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The Highland Chief (Scottish Strife Series Book 1)



Synopsis

With their father nearing death, Rory MacGregor and his brothers fear the inevitable. But their hopes are renewed when the ailing man names a renowned Scottish healer who defected to England years ago. Rory crosses dangerous territory to obtain her help, only to discover that the gifted healer would rather kill herself than save his dying father. Rory gauges that kidnapping the woman is his only option when the healer's beautiful daughter appears. The spirited lass declares that she is also a healer, and offers to go in her mother's stead. Darra Berchelaine has heard many stories about the bloodthirsty savages from the north. When she learns that the devil Scots plan to abduct her mother, Darra must protect her at all cost – even if that means feigning co-operation and luring the brutish Highlanders away from the castle. But even as she schemes to escape from her enemies, she finds herself inexplicably drawn to the brawny Highland Chief. Suddenly Darra realizes that the handsome Highlander is neither an enemy nor a savage. And the only thing she needs to protect is her heart.

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Customer Reviews

The books started out promising, the main characters first meeting was exciting however the story quickly went down hill. The author never fully developed the relationship between the characters so

there was a lack of connection that left me feeling ambivalent about the characters and the book.

I was not in a hurry to read this book because it appeared to be so similar to other Highlander books I have read. However, after a few pages I couldn't stop reading until the last page. The language of the era seemed a little more difficult than other Highland books I have read. I would recommend this book and will look for book 2

I was captive to the halfway mark. I was really enjoying this book. I loved how the author put them, the hero, Rory, and the heroine, Darra, together almost right away and the attraction was there. I snuggled down in to my lazy boy and was ready for what was shaping up to be a good romance read. I loved the description of their initial meeting. It was funny and I could picture the Heroine struggling with the heavy sword and how funny it must have looked to the Hero. I loved the description of their initial body contact. I love the description of their togetherness in the cart of dirty hay. Their period of discovery of each other was so nice. The author had Darra in Rory's arms all the time and it was nice. Then about half way thru, on at least three different occasions, the author has the hero brandishing and stroking the rather large package. I didn't care for that. Immediate prelude narrative to the love scene was a bit harsh and afterward, narrative was cold. The author should have continued to develop the relationship between the H and H. The relationships between the brothers was great. I loved how Rory went to bat for his Da. The reason the author gave for this was sound and endearing. So I loved the Hero, that is, until he started playing with the rather large package. I found the second half of the book lacking. The dislike and distrust between the Highlander and the English was right on. The author could have used this to build on Rory/Darra's relationship, seeing that the H/H were already smitten and Rory was protective of Darra. Right now I am up in the air on this one. I love highlander stories and have read some that are great from start to finish. This one disappointed in the end. So while it won't make my list to read again on a rainy night in Georgia when curled up in my lazy boy chair, I won't put it on a don't read at all list for readers.

This was a very enjoyable Highland romance. The story was similar to others I have read before...Highlander kidnapping English healer with the hope of saving his father. There were some interesting twists and turns and the characters were very appealing, Their love story was compelling and I found myself engrossed in the tale. The erotic moments were steamy. I would have liked a bit more than a quick HEA ending though. Looking forward to more from this series and author.

I did receive this book for free. This book was very well written. Loved the story and the people in it. You have everything in this book which include English, Scottish highlander, healers, hate, love and revenge. I could not stop reading this book, even when I had to put it down I picked it back up to read more. I would recommend this book to everyone who loved Scottish highlanders. Enjoy reading this book like I did.

Didn't enjoy it. Too simple a plot. Wouldn't wish to read another.

Darra Berchelaine has been worried about her mother Lady Venora every since her father a knight was killed in battle. Her mother was a well known healer but she stayed so depressed she gave it up. Darra had taken up learning healing so she could take her place. Rory and his brother's were concerned their father is dying. He tells them of a well known healer so they leave Scotland and go to England. Darra's mother refuses to go with them she will die first. Dara feels danger after a dream so she goes to her mother's room. She sees the man can not chase him away and ends up going with them to save her mother. She and Rory fall in love the book later in the book. The story does have some serious scenes. You need to read and see if they end up together or will he send her away to marry another. He feels she will be so much happier back in England. I had not read anything by this author before but did not her writing style. The book has no major drama a lighter medieval story.

Compelling. Warm. Intriguing. Love. Forgiveness. Healing. Compassion, love forgiveness and healing are very powerful feelings. Combining such feelings truly make an inviting and exciting tale.

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