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**Maya Banks, the *New York Times* bestselling author of romance and romantic suspense has captivated readers with her steamy Scottish historical novels, perfect for fans of Julie Garwood. In *Seduction of a Highland Lass*, an indomitable Highland warrior is caught between loyalty and forbidden love.**

Fiercely loyal to his elder brother, Alaric McCabe leads his clan in the fight for their birthright. Now he is prepared to wed for duty, as well. But on his way to claim the hand of Rionna McDonald, daughter of a neighboring chieftain, he is ambushed and left for dead. Miraculously, his life is saved by the soft touch of a Highland angel, a courageous beauty who will put to the test his fealty to his clan, his honor, and his deepest desires.

An outcast from her own clan, Keeley McDonald was betrayed by those she loved and trusted. When the wounded warrior falls from his horse, she is drawn to his strong, lean body. The wicked glint in his green eyes ignites a passion that will follow them back to Alaric's keep, where their forbidden love draws them deeper into the pleasures of the flesh. But as conspiracy and danger circle closer, Alaric must make an impossible choice: Will he betray his blood ties for the woman he loves?

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# From Reader Review Seduction of a Highland Lass for online ebook

Anne says

2.5 stars

Um.

It seemed a bit too much like a cheesy **Lifetime Movie** for it to be any fun. The dialogue was just too overblown & dramatic to seem real to me.

He called her *Angel*, & she called him *Warrior*...

Plus, they were both *sooo* horny when they were sick and/or injured.

**Reeeeeeeally? Tell me more about your magical sex drive.**

Because, see, I don't know if *you* have ever been violently ill with a high fever, but *I* have. And, believe you me, there was absolutely no room for thoughts about the sexy-times.

I would *love* to tell you that I'm one of those alpha-moms, who gets the flu, but still soldiers on. But the truth?

I pray for death, & tell the kids to forage for their own food or **starve**. Because I could honestly care less if their tummies are rumble. Microwave a corn dog and leave me alone, dammit!

*This is only ONE of the many perks to no longer having small children!*

I can't imagine what a wuss I'd be if I had to deal with a stab wound on top of it!

But I kinda doubt I'd be itching to have a make-out session.

Oh, and maybe it's just me (<--I doubt it), but how many of you ladies out there would be willing to kiss your man when he's been ill for a week or so?

**Sick People breath is VILE!**

Like melted plastic wrapped in rotten eggs...

Ok, even though I wasn't really on board with everything about this one, I *still* want to read the next book in the trilogy. I was actually hoping that *this* was the story about Rionna, the warrior chick, but...sadly, **no**.

This one was about Keeley.

Whatever. I've read worse.

I'm not sure who I would recommend this one to, but it's not an unreadable story, and it did make me want to continue on with #3.

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## Kristen says

### 4 Fabulous Stars!!!

Another fantastic and captivating read by the very talented Maya Banks. I LOVE her historical romances!

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## KatieV says

I liked this, but *'tis the truth*, I didn't love it. I wish I had a count of how many times that phrase was used, 'tis the truth.

I was tempted to give this 3.5 stars for the angst at the end with the h's injury and the impending marriage of the H, but overall it really was a 3, hence the rating. Nothing wrong with a 3. It's not that I wouldn't recommend it. It just lacked something to take it from like to love.

It was less campy than the first book, but I still wouldn't hold it up as an authentic feeling historical. Then again, many don't care about that. I'm not a particular historical snob myself. I enjoy a wallpaper if the story intrigues me, but sometimes the anachronisms go too far.

The story here was good but not great. I think it lacked the kind of tension that \*I\* enjoy. All of the conflict was centered around recovering from deadly injuries (both H and h) and a forbidden love. There was NO tension between the H/h. One of them was usually dying so it was hard to find time for such things, I suppose. They never argued and neither did anything particularly wallbanging. Obviously YMMV on preferences regarding the source of conflict.

The H was in a tough position. In the previous book he agreed to a MOC with the daughter of a neighboring Laird. It's a marriage that is VERY strategically important to the safety of his clan and Scotland. The King himself wants the marriage, so it's not easy at all for him to back out once he falls in love with another. Although I was surprised that the H or no one around him suggested he keep the h as a mistress. I'm not saying I agree with that arrangement, but I thought that was the common thinking among men at the time. Perhaps it's my ignorance speaking, but I always assumed that adultery only applied to women in historical times (at least until they'd supplied the heir and the spare). I assumed the men may be expected to be discreet and keep their mistresses hidden away, but certainly weren't expected to be faithful in a political MOC.

To her credit, the heroine understands the marriage was the H's duty and the risks of setting it aside. I am glad Banks did make allowances for the mindset of the time where it concerns marriage. Marriage, particularly within powerful families, had nothing to do with love or desire. Those things may develop, but that was secondary. It was also nice to see it handled a bit differently for once. Usually the other party in the MOC is a villain/undesirable. In this, the intended bride was in no way a villain and is, in fact, the heroine in the last book of the series. Again, more points to Banks for having women who love/respect one another and aren't constantly in competition or cast as angel or whore.

There were also some hot love scenes, which Banks tends to excel at.

I do have to quibble, per usual, about how the men in Banks' novels like to sit around and talk about feelings.

Rings untrue in her contemporaries and is completely jarring in a historical featuring big burly highlanders who regularly decapitate enemies on the battlefield. In my imagination, a bunch of big, tough alpha males do not regularly sit around and talk about their tender feelings toward their lover/girlfriend/wife, etc. Guess some like that though, because Banks is famous for it.

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## **Gina says**

OMG OMG OMG!!! This book had me crying! I loved these two equally (that rarely happens to me), I loved Keeley so much, she loved Alaric, and more then once puts his needs and the needs of the clan before her own. All she wanted was to belong somewhere, and once she did, she was loyal to her clan.

And Alaric, never expecting to meet someone who captures his heart the way Keeley does before he is to marry someone else. but of course he knows he cannot break off the betrothal. They cannot deny their attractions and feelings for each other and meet in secret before Alaric's wedding. And the passion between them is hot!

There was action in this book as well, and Ewan and Mairin have their baby.....awww... \*crying\*

And then the day arrives for Alaric;s wedding to Rionna...and then it happens...oh my god no!! \*more crying\*

but damn the bad guy gets away again.....so I am going after him right now and diving into the third book!! he won't get away from me!!

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## **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

### **Posted onUnder the Covers**

In the simplest words possible....I loved this book!

Seduction of a Highland Lass is the second book of the McCabe trilogy by Maya Banks and while I loved and gave 5 stars to In Bed with a Highlander, this book tops it with its passionately fierce love story.

This is Alaric McCabe's story. Having not read the blurb for this one before opening it up and reading it, I still thought Alaric's heroine would be Rionna, McDonald's warrior daughter as was mentioned in the first book. However, upon reading a few chapters of this book, it was clear that Banks had someone else in mind for Alaric. And wow, what a great match it is!

From what I could remember of Alaric in the first book, he was a fierce warrior, willing to give up his own happiness for the good of his clan and brothers. He is betrothed to Rionna McDonald of a neighbouring clan in an effort to gain alliance against Cameron. Alaric is both honourable and loyal, two important characters

that every highland warrior should have and I fell hard for him. He was simply too good to be true. I had no idea how sweet he could be. When he's en route to McDonald's land and is attacked, his horse brings him injured and dying to Keely's front steps.

Keely is a healer who lives alone in a small house after being banished by the McDonald clan. You find out the reason why she was banished later on in the book and it is tragic. Keely is a strong, smart woman who doesn't allow the likes of Alaric or his brothers to intimidate her. I absolutely loved her tenacity and willingness to put her foot down when things got rough. The heroines in this series keep their men on their toes.

Alaric and Keely's romance is dynamite. There has never been a more passionate love than theirs. Though Alaric is set to marry another woman, both of them are unwilling to deny their blooming affections for one another. And so they indulge, and it's really one of the best things I've read in awhile.

However, there is a time for goodbye and it broke my heart to read some of these pages. Highlander romance fans will not want to miss this epic love story. It's simply too good to pass up.

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## **Michelle says**

After so many rave reviews I really expected a lot more from the book, unfortunately it fell flat... VERY flat. I will say, I did not read the first book in the trilogy and just started with the second book. I don't know if I would have enjoyed the book more feeling as though I knew the other characters better... but I'm going to venture and say I would not. I guess for me the biggest problem was the whole love at first sight connection they had. I mean, he was injured and going in and out of consciousness for the first few days and during that they become enamored with each other? Huh? Even after coming out of it, there was no connection except for physical attraction. They didn't know a thing about one another! I would have preferred less sex scenes and more one on one time where they were getting to know each other. How about they go for a stroll and chat? Maybe entertain each other at meal time? Nope, all we get are midnight romp sessions. Sorry, but that doesn't scream romance. Yes, I do realize they had to be discreet with him being betrothed and all, but come on. For me, I like to see a build up... it doesn't happen in this book and because of that it was just an ok read for me. The other thing that bothered me is a spoiler and I'll post it at the bottom.

\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER\*\*\*\*\*

In my opinion he waited way too long to realize he didn't want to go through with the wedding. It doesn't even say he would have called it off, if it weren't for the attack. He just thinks in his head that he can't go through with it as they're ready to be married... already on the altar. I mean, he didn't even question his brother about there being another way. The entire time I was wondering why the little brother couldn't take his place. Anyway, I'll stop now. Sorry to those who enjoyed the book!

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**Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says**

**\*\*\*4.75 Stars\*\*\***

"Isn't any time better than none at all? Isn't a taste of sweet better than a lifetime of bitter regret?"

Alaric and Keeley stole my heart, made it ache, broke it and then beautifully put it back together again. This series just keeps getting better!

Review to come, because first, I must with haste read Caelen's story!

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**NiCoLeTa E. says**

**\*\*\*Review will follow\*\*\***

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**Anna says**

I just can't get enough!!!! Highlanders ♥?♥?♥?♥?  
Wow !!!!! I absolutely loved this one !!!!

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**Jilly says**

You know the old saying "Cheaters never prosper"?  
How come in romance novels that never seems to be true? And, why is it okay to cheat on the person you are betrothed to as long as you stop on your wedding day?

*You say Crazy Bitch, I say Sensible Reaction.*

So, Alaric is betrothed to the daughter of another Laird and is on his way to meet up with her when he is ambushed and almost killed. Keeley finds him and nurses him back to health. He's hot-stuff, and

unconscious, so she gets a little closer than she should. He's delirious and feverish, so he gets closer than he should. That's all fine.

But, when he is better and she finds out that he is marrying someone else, they should both leave each other alone because... uh, human decency? Yeah, they don't have that. Instead, they decide it's best to have an affair until he gets married because that's going to end well. In the history of bad ideas, this one is right up there along with this:

*Dress up as a zebra, they said. It will get you closer to the wildlife, they said. It will be fun, they said...*

And, by all means, if you are going to back out of a wedding, make sure you wait until you are literally supposed to say your vows. Don't even consider breaking up with her beforehand in order to spare her the humiliation. She deserves to be humiliated for considering marrying your ass.

Unfortunately, I did like the book in spite of this, but I liked it under protest.

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## **Buggy says**

Opening Line: *"Alaric McCabe looked out over the expanse of McCabe land and grappled with the indecision plaguing him."*

Whoa, hello sexy Highland Warriors. I guess I should have listened to all the rave reviews; I'm sorry now I waited so long to discover this series.

This is the second book from the McCabe brothers trilogy and what an epic love story it turned out to be. I'll be honest, it took me a bit to get into the story but Alaric and Keeley grew on me as did Banks' particular take on historical Scotland, so that that by the end I found myself ensnared by these lovers who face impossible odds in claiming their HEA. Yeah the ending left me kinda breathless actually; exciting, heartbreaking, and surprising

Centering on middle brother Alaric we join him on his way to meet his betrothed. His is not to be a marriage of love, Alaric is marrying out of a sense of duty, family and to bring an alliance to the McDonald and McCabe clans and because the King demands it. So it's fair to say there is a lot riding on this union. In the midst of his journey Alaric and his warriors are attacked and he is gravely injured. Managing to escape, his horse conveniently deposits him near the cottage of a healer.

Keeley McDonald lives alone after being banished by her people (the whys are pretty harsh and expanded upon throughout the story) Anyway, Keeley is handy with the ole herb which is lucky for our fallen Highlander. Getting the warrior's bulk into her small cottage is no easy task but she is swiftly drawn to him and the wicked glint in his green eyes as she begins to care for his injuries and nurse him back to health.

In time his (equally sexy) brothers locate Alaric and then essentially kidnap Keeley so that she can care for him back on McCabe land as well as serve as midwife for the birth of Ewan and Mairin's (In Bed with a Highlander) upcoming child. It's not all bad as they offer her a position within their clan.



Back at the McCabe castle Alaric and Keeley are having trouble keeping their hands off each other and finally just abandon any pretenses and go for it. They both know that there is to be no future for them as Alaric is promised to another but for the time they have they're going to create memories that will last forever. And because this is Maya Banks boy do they ever! The sex scenes are plentiful and even a bit naughty!

So this is where their love story really started to grow on me, as their time together neared an end and each moment became precious. How will they say goodbye? How can Keeley watch while he marries another? I honestly wondered how these two were going to get their HEA and then tragedy struck and a big twist that totally made sense and set up the next book beautifully. Oh the ending is just so good.

I had put off reading this series for quite a while because I just couldn't come to terms with the author of (Colters' Woman) being able to write a decent historical Scottish romance. (That book may have just scared me for life) I'm very glad I gave this a go because Banks surprised me here.

Earlier I mentioned Banks' particular take on medieval Scotland, she has written this in modern English. Sure we get a few "Aye's" and lassies, lochs and lairds, tankards of ale and even descriptions of how 'things' are about to burst out of trews but this has been written for the masses. It's also vague on setting and time period which usually bothers me (i.e. not much research went into this) yet somehow it still worked and I can't wait to continue on with Caelen's story. Never Love a Highlander

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## **Kathleen says**

Story Rating 4 stars

Character Rating 5 stars

Romance Rating 5 stars

Heat Level 4 stars

Overall Rating 4.5 stars

This was a very good read for me and I am crazy with want of the next book, LOL. I certainly hope that Maya Banks continues writing historical's because she writes them just the way I love them most.

The Characters in this book all deserve 5 stars. The heroine Keeley was so selfless and honorable. You could not help but love her. The Hero Alaric was also honorable and you really could feel his love for her leaping off of the pages.

This book got very emotional for me at one point and I was balling like a baby. Maya made me feel so much for these characters and that to me is amazing writing.

Of course the love scenes were very hot and sensual.

I also loved the fact that all the characters from book 1 were also in this book so you really do need to read these book's in order.

The bad guy from book 1 ( In Bed With Highlander ) is still running about, so I'm thinking in book 3 there will be more action. That was the only thing that lacked for me in this story, the action. Other than that it was a very good read.

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## **?Karlyn P? says**

This series just gets better! I love an 'injured hero being saved by a heroine' plot, and this one delivered. But what I really love are romances where the hero and heroine must overcome impossible odds, and that is what made this one such a winner for me. Of course you know these two will get their HEA, but how they will make it work was a huge question! Alaric McCabe is betrothed to the daughter of a neighboring laird, and this vital alliance must be made. The King himself demands the alliance.

When Alaric McCabe is gravely injured after his men are attacked in the middle of the night, he barely escapes on his horse. Keeley McDonald, an outcast living alone in a small remote shack, discovers Alaric barely alive and uses her healing skills to save him. These two are immediately drawn to each other, but Alaric must remember his future is with another.

The author is Maya Banks, so you can count on some great steamy love scenes too. And it delivered! I'm not a fan of BDSM, but Ms Banks even treats us to a hot sexy scene with a wee bit of bondage done Highlander style. YUM, HOT, and WOW!

As I mentioned in my review for *In Bed with a Highlander*, I wasn't a fan of this author as I assumed (wrongly) that all of her books must be like *Colters' Woman*, a book I really didn't care for. Despite so many people saying her writing is completely different I held off on reading this series. I should have listened to everyone earlier, because this series is just pure fun to read. Do they have plot holes? Oh yes, you'll need to stretch your imagination in places and just accept a few things as real even when you know how unlikely they would be in a real situation. But that is the fun when reading a sexy, highlander romance novel. It's not a fluff read, so be sure to have some Kleenex toward the end.

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## **Taiyesha-Duchess of Indiana says**

### **Seduction of a Highland Lass: 5 Star book that everyone should read, amazing**

Unfortunately, I have a problem. I am no where near good enough to be writing a review for such a perfect book. I mean, seriously, I am unworthy. Here are some facts

1. I've only actually reread about a dozen or so novels. I don't generally reread
2. I don't do series, and not back to back. There are some exceptions like Kresley Cole. And while i do read books in series, I usually never complete series.

Whelp, this book is my exception. I read this book, and found myself rereading it right afterwards. HOW CRAZY IS THAT. I have never done that. And, I'm about to actually finish a series, which I haven't done in a while too! Anyways, this book has a fiercely permanent spot in my life.

### **5 Reasons I need you to pick up this book and proceed to devour it**

#### **1. The sex**

I'm cutting right to the chase here. Maya Banks could write me a love live ANYDAY. What I really adore

about her writing of these matters is her ability to meld hedonism, savage abandon, love, and privacy. As weird as this is going to sound, she kept the sex very honorable. I find in many romance novels that the hero often uses the heroine's uncontrollable lust for him in order to get his way in all matters ~~fifty shades of grey~~ I've never really liked that. I always hated seeing someone who at one point was so strong turn into a simpering mess when she needed a level head. The heroine and hero in this novel had sex because they both wanted to, because they loved each other, respected each other, needed each other. They never used it as a weapon. I appreciated that.

## **2. The Balance between History and Romance**

Now, I understand if this category is rather odd. However, I really think it needs to be pointed out. When I pick up a historical romance book, I am not trying to read a history textbook. If I wanted that, I'd go sit in a European History lecture hall. At the same time, I don't need you lie to be as if the 17th century was this amazingly modern, clean, and honorable time period, because that is a lie. Maya Banks did a nice job of creating a believable setting that did not in any way overpower the romance.

## **3. Hero: Alaric**

Where do I effing start. I mean, he is everything a hero should be and could ever want to be. Here is what made Alaric stand out among other heroes. He was not perfect and he did not have all the answers. His relationship was not good for his clan or his brothers. He was willing, though with great sacrifice, to give up all he ever wanted in order to help his people. It wasn't like he suddenly realized he loved her, know he knew early on. He knew and he admitted it. Yet, he went up there like a sacrificial lamb and was prepared to do what needed to be done. The things he uttered were heart breaking, heart warming, so expressive. I am doing Alaric no justice. I am in no way exaggerating when I say this book is a must. Authors should take notes and see what a perfect hero is like.

## **The dialogue/unspoken dialogue**

Maya banks wrote her ass off. She did not waste a word. Everything uttered between the heroine and the hero was important and served a greater purpose. This is the main reason I had to reread this novel immediatly. I wanted my eyes to feast again upon the amazing blend of words she put on each page. The dialogue was perfection. I found myself so immersed in what was happening. I didn't think about what had happened in the past pages or what was going to happen in the future. I read each page and savored every one. I felt sooooo much pain for the two lovers who could not be together, the situation was near unbearable to read.

## **5. Everything else**

Self explanatory.

Dear me, I cannot relate to you guys how amazing this book is. Excuse my review, It doesn't do the book justice. Truth is, im not even really trying that hard because I just don't want to. I don't feel like pouring myself into a review that won't really do the book justice. All i can say is, everyone reads books that suck. Often, we read books we know from the beginning are nothing but fluff and will never have a chance of being a five star read. Given all the fodder we often allow ourselves to indulge in, I see no reason why someone would not give this book a chance. Its worth it! Believe it or not, there is one minor imperfection in this novel. There is no epilogue. I really wanted an epilogue full of healthy and hardy bairn, but all is well. My couple got to be together and I really couldn't ask for more from this novel. Its the book that keeps on giving

Casting

Hero: Alaric- Super hot, long hair, soulful eyes  
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Heroine: Keely  
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Also: Perfect song for this book is

Strangers in the Night by Frank Sinatra

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**Kainat ?HUFFLEPUFF & PROUD? says**

**Now this is what you call an epic love story!!**

MaCabe trilogy was my very first Adult/Historical Romance. Didn't care much about the first book, it had a weak heroine, a douchebag hero, and a very frustrating "love story". The only character I cared about was Alaric McCabe! He is sweet, he is funny and he is not an "alpha male" (whatever does that mean). I didn't know each brother gets his own book, I still decided to pick this up just for him. Imagine my surprise when I realized the whole damn book was about him! And him alone.

Keely on the other hand was a pleasant surprise, she was so unlike Mairin. She is feisty, she's got her healing skills and she isn't afraid to speak her mind. You mess with that one, she gonna slap you back. Her whole thing with Alaric was so cute, and heartbreaking. I even started shipping her with Caelen! The ending was beautiful, broke my heart in the best way possible. Did I mention how hot the sex was? HOT! HOT! HOT!

It had me like...

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**Mei says**

I must say that I don't get the titles of these books... The titles seem cheesy; this one particularly. One could think that there was very much seduction involved, but instead I felt much more **love, angst and romance!**

Alaric... \*sigh\*... soo seemingly stern and cold, but inside... ahhhh!!!

That man has a way with aord that made me melt! His love words were so delicious and romantic that I was sighing constantly! He was hot and possessive too! I **loved** him!!!

Keeley was a dear too! She's sweet, but also sharp-tongued when necessary. Her dedication to her healing art, to her new clan and to Alaric was incredible. She was ready to sacrifice everything in order to uphold her loyalty to persons who have accepted her and showed her their respect and her value. Said this way it seems too self-righteous, but in the book it was so very well done!!! :D

Their love was so beautiful, their willingness to do the right thing for everybody, their love for their relatives, friends and clan was shining through all the book.

Everything seemed to be against them. They were tangled into a web of garbled duties. They didn't see any way out. They suffered and they made me cry...

But, obviously, there was a **happy** ending and I cheered for them at the end! :D

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## **Carmen says**

*His cock slid over her entrance and then stabbed deep.*

Stabbed? STABBED?! Okay, listen... When I am reading a romance book I expect some things. For instance, I expect the sex between the hero and heroine to be romantic. Loving. Like two human beings who care about each other trying to make each other feel good. I really don't feel like this is too much to ask.

The sex in here is just horrible. It's atrocious. I was disgusted and revolted and recoiling - which is NOT what I want from romance book sex scenes. I want to be like, "Awwww, this is cute/sweet/romantic" but also like "oh, this is hot/exciting." FAIL. Total fail on both counts. I really think perhaps Banks has been watching too much porn and has kind of lost the thread as to what (the majority) of women are going to want from a romance novel sex scene. (REMEMBER: This is NOT erotica. Romance. NOT erotica.)

If descriptions such as the one at the start of this review, coupled with stuff like ejaculating on a woman's face and breasts, having a woman give a blow job while she's tied up... I don't know, stuff like that - makes you excited... THAT IS TOTALLY FINE. This is the book for you, enjoy.

If, however, you want a hero who treats the heroine more like person he has feelings for and less like a porn star (read: personal fucktoy) perhaps you'd best look elsewhere.

Freely admit I am a vanilla-type woman. So... perhaps I'm on the outside of what is popular right now. However, I was just cringing at the way he was treating her especially since she was a virgin yesterday. o.O I just can't with this shit. I expect this in erotica, but not my historical Highlander romances!

## **How's the story?**

Actually, the story is excellent. If you just cut out all of the sex scenes or just skipped over them, I think this would be a charming novel. Banks writes a great story and she is especially skilled at tugging on your

heartstrings. And Alaric is much less of a shitheel than his brother Ewan. So the story is actually decent.

The sex ruins everything.

If you want GOOD Maya Banks, I'd highly recommend Never Seduce a Scot or Highlander Most Wanted.

ONE REAL STAR, ONE ROMANCE STAR

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### **CC says**

I am really not happy! I cried ALL DAY reading this book!!! How did all of my GR friends love this book?! I guess people love to have their heart ripped out for 95% of a book. I may have been that way in the past, but not anymore. Not that I regret reading it. I want to complete the series and it was important to me to read this middle book.

The book was good, but so very angsty. Even though I knew fully well that it would have a happy ending I still cried for most of it. I could not enjoy the sex scenes because they felt wrong. I was so mad at the hero for not renouncing his engagement (an arranged marriage) even though I understood why he was martyring himself. It was just all so sad and depressing. Her having to watch him "court" his betrothed. Oh hell no!!!! Granted the courting consisted of a couple of walks and held hands, but still. Her having to agree to be there for the birth of his child with his future wife (her former best friend)? F@\*k no!!!! It was horrible. HORRIBLE!!!!

The heroine was a SAINT!!! Move over Mother Teresa, Kiely has you beat by a mile. I bow down to you.

Even for all of my dispairs, I understood their martyrdom and did not hate the hero for what he did, but I did not love him either. Do not worry, it does work out and the jilted bride does not really care. It wasn't like they even knew each other.

I believe people who read historicals are much more used to this type of plot and probably enjoy it a lot more.

Safety gang safe but other triggers are: technically a triangle since he is engaged to another. He holds hands with OW and courts her. I do not believe he kissed her. This is not resolved until the VERY end of the book. So there is no relief to the angst.

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### **Wendy says**

Wowee! I absolute ADORED this book, more so than the first installment. It's so romantic and it definitely tugged at the heart strings and made me grab the tissues on occasion. Alaric and Keeley are just so good

together. This book definitely put a big smile on my face. Oh how I love the McCabe warriors \*sigh\* Now the agonizing wait for Caelen's story.

Maya Banks you've done a wonderful job in creating these beautiful characters, that I've grown to love, for that I thank you.

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### **Jen says**

**Did I love this book? Lordy, yes I did!!! Is it deserving of the 5 star rating? You betcha! Did I read this book just to get to the awesomeness that is Rionna McDonald's story? Ummmm...well...YES! And I'm not even a little bit sorry, and I was in no way disappointed. Keely and Alaric's story was 5 star worthy all on it's own!**

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