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Trust is more valuable than gold in a world where traitors conspire, and Lady Evelyn realizes that even shadows demand payment. Lady Evelyn Montgomery, only daughter of the Baron of Rayne, detests the thought of marriage. She will never allow a man to control her. Crushed by the constraints of propriety, she steals away from the safety of the keep and stumbles onto a plot designed to stir up trouble between England and Scotland. When a mysterious hooded man saves her, she fights her attraction to him as they join forces to hunt down a traitor and save her father. But can she save her heart? Gabriel is a Shadow Guardian. Hiding beneath his black cowl and blending into the night, he is sworn to protect the Baron's daughter. The spirited Lady Evelyn is far from the delicate flower he anticipated. She makes herself crystal clear, no man will possess her. Can he prove to her that love can be more than just possession? Or will the traitor they seek tear them apart forever?

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Janice Hougland says

This was a great debut novel by a new-to-me author. I really, really liked this story. In fact, I read it in two evening sittings...I just didn't want to put it down. I like my romance heroines to be feisty and strong, and Evelyn was definitely that for sure. And I like my romantic heroes to be equally strong, but with a spirit that embraces the qualities of women and becomes a teammate rather than an overlord in the relationship, and Gabriel was a swoon-worthy hero that I liked from the very beginning of the story. I liked the bit of mystery in the story and a bad guy that was really, really bad so that I could root for the good guys! This story had all the elements of a terrific story and enough action to keep me riveted to the pages until it ended. Sigh. I recommend this author and I'm planning on reading the rest of her stories.

Ana Carolina says

I think I'm really disappointed with this book because I found all the story too predictable, well except for the fact that Gabriel and Alexander are twins. Everything happened too fast, there was no build-up. Nothing. Too bad, because I really like historical romances. To be honest I thought that Sir Alexander was a better fit to Evelyn than Gabriel, I don't know, once he revealed himself I thought that everything became really easy to anticipate.

I also don't know if I'm being too demanding because for the looks of the other reviews, people really liked this book.

Mia Epsilon says

An Irresistible Shadow is fast paced, fun and has a hero and heroine unlike most historical romance novels. The plot is believable, contains no 'holes' or 'convenient' devices', and leaves a reader desperate for more without being 'cliffhanger' like too many published today. Since I never give 'spoilers' this review will be general.

Lady Evelyn is a heroine with backbone, yet also believable for her time period. Her greatest fear is internal and a product of that time period, yet one many modern women also struggle to overcome. She doesn't wait to be 'saved', she actively works to save herself. There are many 'seeds' planted in the story, which seem to simply be period or character detail. These seeds then grow to be major points in the story and plot. Read with a careful eye!

I wasn't certain about the hero at first, but wow! He slams like a force of nature and doesn't let go. While his duty is protection, he also sees deep into Evelyn and gives her exactly what she needs when she needs it, even forestalling his own plans. He's a true 'hero' in every sense of the word.

The villain is vile, disgusting and bent on getting his own way-- yet he's no 'cardboard evil bad guy'. His actions follow character, even the time period and the plot. He's not bad because the story needs a bad guy, he's truly set on getting his own way whatever the cost. He also could be your next door neighbor, so watch out for the 'quiet' ones.

Since I don't give spoilers, this description of plot might seem thin, but the story has more twists and turns than a back country mountain road. All the twists and turns are believable, not done simply by 'author creation' and stay completely in nature with each character. The villain was someone didn't see coming and there's a major plot twist at the end that leaves the reader breathless and gasping and unable to stop reading. I became lost in this world; read it in one sitting and gave up dinner to find out what happened! I also enjoyed the way I connected with the characters; a reader can identify with heroine, the hero and even the villain at one point in a believable way that makes complete sense. The secondary characters are anything but; they enhance and also stand on their own as full parts of the story.

I will say read this with a box of tissues handy: there's some emotional parts and dialogue that truly touch. Also have a bucket of ice: the sexual tension between the hero and heroine (and a couple of secondary characters) will leave you in flames. The violence isn't overly graphic, nor are the love scenes; descriptive and 'left to the imagination' so the reader can 'see' exactly what's going on without being 'beat over the head' with it.

I very much loved this story and can't wait to read more from this author!

InD'tale Magazine says

4.5/5.0

The irony of having reviewed book two before book one only solidifies how amazing this author is.

Read full review in the 2015 April issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Torie James says

I cut my teeth on historical romances when I was a young'un, and although I've veered so far off that path, I do occasionally have the luck to run across one that can ignite the smoldering embers of my first true love.

"An Irresistible Shadow" sated all my needs and met my expectations in this regard. It's the first historical I've read in a while, it won't be the last. Ms. Blacketer has reenergized my love for this genre with her keen eye to detail, the depth and passion of her characters, the substantial plot and the simmering chemistry between Evelyn (feisty!) and Gabriel, her Shadow Guardian. And the Lady Nerd in me loved the background setting conflict with England and Scotland.

We need more heroines like Evelyn, more smexy menfolk like Gabriel and another few books from the talented, original Kirsten Blacketer.

Dakota Storm says

Check out review [Upallnightreadallday.blogspot.com](http://upallnightreadallday.blogspot.com)

Great story and characters. Love Lady Evelyn she's spirited and tough and doesn't want to be held back by a

man, she wants to be treated like one not a wallflower. Sexy as hell Gabriel he's a guardian, a protector, he protects and loves Lady Evelyn first from afar then when they meet sparks fly, he wants her heart and soul but doesn't want her to change a thing, he loves her wild spirit she's his warrior princess. Love Alexander, he's also sexy and a protector and he's smitten but focused on the job at hand, I can't wait for his and Madeline's story. Thought the story was entertaining and sex scene was hot. It's a different take on a highlander type story, I liked it a lot. 4 stars

Diana says

* Received from author for an honest opinion.

“An Irresistible Shadow” was a great read. I enjoyed the hero and the heroine. Lady Evelyn Montgomery was a very strong female character. She definitely walked to the beat of her own drum. Gabriel, a Shadow Guardian, provided the perfect balance for Lady Evelyn. They had excellent chemistry and had great adventures. The historical background of the conflict between England and Scotland provided a great underlying story. The author blended the romantic and historical aspects perfectly. The writing was engaging and the plot very original. I would recommend this novel and I highly enjoyed it.

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

Review posted at <http://ragesexandteddybears.blogspot....>

Lynde Shaw says

I'm a sucker for historical romances. Evelyn is a feisty heroine who values her independence and doesn't want that taken from her through marriage, which she feels will happen. She longs for an equal partnership. Enter Gabriel, a shadow guardian, who's been tasked with protecting Evelyn and her father during the tense times between the Scots and the English. I enjoyed the story and the secondary romance between Madeline and Alexander and look forward to reading their story.

Charlotte Gerber says

If you are looking for a fast-paced, historical fiction book with a strong female lead, this is the book for you. Lady Evelyn is everything I could wish for in a heroine. She is strong-willed, fierce, intelligent, compassionate, and is capable of sinking a dagger into the heart of anyone threatening her.

When Sir Alexander arrives on the scene, things become complicated for Evelyn. He is difficult to impress, primarily because he is supposed to be guarding her. Things are ratcheted up another notch when a guardian named Gabriel also claims he is also there to protect her. To add even more heat to the fire, Sir Richard, a friend of Evelyn's father, throws his hat into the ring to court her.

The plot to unseat Evelyn's father, the Baron, was a real page turner. The hot romance between Evelyn and her true love didn't disappoint either. I finished this book in one afternoon!

I'm looking forward to more books from this author, and hopefully a sequel to this story.

ROMANTIC HISTORICAL REVIEW BLOG says

Review by: Vikki

Link to Review: <http://www.romantichistoricalreviews....>

Vikki Vaught says

I enjoyed this spirited and fast-paced tale set in Medieval England. Lady Evelyn, the only daughter and heiress of her father, the Baron of Rayne, is a free thinker well beyond her times. Seeing marriage as a way for a man to control her and her inheritance and determined to stay free of any man, she vows to never marry. When she meets her Shadow Guardian, while listening to a conversation involving treason and betrayal, she is immediately drawn to him and sparks ignite from their first meeting. Still determined to avoid allowing any man to inhibit her freedom, she ruthlessly tries to push her budding feelings for her Shadow Guardian away, without much success.

As the story unfolds, Lady Evelyn finds her Shadow Guardian, Gabriel, there to save her from her reckless actions at every turn. The evil Sir Richard Langley, the man behind the treasonous plot, is determined to succeed and will not let Lady Evelyn get in his way. Will the villain Sir Richard or the Shadow Guardian, Gabriel win the day? You'll need to read this delightful tale to find out.

This story has great plot twists and intriguing sub-plots that lead me to believe that there is more to come from this talented author. Some of the secondary character will definitely have their own story, especially the sweet-tempered cousin, Lady Madeline and Gabriel's twin brother, Sir Alexander. Ms. Blacketer writes sparkling dialogue that brings this book to life and all the action kept me turning the pages quickly. If you enjoy a good medieval romance will be one that you'll want to read. It's sure to please.

Rose Wynters says

Historical romance is one of my all-time favorite genres to read, and this book was an excellent addition to my library. I adore strong, masculine warriors, and Gabriel definitely fits the bill. I enjoyed everything about this book, from the headstrong heroine to the sexy male that wins her heart. I felt like I was swept back in time to medieval days! This one is definitely a keeper.
