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When Orrin and his brother Kale are hired by Queen Winifred to hunt down Aeron and her band of miscreants, Orrin never dreamed he'd fall in love with the beautiful she pirate, or the kind, accepting people of her island hideaway. As they grow closer, Aeron reveals her jaded past with Queen Winifred to Orrin; he doesn't hesitate to offer his help to bring Winifred's evil reign to an end. Aeron and Orrin soon discover that the strongest weapon in their combined arsenal is the love they have for each other.

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Romancing the Book says

Captivating and passionate, as Ms. Leever puts a twist on a pirate's tale, by taking us on an adventure with a female pirate who captivates us with her heart of gold.

Aeron Lynch isn't what she appears to be and soon Orrin Walsh finds that out for himself.

Orrin is a sexy pirate hunter with a very good heart. Having lost his mother and sisters, who were raped and killed by pirates, Orrin along with his brother Kale and his father hunt these pirates and give them what they deserve. Now that their father has died it is just Orrin and Kale.

Orrin is on a quest to capture the lovely and spirited Aeron by Queen Winifred herself. Orrin takes off in search of Aeron. Finally he finds out where the allusive Aeron is. She isn't what he expects. He finds her and is totally taken with her. She is beautiful.

Spotting Orrin watching her bathe she captures him or does he allow himself to be caught? Anyways she takes him to her camp where he is shocked at what he sees. In camp there are the people that Aeron captured and they aren't captives as the Queen said instead they are happy and living as a family. They are safe; Aeron is providing the comforts they need and has led them to freedom.

As Orrin and Aeron get to know each other there is definitely something between them, Orrin vows to stop his quest for the Queen and instead help Aeron.

Meanwhile someone in the camp has become quite enamored with Aeron finding himself to be in love with her and does in no way want Orrin to take what he thinks is his. So off he runs to the Queen to let her know what is going on and where the secret island is.

Aeron has a dark past that hints of abuse and rape which as to the sweetness of the romance and helps to explain why she does what she is doing to the extent she does it.

Besides the romance that is blossoming between Aeron and Orrin there is mention of Darcy and Kale.

What a lovely read, where at times things happen not expecting them to so that you had to turn the page just to see what would happen.

Ms. Leever writes a powerful story of romance with undercurrents of facing past demons that ties the whole story into a lovely tale of intrigue. This was a great change from the normal pirate stories because of the strong female pirate. You can't help but fall in love with Aeron and her plight from the start and along.

Reviewed by Robin

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Heather Book Savvy Babe says

3.5 of 5 Stars

With pirates, romance, a hidden island, and a dangerous monarch, Cat O'Nine Tails is an enjoyable and exciting historical romance read. In this story Aeron, a female pirate, and Orrin, a pirate hunter, collide when Orrin is charged with capturing Aeron and bringing her to the Queen. Once Orrin finds Aeron, he is attracted to Aeron, and surprised by the life of the odd female pirate. Orrin is torn between loyalty to the monarch and his new attraction to Aeron. When it comes to choosing sides, Orrin must decide where his loyalty lies, with the pirate who has his heart, or the monarch who is not all she seems....

Cat O'Nine Tails was a fun story in that Aeron is a pretty awesome pirate. She is a tough, dangerous, take-care-of-herself heroine who pirates as a means to provide for herself and her community. She is a leader with compassion, she knows what she wants and she goes after it. As for Orrin, he is a pretty good hero himself, he is able to recognize Aeron's authority and he doesn't look down at her for being female. The problem I had with their relationship was the immediacy of it. Both Aeron and Orrin were instantly attracted, and that made it a little hard to believe at times, their romance was almost too easy. When Orrin's brother enters the picture and discovers an instant attraction of his own, it's instant attraction overload. With that said, the romances are sweet, sexy, and all-around fun to read.

This book is not just a pirate romance story, there is depth to the book as well. Aeron's past is dark, she was subjected to harsh abuse as a young woman, and in order to achieve happiness with Orrin, she must face her demons. I have to issue a warning here, there is mention of rape and violence towards women throughout the book, so if you are sensitive to that, be aware. There is not too much detail to these mentions, and it is not a focus of the story. The violence shaped the characters and the story, giving depth to the romance novel.

I have to say that Cat O'Nine Tails is quite a good debut novel for Patricia Leever. With engaging characters, well-balanced story line, and plenty of excitement Cat O'Nine Tails is a good read. Readers, if you enjoy historical romances with pirates, I do recommend giving this book a try.

GraceMyBookSnack says

Grab your grog and settle in for a whole lotta romance!

When I first started reading this book, I had to look up what a cat o' nine tails was because I had no clue. Then I held onto my seat as the ride to pirate land began!

Ms. Leever's words are captivating and passionate as the story of female pirate, Aeron Lynch, and pirate hunter, Orrin Walsh, unfold in a romantic tale that takes the reader out to sea and onto a secret island. It is a story that reveals tragic past secrets, seeking retribution and finding one's true love. There's some violent scenes and sword fight action too! It is a pirate story after all. Interested yet?

In addition to Aeron, I found the other female characters were just as strong and engaging as well. I mean Queen Winifred puts the evil queen in Snow White to shame! The male characters were written well as ideal to their female counterparts. The Walsh brothers, Orrin and Kale, are deliciously hunky with very good hearts.

Finally, yes, there is a lot of romance. Aeron and Orrin have quite a few romantic interludes that were

beautifully written. If you're not a fan of instant connection, then I'd pass on this book, but you would be missing out on an amazing debut novel. In all honesty, wouldn't you make good use of a private lagoon if you had access to it?

This is definitely a story I will read again. I very much look forward to see what's next from this fab author!

Mandy at Blythes & Books says

For more book reviews, hop on over to my blog! Blythes & Books: Battling Boredom!

After shamelessly offering a review in exchange for a paperback copy of 'Cat O' Nine Tails' -to the woman who happened to marry a man with the same last name as my own husband, Patti was kind enough to send me not only a (signed) copy of her book, she added a bookmark and some trading cards as well! **So thank you once more, Patti!!!**

Thus began my journey through the *hungry* eyes of Aeron and Orrin. (Yup, I'll gladly admit I had some trouble separating them at first, because of their names...) Now, I'm all for sexual tension, don't get me wrong, but Aeron and Orrin weren't the only ones who felt relieved once that tension was eased. Because besides some *minor* world building (serving more as a drop-dead gorgeous background for the sexy fantasies lived out in this novel) the first 50 pages were oozing with cravings from Aeron for Orrin, and the other way around. Old-fashioned 'Candlelight' romance novels is probably what 'Cat O' Nine Tails' compares to best. LOTS of lovin', little plot. A feel-good book of which you already know the ending, then still end up with a big smile on your face because of said ending.

Once Aerons secret connection to Queen Winifred was revealed I had a hard time believing all of it. However, when Aeron was faced with the Queen, the way she froze and went completely catatonic was understandable and heart wrenching. So yes, Patricia Leever knows how to write, how to convey feelings.

Perspectives in this novel change from Aeron to Orrin, to William, to Kale, to Maura even. It's written in a pleasant, fluent prose, suiting the era. The island, castle, ships and fight scenes are very well envisioned, despite the lack of descriptiveness.

Aeron is a pretty believable character, as far as female Pirate Captains are believable. She's kick-ass, but too flawless at times and Out of Character in NOT taking the upper-hand when it comes to love-making, no matter how feministic she is supposed to be. It took me some time, but then Aeron really grew on me, especially when she showed her vulnerable side. I sympathized with her a lot.

I had some trouble with Orrins feelings/thoughts sometimes, he came off just a teensy bit *too* perfect. He seems a bit too much like the men one usually only encounters in fantasies and books, never in the real world. Yes, he's dreamy, but he could never be existent. He's written the way a woman thinks a fantasy guy should be, not the way a real man is.

Honestly, the romantic moments were *too* sweet (and frequent) for my taste, but if that's your sort of thing you cannot go wrong with this book! Don't expect too much action (except between the sheets) and anticipate a slowly paced plot. This book is about romance and location, about lovers finding each other.

You will be left with the exact feeling the blurb promises you: An escape to a place where love is the strongest bond people can share against a mutual enemy. Easy peasy if you ask me, when they're both

gorgeous and inhabit a dreamy fantasy island... ;)

Kelsey says

Orrin Walsh has been hired to seek out and capture the elusive pirate, Aeron Lynch, by Queen Winifred. Even though Orrin has a sneaky suspicion that the Queen's intentions are not on the up and up, he still accepts the challenge because secretly he has made it his goal to find the sea witch for his own vengeance. Orrin and his brother, Kale, have been hunting pirates since their village was attacked and their mother and sisters were murdered by a particularly malicious band of pirates.

Once Orrin discovers where Aeron is hiding he finds that she isn't anything like what pirates are suppose to be. For starters it seems she is saving people not destroying them. Once he finds out Aeron's secret and why the Queen wants her back, he vows to help Aeron and her crew to take Queen Winifred down.

Lots of adventure loaded into this swash-buckling read. Aeron holds her own and is highly respected by her crew and village. Her attraction to Orrin has been ongoing since their first meeting many years before so when they meet up again they are able to capitalize on their magnetism. Orrin's brother even finds a surprise on the island for himself. Queen Winifred's character is one nasty witch who abuses girls. Definitely for the adult readers of historical romance.

Julie says

Cat O' Nine Tails is a historical romance that throws a strong minded female pirate and a gorgeous, vengeful pirate hunter together, on an island, with more heat generated between the two of them than the climate itself could offer. For you romance fans that like saucy scenes and hands never kept to themselves...this is your book.

I was drawn to this book first and foremost by the idea of a strong female main character and add she's a pirate, I just couldn't resist. Aeron is a beautiful red head that not only can get any man she wants (and frequently does) but is one of the most elusive pirates of her time. She has a crew loyal to a fault, a ship like no other, and a hidden, private island to plan out her pirate-ly ways. Somewhere along the way, she has gotten on the Queen of England's bad side which has made her the most sought after pirate for capture. The Queen has hired the most skilled pirate hunter, Orrin and his crew to bring the wily red head back to face her fate. What no one counts on is the intense attraction between Aeron and Orrin. And what an attraction it is! Unraveling the past of these two characters that carved them into the people they have become is chilling and surprising. I can honestly say I didn't see the real reason behind the Queen's hatred coming.

Patricia Leever's writing style has as much passion as her two characters. This story is a lot of romance; building on the relationship between Aeron and Orrin, their very intense private moments, and realizing not all is as it seems on this island. Orrin's brother Kale and his crew play a large role in this story, as well as getting to know the people on the island that have willingly followed Aeron for years. There is a fighting scene toward the end, when the conflict comes to a head, but if you want an all pirate on the sea type story, you won't find it here. This is a character driven love story more than an action oriented pirate fight. Love rules the day with this story set upon the tragic past that has brought these two together. Finding peace, love,

and the ability to move on in the face of horrific past hurts is at the heart of Cat O' Nine Tails.

Overall I recommend this book to romance fans that like a lot of lovin' in their reading. You won't be disappointed in the things these two characters learn about each other and do to each other. Aeron and Orrin seriously have a thing for waterfalls...and bathing...and beaches...and ship cabins. Very saucy indeed.

SATIN SUE says

Review: This story starts with Orrin, he is on a quest set by queen Winifred to capture the she pirate that has put fear in the hearts of men. Their first meeting was very exciting, Orrin caught Aeron the she pirate bathing in the lagoon totally naked. Aeron gets the better of Orrin because the sight of her makes him lose his concentration. Aeron takes him to her camp where her people are and Orrin is shocked by what he sees. People living together as one big happy family, not at all what he expected. As the book goes on and they get to know each other Orrin realises that there is more to why the queen wants Aeron captured and he sets about finding it out what it is. While this is happening there is someone in camp who has the hots for Aeron and he doesn't like the fact that Orrin is getting close to her, so he sets off to let the queen know what's going on and where they are.

Overall thoughts: I was a bit unsure about this book at first because I don't normally read books about pirates and things, but I'm gonna say I loved this book. I loved the way Patricia wrote about Aeron and Orrin and their love affair. You could almost feel the love coming off the page. Not only do we read about Orrin and Aeron's great love but we hear about other great characters like Darcy and Kale. I will say this book had a couple of shock factor bits where I was like "omg I wasn't expecting that". But it made me want to read on and see what was coming next. But I will say this book is not for the timid because of these shock moments. But if you can get past that then it is a really great read that you won't be able to put down. I was thinking that this book would make a really good film because there was so much to keep you interested. I think Patricia did a really great job with her first book and I can't wait to see what her next book is like. I just hope she picks me to review it for her.

Megan (magan bagan) says

First of all, I just have to point out that this cover is absolutely phenomenal. It's beautiful and mysterious and made me want to read this debut novel even more. Add to the fact that it was historical fiction with pirates and I was sold.

Orrin Walsh and his brother Kale became pirate hunters after losing their family to an attack. And when they are hired by Queen Winifred to track down an infamous she pirate, Aeron Lynch, nothing will stop them from catching.

There's only one problem, Orrin never expected to fall in love with Aeron, or the band of followers she's accumulated. He'd do anything to protect her, especially when he learns about her horrid past with the

Queen. Because Queen Winifred doesn't let go of what she believes is hers.

I loved that Aeron was not only a female pirate, but one that used her feminine wiles and strength to her advantage. She was beautiful and seductive, but strong and wiley. She had been through so much and I really enjoyed learning more of her story.

Even though this is a "pirate story" it isn't all about pirates and battles, it's first and foremost a romance with some difficult life struggles. The characters have to learn to trust one another and themselves in order to make it through the tough roads ahead. I don't want to give too much away, but just know that there are some rather uncomfortable situations that at least Aeron has to face.

And, with that in mind, this is not a book for kids or teens. Cat O' Nine Tails deals with difficult subject matter and adult situations, so should be handled with caution. But in spite of that, I really enjoyed Patricia's debut novel. She created strong likeable characters and really pulled me into their story. I wanted to learn more and had a difficult time putting it down.

Laurie Garrison says

I have no clue what I was thinking when I started this book but it was nothing like I thought. It surprised me all the way around. I love the way the author didn't tell all in the blurb like most do now days, so you get some great surprises in the story. Not only do you get one love story between the hero and heroine but you get an extra surprise with the hero's brothers love affair.

Let me first state this story will not be for the faint of heart. Yes, it has its cruel moments and the author tells pretty much all of it. But you have to look at the title and wonder where it fits in and when you find out you might not like it one bit. I know I didn't but I still found it brilliant and unexpected, even though I was cringeing at the time.

The heroine Aeron is great. I love that she is a strong willed pirate that will slit anyone through that does wrong to people. Yep, she's more of a robin hood to some ladies but with all that she has went through I sure don't blame her. Plus I loved that she get the right hero for her, Orrin. He's one that will not break her spirit, he loves her just like she is, sword, scars and all.

One problem some will have is the characters all fall for each other very, very quickly without fuss. I didn't mind it so much with everything else going on in the story. I will say this could have been easily made into two books and a lot of detail brought out that would have knocked some socks off. But since this is the first book by this author I am not going to harp on things because I am very much impressed and know she will expand more as she grows in writing.

I highly recommend this new author and book to anyone who likes historical romance and pirates.

Misty says

I really wasn't sure what I was going to get with this book, or whether I should even accept a copy; I had been in this crazy-busy mode and probably shouldn't have been accepting *anything*, on top of which I

normally shy away from lesser known, wildcard publishers. But for whatever reason, something about this grabbed me (pirates! pretty!) and I caved. And though there were certainly times I regretted that, I ended up glad I did.

But it's strange.

I felt like I'd started the story in the middle. The romance was SO immediate and completely *head-over*, and I just couldn't see where it was coming from. It was worse than the insta-love you get in most YA PNR or adult bodice ripper, which is saying something. It felt really silly, and baseless even though I think Leever did try to make it romantic and steamy and lovey. But it so very desperately needed more build up, more connections and history and smoldering. Orrin and Aeron (don't get me started on *that* little bit of tongue-twisting confusion) are in love within a day, and it seems it was based on the *idea* of each other - and compatible insatiable sexual appetites, of course. This is something that always irritates me without fail, but it wasn't just the insta-love that made it feel as if the first 1/2 of my book had just somehow fell out before I got a chance to read it. I'm all for plunging the reader in and avoiding info-dumping, but you've still got to give a full story. And when the book is only 200 pages, there's really no excuse not to flesh it out a bit.

All of that, and some copious amounts of the eye-rolling that comes with insta-love, had me wanting and intending to put the book down pretty early on. But it's so short and such a quick read that I would tell myself, "I'll give it X more pages and then I'm done." Only I wouldn't be. Despite the eye-rollingness, there's something about this that is just compulsively readable. Eventually the urge to put it down just went away, and though the eye-rolling never *completely* stopped (thanks, Kale!), I couldn't help but just give in and enjoy the damn thing.

And it was a good thing, because it did have some unexpected plot points to it that balanced or even outweighed the twoowuv4eva. I mean, it had some plot holes, too, and some things that Analytical-Misty would love to question - but in a book like this (historical *pirate* romance for godssake), you just have to let some things go. The thing is, Analytical-Misty can be silenced. Sometimes you just have to turn off that part of you and enjoy something just for the hell of it. And it's a good pirate story, for those who like that sort of thing. There needed to be a better sense of time and timing in more than just the romance (how fast does one really travel by seas?), but when I just *let go* of that part that keeps saying "But wait - but what about - well, how could -" then it's just a fun book with characters I kinda wanted to hate but just *couldn't*.

One of the things I liked best (and worst, at the same time) was one of the surprising bits that made me glad I'd hung on - I loved how Queen Winifred was worked into the story. Granted, she was a bit over the top for my liking. Okay "a bit over the top" is the understatement of the year, *however*, she was reminiscent of Elizabeth Bathory, who was a **real** over the top whackjob, so it sort of worked. It's really interesting and rare to have a female villain, especially one with her...proclivities, and that made it so much more dark and enjoyable and unexpected. Despite any early hesitancy on my part, the Big Pirate Fight at the end coupled with Crazy Queen W. made the 200 pages worth it. And, you know, the healthy dose of smut.

All in all, a quick, fun read for fans of the genre.

<----- Also, Patricia Leever has the most adorable author picture.

Sandra says

Now, I've read a few pirate bodice rippers in my time but what I found engaging about this one was the fact that Patricia turns the conventions on their head. This time it's a woman calling the shots (or should that be splicing the mainbrace?), and the language is appropriate for the time period without being overly formal, so it still makes for an easy read. If you're after a holiday book that's a bit against the norm, with a splash of humour and a surprising twist of darkness here and there, I'd give this a hearty ARRRRRR!

Judy says

I thought Ms Leever wrote a very passionate read. The characters, Aeron and Orrin, were a very sexy match and I truly loved reading about them. Her passion for her story and her characters was so dynamic. Definitely recommended for adult reading, this was a great love story with good steamy scenes.

I really enjoyed this story and highly recommend this romance story to everyone who loves love!!

Mandy (I Read Indie) Anderson says

Orrin Welsh, a pirate hunter, out to rid the world of the horrible creatures who murdered the people of his village. He and his brother, Kale set sail to the oceans to seize Aeron Lynch, a she-pirate, whom Orrin had a run in not two years earlier. The Queen has commissioned the brothers to bring the wretched she-pirate to justice. Orrin gets captured instead by Aeron's crew, on her private island.

Aeron, a strong-willed pirate, can bring the mightiest of men down to his knees, enraptured by her beauty. But no man has been able to make her forget the pirate hunter who she encountered 2 years ago, the one with the bluest of eyes. Now that she has him in custody on her island, will he trick her and take her back to the queen? Or will the attraction that is building between the two grow to something more?

I have never, that I can recall, read a pirate story before. And what fun it was. I enjoyed it so much I thought I would look into more pirate-based books. Cat O' Nine Tails was so wonderful and engulfing I had it read within 3 days. The romance that came to life in this story was truly amazing. (Where is my pirate hunter??) And the secrets from Aeron's past will leave you in shock. (I was hurting so much for her.) The characters were so amazingly written, you felt you knew each and everyone of them personally by the end of the book. Extraordinary storyline, seductive romance, gorgeous men...what more could a reader ask for??

Tiffany says

I must admit when I read what Aeron went through, I didn't think I could finish, but it was so great to see good overcome evil! Loved that! She was a complete badass pirate who found peace!

Jennifer Lane says

Sexy, Swashbuckling Female Pirate Wins Your Heart and Your Loot

It was quite a pleasure reading Patricia Leever's *Cat O' Nine Tails*. I love the idea of a female pirate, Aeron Lynch, with fiery red locks and intense green eyes. Handsome pirate hunter Orrin Walsh is determined to put a stop to Aeron's thieving ways, but is there more than meets the eye with this sassy lass?

Indeed, things are not always as they seem, and there's instant chemistry between the pirate and her hunter. Aeron has an intriguing backstory involving the queen—the same queen who has commissioned Orrin to hunt down Aeron. I really liked how Patty handled Aeron's post-traumatic stress. Orrin isn't feeling so confident himself either due to his first wife leaving him. (Stupid wench!)

I think Patty did a great job of world-building in this historical romance—the island jungle, the ship sailing on a the rolling, open sea, the rich language. Here are some of my favorite quotes:

She was a most unusual pirate: she did not take what she wanted with a sword and threats of death but with a sway of her hips and a promise on her lips. (Though Aeron is skilled with a sword, make no doubt!)

Describing William, the prince, who's visiting Mommie Dearest to try to get Aeron:
He would dare a dance with the devil to have the company of an angel.

One of many poignant and *HOT* love scenes:

With her eyes squeezed shut, she steeled herself for his reaction, waiting for Orrin to finally see her scars. She listened closely for his gasp of horror, but there came none. Only sweet kisses as he traveled the length and width of her back. He slid the dress down an inch at a time, lavishing each newly exposed sliver of bare flesh with kisses and slow swipes of his tongue.

The queen talking to her son William:

"Do you really think that I would trust you to carry out this task on your own? Really, William," she scoffed before he could even answer. "You can barely take a shit without assistance." Damn, she's cold!

Orrin's brother Kale, a notorious ladies man, also gets some true lovin' in this story.

The one thing that was a little strange to me was the choice of names for the romantic leads: Aeron and Orrin. I'm not sure how to pronounce Aeron but it sounds so similar to Orrin that it was a bit confusing at times. My brain also looks at Aeron as a male name.

I highly recommend this fun and sexy adventure! Wonderful job, Patty Leever.
