't help but to fall in love with Rory and Isabel

Dunvegan castle and their fairy flag

***TANYA* says**

I loved that this book was based on actual historical events. Yes some events are fiction but the fact that the author based this book on people and places that did exist and she tied it all together to make a wonderful love story is absolutely sublime.

Kathrynn says

There was a chain dragging this book down, down, down. That chain was the endless amount of narration the author used. As the book began, I thought, okay once the author set the stage it'll move along. It didn't. To quote Mellisa B, "show me, don't tell me."

Instead of caring more for the two main characters, I began to get annoyed with them. Same thing, the ENTIRE book. Gads. How many times did the author go into detail of how handsome Rory MacLeod was or beautiful Isabel MacDonald was? I got it.

The plot had a lot of potential, but it never materialized. The heroine was portrayed as being more of a tomboy, but when she had the opportunities to show her stuff, she failed. Earned a spot on my TSTL shelf based on her attempt the "help" Alex while on an unauthorized hunting expedition and her near rape. Come on. That whole scene and rescue was silly. After the repeated fists to her face she began kissing the hero.

Please.

I hated how the author spent so much time wowing us with her vast research and dialect usage (who cares?), but failed miserably to describe what room they were in or jumped 5 days or more from a potential great scene.

Set in 1601, Scotland.

1 1/2 Stars from This Reader.

Eastofoz says

Boring, that's about all you can really say about this book. It's well-written but the story is boring, the hero is boring and the heroine is boring. You just want the boring book to be over with. It barely makes a 3 star rating.

The h/h don't really interact until just after halfway into the book—and for a book that's 380+ pages that's a long wait I think. They hardly talk to each other so it's just pages and pages of dull narration and you certainly don't feel anything for them as a couple. You're told a gazillion times how stunningly beautiful they both are and too much of this book has those excessive descriptives: amazing, incredible, phenomenal, outstanding, formidable—ya, it's all peachy, we got it the first 630 times.

Isabel is also supposed to be this independent, strong minded woman or so the author sets her up to be but throughout the novel she's wishy-washy and never really takes matters into her own hands the way you think someone who's this independent minded should. Rory is so bound by duty that it strangles him which makes him stale as a character. Same song and dance from start to finish. Even the steam lacks lustre. Good thing there's her uncle Sleat the villain to add a dash of spice in an otherwise bland read. There's also way too much useless Gaelic words thrown all over the place that do nothing but frustrate the reader because you don't really know what the thing is that's being described.

The only good part really is the author's interesting historical note at the end --oh and the relief you feel at finally having finished (!)

Susana says

Warning:

Crappy portuguese translation. Examples:

To ravish doesn't mean to Rape!! YOU MORON!!

"Rory parecia capaz de lhe arrancar a roupa e de a violar." pg 166

And there IT is again!

"..violando-a com gentileza.."

No, no, no, no, no.....

Another pearl:

"Isabel sentou-se na beira da cama e levou a mão ao estômago, sentindo-se de súbito enjoada. Não era a primeira vez que aquilo lhe acontecia. Devia ser o stress." pg 226

Stress.....

Se as editoras fossem forçadas a devolver o dinheiro aos clientes por estes produtos deficientes, querem apostar que estes disparates acabavam??

An enjoyable story with likeable characters and an somewhat interesting plot. Too bad the less than perfect translation. The story really deserved better.

Glandring says

The story has a lot of potential, but if I had to describe this book in one word, that word would be "boring".

I wouldn't say that the book is badly written but there is way too much repetitions. And as if all the repetitions in the narrative part weren't enough Monica McCarty also felt the need to narrate dialogues or actions just after they happened *bang head*. I have to admit that all those repetitions bored me to tears.

Unfortunately neither the hero nor the heroine were of any help here, because despite all their beauty and handsomeness they lacked consistency and I couldn't help but find them as boring as the way the story was told.

Hopefully the next one will be better.

Zeek says

A good start to a new series.

::sheepishly raising hand::

Confession time: I still like reading those cheesy Scottish romance novel settings.

But, there isn't much new here I'm afraid. Still, I found I was engaged enough to see whether or not Rory would work through his prejudice concerning Isabel and give in to the attraction he feels for her and whether she would be able to make the decision as to where her loyalty should lie. Because the author did do a good job of showing why her loyalties might be divided!

Still I came away from the book looking for more. I would have liked to see more revelation into why Rory was attracted to Isabel- other than the physical. True, that is what men often lean on first IN REAL LIFE- but this is fantasy and I just love it when an author shows us why a heroine is worthy of finding the love of a lifetime and then shows us that the hero sees it as well- which is the part I felt was missing in Highlander untamed.

Deh, it's not a bad read, though. 3.5 out of 5 from me! (The rest in the series were much more engaging for me!)

Gamze says

'A?kta ?ntikam Olmaz' kitab?n?n yaratt??? hayal k?r?kl???ndan sonra bu tarz? neden çok sevdi?imi bana hat?rlatacak bir kitaba ihtiyac?m vard?. Monica McCarty'nin yazd??? kitaplardan daha iyi bir hat?rlat?c? olamayaca??n? dü?ündü?üm için Asi'ye ba?lad?m ve saatler sonra bitti..

Kad?n?n kalemi o kadar ak?c? ve güzel ki.. ?stesiniz de kitab? elinizden bitirmeden b?rakam?yorsunuz. Bir yere kabul görme, güven hissi, sadakat, yeniden do?u?, a?k.. Her ?eyi vard? ve her sahneyi büyük keyif alarak okudum.

Isabel'in, Margaret'ta olu?turdu?u kendine güven duygusu, aralar?ndaki ili?kilerinin geli?imini okumak çok güzeldi.

Isabel ve Rory.. Isabel'in Rory'i kendine a??k etmek için sadece 1 y?l? vard?. O bir y?l nas?l geçti okurken inan?n anlamad?m. Her an? büyüleyici idi.

Bir sahne var peri bayra?? ile ilgili. Oras? ah dedim Isabel durumlar? ke?ke daha önce aç?klamaya çal??sayd?n. O durumda Rory'nin dinlememesi çok normaldi çünkü.

?kinci kitap Alex ile ilgili.. Bir an önce okumak için sab?rs?zland???m do?ru ama yazar?n elimdeki kitaplar?n? da hemen tüketmek istemedi?im için de bir süre rafta bekleyecekler.

Son olarak Koridor yay?nevine tavsiyem bu kad?n?n kitaplar?n? basmay? kesmesinler. Mesela bu kitab?n sat???n? maalesef hiçbir yerde bulam?yorum.

Kütüphanem böyle bir kitaptan eksik kald??? için hiç iyi olmad?..

Kesinlikle tavsiye ederim ;)

Umaiya ?A Far Off Memory? says

This sucks eggs! Rotten Eggs!

No not the book! I wrote the entire review, discussed characters and everything and it got erased! ?

I'm not writing it again. Sorry.

Long story short, the first half sucked but it gets better later.

It was a typical plot, well written but it still lacked the zing to give it life.

I don't agree with the 4.10 rating but I will say Monica's a good writer and I'm definitely going to read her other books despite all that was wrong with this one.

God I'm so pissed! Stupid tech!

Alba M. says

2,5.

Al fin me pongo con la reseña, mil años después.

Bueno os cuento:

Este libro empieza con drama, ya para hacernos sufrir de buenas a primeras. La hermana de Rory, estaba en un matrimonio a prueba con Sleat MacDonald, pero el tipo es una mala pieza, cruel y despiadado e, intentando humillar tanto a Margaret como a todos los MacLeod, manda de vuelta a Margaret con una terrible cicatriz en la cara y subida en su caballo a ella sola. Es a partir de aquí cuando la guerra entre MacLeods y MacDonalds empieza.

Años después, Isabel, sobrina de Sleat es enviada a Rory por orden del rey y tras unos planes de Sleat, a un matrimonio a prueba con Rory. Él desconfía de cualquiera que sea de la familia MacDonald así que el matrimonio para Isabel no será nada de romance. No es que ella fuese para eso, no, ella iba para espiar a Rory, encontrar una entrada secreta y el arma secreta de los MacLeod. Pero en el camino no pensó que Rory se convertiría en algo más que su marido a prueba.

OPINION PERSONAL: ODIO A MUERTE A ISABEL.

Punto, no tengo nada más que decir. Ha sido así desde la primera página a la última. Soy una persona que odia las mentiras y saber que esta chica iba a engañar a alguien que nunca la ha atacado personalmente me enfurecía como una loca. Me pasé todo el libro acumulando odio hacia su persona y rezándole a lo que sea que la descubrieran de una maldita vez y la mandasen de vuelta a su casa con una patada en el culo.

Es insoportablemente egocéntrica y narcisista. Como ya dije en comentarios mientras leía se creía la cosa más guapa del mundo llegando a decir en cierto punto de la historia algo como: "A ESTAS ALTURAS RORY YA DEBERÍA ESTAR RENDIDO A MIS PIES"

PEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEERDONAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!?! Bajate del pedestal en el que te has subido, chata.

Que horror de protagonista de verdad. Es que me vuelvo a acordar de ella y me entra una rabia que me da algo.

Da igual, he acabado el libro y aún así no me gusta esta chica. Ni siquiera sé porque la autora la volvió a juntar con Rory. Es horrible. Por mucho que hubiera hecho por Margaret, yo no podría confiar en ella y en su supuesto amor JAMÁS.

En cuanto a Rory: TE AMO GRANDULLÓN. Es el hombre gruñón que tanto me gusta. Dadme un highlander como este para mi, que no salgo más de casa jajajaj

Supongo que debería recomendaros que la leyeráis y que cada uno se forme su propia opinión pero es que con lo que odio a esta chica no se lo recomiendo a nadie. Pero ya sabeis, esta solo soy yo y mi enfado hablando jajaja
