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The Pirate Captain, Chronicles of a Legend, "Nor Silver" is a historical action/adventure saga with a twisted love story and answers the question of what would one man do to "Keep his Treasure"!

Having lost hearth and heart to the Stuart Uprising, CATE MACKENZIE, a fugitive war criminal, purchases passage on a ship bound for the West Indies. En route she is kidnapped-a case of mistaken identity-by CAPTAIN NATHANAEL BLACKTHORNE, the pirate captain. Accustomed to blood, musket and cannon, life aboard the pirate ship isn't the hell Cate expects. She is instantly drawn into Nathan's bloody rivalry against LORD BREASTON CRESWICKE-the man who forced Nathan into piracy-and COMMODORE ROGER HARTE, Creswicke's puppet. They are an "unholy alliance" of ambition and power, Nathan a rat terrier on their heels. The impending arrival of Creswicke's fiance is too much temptation. This is a story of two scarred people, blinded by their defenses. It's the story of trust, or rather, the lack of. It's the story of a loss of faith and disbelief that Providence might ever smile again.

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Thomas Edmund says

Wow, OK, so where do I begin with this book? I guess I'll start with the best description I can muster: A Mills & Boon romance set on a pirate ship (apparently this has been done before despite being second only in unlikeliness to Dinosaur erotica) stretched to more than 600 pages through endless mind numbing information dumps about sailing and 'character development'

The first warning I was reading a book I probably should have put down, was the beginning chapter being in pure 'pirate' with so much copious boat-speak I found myself balking before the story even started. Luckily from chapter two onward the prose is somewhat ordinary, however there was a constant jarring bounce between forced lingo and plain language that I constantly found myself thrown out of the story.

Such as the story was - the entire first part is devoted to our main characters Cate and Nathan (honestly couldn't Lynne have picked names at least a little nautical sounding) running away from each other while somehow sharing the Captain's cabin at night (a curtain apparently is all needed.)

The second and third parts pick up slightly with more action, although almost every fight is depicted by our main character Cate fretting about Nathan's wellbeing, without actually getting to see much of what's going on (which generally wasn't much). Unless you're actually drawn into the romance of Nathan and Cate, there really is little tension to carry the novel, the book reads more as a series of piratey experiences of Cate while Nathan avoid each other.

SPOILER ALERT

The worst thing about this book is after 600 pages of dithering and finally getting some resolution the plot is thrown pointlessly into the need for a sequel, I honestly would have preferred an unhappy conclusion to the threat of another book

Carrie Botkin says

I read a lot of books but few make me want to crawl in and live with the characters like this one did. The Pirate Captain is one of the rare books that causes me to lose sleep and all track of time just so I can have a glimpse at the intriguing world author Kerry Lynne has created. If you are a fan of historical romances like Outlander, this series is a MUST READ!

Jill says

3.5 stars

Having fled England's shores bound for a new life in Kingston, Jamaica Catherine (Cate) Mackenzie is kidnapped by pirates and taken on board their ship, captained by the legendary Nathanael (Nathan) Blackthorne. Cate has a warrant out for her arrest, having been involved in the Stuart Uprising. Her husband, Brian a leader in the uprising has been transported, believed dead.

Set in 1753, most of the action and story takes place aboard the pirate ship, where Cate is given protection in the captain's quarters by Nathan himself. The terms rollicking and swashbuckling really do apply to this story. It's full to the brim with pirate action and adventure. The sexual tension is strung out deliciously (and tortuously!) for well over 500 pages of this long 600 page novel.

The Pirate Captain is a really good read but could have been a great read in my opinion with a few tweaks. The novel is long - very long - and at times repetitive. The final pages just end abruptly. This is a continuing story, with little resolution of some vital plot turns towards the end of the book. Perhaps in the next instalment answers may be given to some niggling questions I had. But the lack of answers left me dissatisfied with the ending and unsatisfied after reading an epic 600 page book to find no resolution or happy ending.

The role of Nathan is based, without too much attempt at veiling, on the character of Jack Sparrow from *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Not only his physical description, but his language and his character as well. Despite the author's attempt to engender Nathan Blackthorne with a little more grit, I couldn't help but see (and hear) Johnny Depp aka Jack Sparrow.

But for those few quibbles this would have rated higher for me. Nevertheless, I will be lining up for the next book. For readers who enjoy very long adventure stories or an ongoing saga or a pirate romance this will more than fit the bill.

Steam: 2.5

Emery Lee says

[Why did Nathan think Cate pregnant? Was it her lack of menses? This was too big an issue to be left hanging with no ex

M Tittle says

WOW! What a surprise. Was looking for a quick read for a business trip and fell in love. The historical setting and Nathan and Cate's complicated relationship made for a great read. Can't wait for book two!

Annee says

I loved this book. It has everything. Humor, fascinating historical seafaring details and fabulous characters to love and hate. I highly recommend this book. It's rollicking good fun.

Ann Alton says

It cracks me up that I thoroughly enjoyed a book called "the pirate captain." No, it's not a bodice-ripper, which is what the title made me think of. It's about flawed people, afraid to trust. It's about the characters and the relationships which is what i look for first and foremost in a book. Some elements smack of the Pirates of the Caribbean, some of Outlander, but I loved the characters, as much as I wanted to shake them or even punch them at times....

Susan Freeze jennings says

This book, Nor Silver, is just an appetizer for a smorgasbord of tantalizing pirate storytelling in Kerry Lynne's first book. The Pirate Captain leads us to endless treasures of greed, power, thievery, everlasting love, profound hatred and non-stop action. I loved this book and immediately bought the second book, Nor Gold. Now, awaiting her next and third book, Treasured Treasures, I am rereading both books.....if you truly want a fabulous story, you will not want to miss this!

Eric says

I went into reading this book with the expectations of a Pirates of the Caribbean type book. Well, I wasn't disappointed at all. In fact, I found it to be so much more! There's seafaring action, romance, comedy, drama, and a cast of delightful characters.

Cate McKenzie is fleeing Great Britain because of her involvement with her husband (Brian) in the Scottish Uprising of the attempt to put Bonnie Prince Charles on the throne of Engand. Cate's husband is captured. Yet it is not clear whether or not Brian is alive or dead. Cate believes he is dead. Seven years later Cate is aboard a ship bound for Jamaica to an unknown. That ship is raided by the notorious pirate Nathanael Blackbourne. And so Cate's real adventure begins.

The book has sort of an Outlander feel and indeed Diana Gabaldon is a mentor and inspiration to the author. Instead of traveling through time and being thrust from the modern post WWII period to the 1700's Scotland, Cate is thrust into the world of pirates. Aboard Nathan's pirate ship Cate becomes a member more or less of

the ship's crew. She helps sew up injuries (sound familiar?) and treats crew member wounds. Then there are the "other" members of the crew: Beatrice the outspoken parrot, Hermione the pet goat, His Lordship the rat-chasing mongoose and Atermis the barn owl who also likes to hang out below decks catching rats and other critters. Oh yes, there are the geckos! Yes, the cockroach-eating geckos.

Other reviewers have noted that Nathan Blackbourne is based on the character Captain Jack Sparrow played by Johnny Depp in the Pirates of the Caribbean movies. I agree there are times that Nathan is very similar to his movie counter part. Other times Nathan is very different. A similar comparison can be made between Cate and Claire Randall.

At just a little over 600 pages, The Pirate Captain is a sumptuous read I enjoyed immensely. I loved the characters and the story. The tension between Cate and Nathan drags on maybe a little too long. There are a few brief slow spots in the book mostly toward the beginning. There are also some absolutely hilarious portions in the book that had me in tears of laughter.

What keeps the book from being a 5 star read are a couple but to me "flaws." There are a couple of what I call "Hollywood scenes" which are predictable. Like they agree on this hair-brained idea and then is it a surprise when it doesn't pan out like it was supposed to? What a shocker! Another flaw of sorts are the characters of Nathan and Cate. The variability of how their characters are portrayed they seem almost like different characters at times. Here is a fine line where depth of character may be exploited a little too much.

Overall though these flaws as I call them did not ruin the story for me. Since the story is fairly long, the author had a wide playing field to develop characters and plot. There is too much good stuff to be overly nit picky. Many long books I start to groan after about 400 pages. Not with this book. I felt like I was locked up in an ice cream store and enjoying every moment. I have started the next book which according to my ebook says is a meager 745 pages. These are real pages and not ebook screens. That progress percent doesn't move very fast. I hoping it is satisfying as the first book!

Lucinda says

I really liked this. It was so big I thought it would take forever to read, but I zipped straight through. What I liked most was that the characters were 'real'. As in, they could be stinky, have scars that were ugly and painful. It was very easy to visualize everything that happened with how well everything was described, without getting to describe-y.

And it came with a nifty book mark and sticker!

John Walker says

The sometimes rollocking and mostly tedious adventures of Mr. Cate and Captain Nate. In 1753 Cate Mckenzie, on the lam from being inn the Jacobite War is captured off a Royal Navy ship by Captain Nathanael Blackthorne, fearsome pirate and scourge of the high seas. Fearing all kinds of nasty things Cate finds herself adopted by the captain and crew earning the title of Mister Cate as her proves herself capable of many tasks (don't ask her to tie a knot) and there is a slow and mostly painful romance between her and Nathanael (takes 536 pages to even kiss).

Along the way Nathanael's friend Captain Thomas enters the scene and reminds Cate of her late (?) husband Brian. Who Cate has feelings for (nothing happens-yet).

In spite of itself there is a lot of interesting information of the period and of pirates in general. The history is spot on and well written, and for that it gets the four stars. Warning this is a long book (610pages+an extra 10 for the sequel, oh yes there's one.) Nor Gold number two in this trilogy is actually longer!!! 700+pages. I'm still deciding if I will attempt the second one.

Good read-if you have the time.

Fiona Lyle says

Soooooooooooo good. I loved this book more than I ever thought I would. When I seen it was like Outlander with pirates I thought I had to give it a go but not in my wildest dreams did I think I would have been completely enraptured with the story as I was. This exciting historical adventure had me completely engrossed, I loved the characters and their background stories and even had a giggle or two with the pirate slang but I was also almost in tears especially in the last chapter. I would say this is one of my favourite books I have read this year and I think it's a story I will go back to again just to live in that little fantasy world with Nathan and Cate. Now on to Nor Gold because I can't bear to wait to see what the next adventure brings.

Lori Greenlee says

Loved it!

A friend suggested this book and I just loved it . It's long and had twists and turns but so worth the read

J. Rowan says

There's no mistaking the fact that pirates have become rather popular in recent years, and Pirate Captain just adds to the fare. A fun, swashbuckling story with adventure, danger, and the sort of romantic tension that makes you want to shake both main characters for their stubbornness. The author clearly spent a lot of time on researching everything from weapons to nautical terminology to pirate vocabulary. At times, the story gets a little repetitive, mostly in terms of the fights between the pirates and various vessels. But the characters are interesting and engaging, and Kerry Lynne winds us up right to the very end, a tantalizing happy ending in sight - and then smacks us with a cliffhanger! Now I HAVE to read the next book in the series (which is not a bad thing, by the way).

Zan Marie Steadham says

Pirate Captain: Chronicles of a Legend, is not your usual pirate story. It's a sprawling tale with more layers than a hundred onions. At the center of the tale lies the stories of Cate McKenzie, a woman who hides deep secrets, and Capt. Nathanael Jonathan Edward Blackthorne, a man of mystery and legend. Good read.

