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The *New York Times* bestselling author of the seductive Mackenzies series once again sweeps readers away with two Mackenzies novellas together for the first time.

The Untamed Mackenzie

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Includes a teaser of Jennifer Ashley's *The Stolen Mackenzie Bride*

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Jessi says

I am quite enjoying the MacKenzies series and liked this addition of Inspector Fellows, half-sibling of the notorious brothers, finding his true love. The fact that it's the sister-in-law of the one of the MacKenzies, thus further cementing him to the family that he's only starting to enjoy (now that he doesn't think they're murderers). Unfortunately, Lady Louisa is under suspicion of murder so Lloyd not only has to figure out how a lowly Chief Inspector can court a lady, he has to keep her out of jail. I didn't love the final unmasking of the murderer but overall a good story.

The second story of former Duchess Rose Barclay and Sinclair McBride (I believe Ainsley's brother? I haven't read that MacKenzie story yet), soldier, finding each other and falling into insta-love while trying to wrest her inheritance from the hands of her stepson was also interesting but fell short of a good madcap story (which I think (?) it was shooting for).

Regina says

Let me tell you straight off: You cannot help fall in love with those marvelous Mackenzies and McBrides. Two entertaining novellas make up this one volume: The Untamed Mackenzie (Detective Chief Inspector Fellows' story) and Scandal and the Duchess (Steven McBride's story).

Dedicated Lloyd Fellows, bastard son of the Mackenzie clan, brings his own brand of sexiness to the mix. He is the breed of men who learn to depend on themselves, make their own way, and come out on top, becoming virtual lodestones to romantic hearts everywhere. How nice that he hooks up with Lady Louisa, the younger sister of the wife of one of the Mackenzie brothers. Louisa faces murder charges and Fellows does everything he can to ensure she remains free because he's always had a thing for her. You will appreciate the complexities of the murder investigation, along with their building sexual tension that peaks in a risky location for a regency couple, but passion has a way of tempting the most stalwart individuals, right? No matter, they still end up happily together.

Army captain Steven McBride, brother-in-law to one of the Mackenzie brothers, finds himself a very lovely and loving widowed duchess maneuvered out of her inheritance by her late husband's son, leaving her on the edge of poverty. I just love how Steven is smitten with Rose almost from the start. His desire to help her claim what's rightfully hers brings their heads together to solve an intriguing puzzle hidden within the will. It became a treasure hunt of sorts, and I was just as curious as they were to find out what goodies lay at the end of the line. Steven and Rose also shared a deliciously diverting intimate moment. I love those sexy bits! Of the two novellas, Untamed came out slightly ahead simply because Detective Chief Inspector Fellows made a stronger impression with his middle-class background.

As usual, key Mackenzie clan members make appearances, and as an added treat, all-time favorite Ian has a spotlight in each. If you are unfamiliar with the Mackenzie series, I strongly suggest you begin at the beginning with Ian's story (check out The Madness of Lord Ian Mackenzie, the first and best in the entire series) to fully appreciate the family and understand who is who. Nevertheless, no matter how you look at it or where you begin in the series, The Scandalous Mackenzies is sure to give you hours of pleasure and leave you craving for more.

Gill says

These two novellas are gems in the series!! Loved them!

Kimberly says

My review cross-posted from Wit and Sin: <http://witandsin.blogspot.com/2015/08...>

“The Untamed Mackenzie”

“The Untamed Mackenzie” starts off with a bang, or rather a drop, as an unwanted suitor falls dead at our illustrious heroine’s feet mere pages into the story. This rather unusual beginning fits the Mackenzies & McBrides series, as none of the assorted family members (related by blood or marriage) can be described as anything but unique. Fellows and Louisa are no exception, and their romance is a sensual tale with a healthy dose of mystery that keeps the story moving at a quick clip.

Fellows may seem a bit uptight in comparison to his scandalous half-brothers, but that anything but the case. His hardened exterior hides a man bursting with emotion. Though we have seen his thirst for justice at play in *The Madness of Lord Ian Mackenzie*, his dedication and determination to his job comes in second to his passion for Louisa. I love that he was so completely taken with her, that he sees Louisa for the woman she is, not the woman society wants her to be. Louisa, in turn, is every bit as taken with Fellows. Though she begins the story wanting to make an aristocratic match that will repair some of the damage to her family’s name, Louisa can’t get Fellows out of her mind, nor can she forget the two kisses they shared. Their difference in class and the circumstances of his birth don’t matter to her, not when it’s Fellows who is her match in every way. The two of them are a dynamic couple and their chemistry makes the pages of “The Untamed Mackenzie” fly by.

The search to uncover who really killed the Bishop of Hargate is almost as entertaining as the romance. Of course, Louisa and Fellows aren’t on their own when it comes to tracking down the murderer – the entire Mackenzie clan is determined to stick their noses into both the investigation and Fellows and Louisa’s burgeoning romance. As a fan of the series, I couldn’t be more delighted to see my favorite past heroes and heroines steal a scene or two. Ms. Ashley never loses focus on her protagonists, but the Mackenzies are all about family first and foremost. Whether you’re a longtime fan of the Mackenzies & McBrides series or are just getting your first taste with “The Untamed Mackenzie,” Fellows and Louisa are sure to charm you and make you hunger for more Mackenzies & McBrides stories.

“Scandal and the Duchess”

“Scandal and the Duchess” is bright and bubbly like good champagne. Jennifer Ashley has delivered a fast-paced tale that is wonderfully entertaining, thanks to her two irresistibly charming protagonists, Rose and Steven.

Steven is a soldier with an easy smile that hides regret. Rose is a kind-hearted young widow who’s down on her luck thanks to a bitter, grasping stepson. Pursued by reporters and with no place to go, Rose is definitely in need of a hero. A chance meeting has Steven practically falling into her lap, and the handsome Scotsman

is eager to jump into the role of knight in slightly tarnished armor. Their whirlwind love story requires a touch of suspending disbelief, but both of them are so genuinely good and exactly the kind of people you'd love to be friends with that there's no way you could not root for their romance. Though the obstacles they face are overcome fairly easily thanks to Steven's family (and beloved series scene-stealer Ian Mackenzie in particular), I was still glued to my seat as I read "Scandal and the Duchess."

Ms. Ashley's Mackenzies & McBrides stories never fail to entertain, and "Scandal and the Duchess" is no exception. Rose and Steven's story is sure to sweep you away for a few hours and I dare you not to smile as these two endearing characters find happily ever after.

The Scandalous Mackenzies pairs together two excellent Mackenzies & McBrides novellas for the first time. Each story has something unique to the series to offer, but what they have in common is that they will sweep you away for a few hours and leave you a well-satisfied reader. With the simmering passion of Louisa and Fellows in "The Untamed Mackenzie" and the sprightliness of Steven and Rose in "Scandal and the Duchess," *The Scandalous Mackenzies* is a book that is sure to delight any historical romance fan.

FTC Disclosure: I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Amanda says

4.5 stars

I haven't read the complete MacKenzie's series yet (only three books in) and I mention this because it has to do with why I gave this book four stars instead of five. Although these books are technically standalone novels, you can get very confused as a new reader about who all the characters are and how they are all related to each other. I personally didn't have that big of a problem due to having read a few books in the series before this one but I can see how you could. The two different couples in the two stories are both amazing in the presence of an actual storyline that has a logical conclusion with an adventurous journey to the end. I have lived this series so far because unlike most historical romances set in Britain it is not set in the Regency era. It is instead set in the time of the Industrial Revolution (1870's - 1890's) which is so cool because it is an often unexplored time of history. I would recommend this series to any who loves historical romance and I intend to continue reading this series.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

The Scandalous MacKenzies consists of two short historical romance novellas that are both entertaining. If you've haven't read any of the *MacKenzies & McBrides* books, Jennifer does a great job of filling you in along the way. I hadn't read any of her previous works but now that I've come across this book, I'll be reading the earlier novels in the series. While you don't need to, I'd highly recommend you read from the beginning series to familiarize yourself with the characters. There are a lot of them!

The first novella in *The Scandalous MacKenzies* is about a maiden who has yet to be married. While at a

social gathering, a murder happens which places Lady Louisa as the prime suspect. Luckily for her, the lead detective on the case has been smitten with her since a chance encounter earlier that year. A steamy kiss had led to a not so fleeting romance that neither of them were aware of. Being from two different classes, being together would be a scandal. Can the detective solve the murder and get Lady Louisa off the hook? More importantly, can love withstand the obstacles? You'll have to read to find out! ~ Kelly, 3 stars

The second novella held my attention from the get go and I wished it would have been a full length novel! This book had suspense, scandal, sex and a whole lot of humor. A soldier stumbles (literally) upon a grieving widow after drowning his sorrows in a bit too much drink. Rose graciously pulls him into her buggy and their adventure is a whirlwind from there. I fell in love with the humorous soldier and the feisty Rose. I know you will too! ~ Kelly, 4 stars

Krissys says

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My Review:

I have said many times how glad I am for authors that put together their mini novellas into a single book. Which is also great for the fans out there that still aren't digitally plugged in as well as really fantastic for those that like to have a complete print collection because you really miss that when you have digital only stories a part of a series. It really leaves it feeling incomplete so cheers to Ashley for bringing *Scandal and the Duchess* and *Untamed Mackenzie* together.

In *Untamed Mackenzie* Louisa and Lloyd are finally brought together in a situation where they are both forced to face up to their feelings for one another. (What is it with people that can't just walk up to someone and tell them how they feel?) You get the investigation/mystery to work through while trying to do the same to uncover their feelings. It's a slow build romance but still fun to see them play off one another.

Scandal and the Duchess wasn't one of my favorites but I enjoyed Steven and Rose's personalities so it was really entertaining by wit that kept my attention. There isn't a whole lot to say about the story over all because it really kind of gives way to the whole thing. Rose is a widow in trouble and Steven comes to her "rescue". Fast paced romance but still fun.

My Rating:

4 Stars

Reviewed By: Krissy's Bookshelf Reviews

<http://kkmalott.booklikes.com/>

Note: I received a print copy in exchange for an honest review from Berkley

Gerrie says

4 stars for The Untamed Mackenzie, and 3.5 for Scandal and the Duchess.

Anna's Herding Cats says

The Untamed Mackenzie--3 stars

It took me a little while to get into the Untamed Mackenzie. Louisa has been accused of poisoning a man at a party and Lloyd (who she's rather smitten with) has come in to investigate the murder and try to find the real culprit. The romance took a rather second seat to the investigation for most of the novella. I think that's what kept me from getting totally into it at first. Nothing wrong with the investigation but I just wasn't feeling all that connected with the characters or their romance. But I did get into it. At about the halfway mark it pulled me in and I enjoyed it quite a bit. Louisa and Lloyd were a nice pairing and I liked that they both had connections to the Mackenzies. Her sister married one of them and Lloyd was their half brother.

My favorite part of the novella though were the secondary characters. Ian and Daniel both played parts in the story and totally stole the show. They had such presence and I found myself eager for more scenes with them.

The suspense and who the real culprit was wasn't exactly a surprise but it worked and there were some interesting developments along the way. All in all, not a bad novella. It was nice seeing these two finally get their act together after being mutually smitten for ages. They just needed a little push shove apparently in the form of a scandalous murder. lol

Scandal and the Duchess--4 stars

I read this one back when it was released as an e-book and loved it. It was just a lovely intro into Ashley's highlanders. Very fun and sexy. A little mystery puzzle to uncover. Delicious chemistry and a set up of fake mates. Fabulous little time and a satisfying read. Not an easy feat for a novella but Ashley did a fine job.

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Pg 97--It's taken me a bit to get into Untamed Mackenzie but dammit I finally am and it's almost over! Nooo! And I seriously need Daniel's story. And more time with Ian. I <3 Ian.

Pg 1--Spending some time with the Mackenzies today. Woohoo!

Oooo yes, please! I'd like a bit of him! \*noms\* Out Sept 1. Can't wait!

Reviewing for herding cats & burning soup.

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### **Janine says**

Why didn't Steven MacBride get his own book? It was definately worth it!

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### **Stef says**

Jennifer Ashley is a new author for me for 2018. Reading her books.

Book 6.5 was not as exciting as the rest of the books in this series. Read this series within a couple weeks. A book a day or so. fast reads all of them.

Now this series written in a different time where no technology is about. Horse n buggy days ect. historical romance of sorts with some erotica thrown in the mix. yummy hot men... looking forward to reading this whole series. Love her books so far this year.

Just read the Shifters Unbound series and it was excellent. - paranormal series

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### **Sandra Walker says**

I liked this book but I didn't like that it was two books in one. Steven McBride is a wonderfully sinful hero.

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### **Clarice says**

Two great stories together. Another part of the family tree. Great love stories.

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### **Jennifer Ashley says**

This paperback edition brings together the e-first releases The Untamed Mackenzie (Lloyd Fellows' story) and Scandal and the Duchess (Steven McBride's story).

Note: At this time this is a print-only book. The publisher was going to charge 7.99 for the e-version, when the two ebooks are only 1.99 each (policy at Berkley is to charge same for e-book as for mm paperback). I have suggested that Intermix (the e-publishing arm), bundle the ebooks for a lower price, but have no idea if that will ever happen.



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## Pretty Sassy Cool says

You get two novellas, both for the first time in print, for the price of one with *The Scandalous Mackenzies* by Jennifer Ashley. Because it's two separate stories, I'll tell you my thoughts on both of them. I haven't read any of the other books in either series, but I felt like this was a great introduction to them.

### *The Untamed Mackenzie* -3 stars

If you love solving predictable mysteries, you'll like this story. When Lady Louisa is accused of murder, Detective Inspector Lloyd Fellows is called to get to the bottom of things. They quickly find themselves falling for each other despite their differences in societal position. I liked these two and especially loved the family's involvement with the investigation. I haven't read the other books in the *Mackenzies* series, but I am interested in reading them now.

### *Scandal and the Duchess* -4 stars

Here's a fast-paced story about a sexy soldier, Steven, who is picked up by Rose, a widow, on the road. Rose and Steven are humorous and fun, and I loved their personalities. There's a little mystery, and my only complaint about this story is that I wanted more of it!

Note: We posted a separate, more in-depth review of *Scandal and the Duchess* on Pretty Sassy Cool. --  
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