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Meet the MacLauchlan Berserkers...

Roderick – He's death for hire, cursed by a malicious enemy who left him unable to speak. She's a refugee with a dangerous secret that could cost her life. Outnumbered by thousands, he's fated to die in battle like so many Berserkers before him. Could the strength of their love defy destiny?

Connor – He's a mercenary Laird who fears nothing but the darkness inside him. She's a noble beauty, sold to the highest bidder. He mistakenly rescues her from a fate worse than death, but now she's his captive. They must battle their pride and their explosive attraction to each other in order to defeat a common enemy who threatens the clan's survival.

Finn – He's a nameless bastard, stalking the Highlands bent on revenge and murder when he stumbles on an infant deserted in the snow.

She's a desperate woman who's lost everything, including her dignity. They are three of the world's Unwanted. On a snowy Solstice night, their tale becomes one of blood and vengeance, of love, redemption, and forging the bonds that make a family.

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~Volha~ says

DNF at 40%

I love medieval Scotland. There is something about lads in kilts that appeals to me. It's true that mostly their female counterparts are in distress and need rescuing. Occasionally that's not true. I had high hopes for this one. For one thing, the blurb was a bit inconclusive and I was blindsided that this was a paranormal romance. I love all things PNR but medieval Scotland + PNR = nothing exciting for me. But I was willing to overlook this issue and move forward.

The first book called Unspoken is pretty basic. Scared and traumatized Evelyn who has the sight. There are moments of backbone but not much. And Roderick who is a Berserker and a mute. It says he was cursed. There is no backstory, no character building of any kind but plenty of sex. The villain in the end is unknown and should have been included in the said missing backstory but I kind of finished this book thinking that: "Oh, well! Let's hope the second one is better!"

Yeah, no. The second book which is called Unwilling is precisely about that - about an unwilling woman. Lindsay is traveling to meet with her fiance. It's an arranged marriage. In the beginning author tries to allude to some kind of suffering and abuse from the hands of her uncle but there is not much. Then her escort on the way is killed by another Berserker, Connor who is Roderick's brother and when he sees Lindsay he goes well berserk himself and here we almost have a noncon and by the skin of her teeth the author pulls from that. And then it starts as a game of yo-yo.

Oh, his thighs are so thick, but I can't be here so I will escape. I try to escape naked with no weapon. He is so infuriating but still gorgeous. Then when they get to his castle she turns from whining to a manipulative wretch. Oh, if I don't accept you I hold all the power, so screw you as I flounce out the door. Oh, everybody is dancing but no one asks me, why is that? But oh, Connor is asking me to dance so I will say no! Then he implies that oh you are my mate so the only way we could have sex that time is if you wanted it too. Yeah, a complete stranger rips her dress and she already wants it so bad. It's like saying nowadays: "But your Honor! I didn't do anything! She wanted it! All of them B**TCHES do!" That's when I've had enough and had to throw in the towel.

Made me feel a little dirty in the end. So, not my thing. I will pass it and will not recommend it.

P.S. Sorry for angry review but the book pissed me off.

BookChick says

I love my highlanders and the MacLauchlan men have quickly moved to the top of my "Oh My" list. This collection of 3 novellas follows the MacLauchlan berserker brothers as they find and claim their mates, battle traitorous clans, and fight an evil that is looking to do them in. The novellas are hot, full of swoon worthy men and that Scottish brogue that leaves lady parts quivering and wanting more. While the men are huge, strong, vicious, and powerful creatures, that fiercely protect their women, it's the women that hold the power. And the sex! The sex! Did I mention the sex? The scenes are well written (good fantasy material), giving it

just that dip into erotica that I like in my books. The scenes are long, but not drawn out to the point where you're thinking "ok, orgasm now so we can get on with it", and they moved the story along, they weren't just thrown in there to be there because one needs sex in a book.

The only thing I wish these novellas had was more, I know they are novellas, but dammit, I want more and the stories could easily have been made into full length books. It appears there is another one in the works, I can only hope that Ms. Byrne intends to make this one a full length, because I WANT MORE.

Fantastic highland stories with a twist. You don't come across many highland stories about the celtic berserkers and it was refreshing.

Trish R. says

Roderick

What a nice little story. Sweet love story and some very nice sex. It was nice sex because Roderick was mute and couldn't say the stupid things authors usually have them say that have me rolling my eyes. Evelyn was a little goofy and ran off at the mouth when she was nervous and that made her sooo likable. Oh, and, Alrik got all that he deserved.

Connor

Another sweet story. I just love how the berserkers decide who will be their mate. LOL.. Even though they sound scary as hell when they're in that form. AND I really don't know how a woman could possibly get turned on by him when she'd surrounded by dead bodies. Fortunately, THAT didn't last long. I really did like Connor and Lindsay. And, again, the bad guy, Angus, got what he deserved and I was happy about that.

Finn

The end! And what a great book. I loved every story and every hero and heroine. Loved Finn and Rhona the best, I think. She had it pretty rough so I was really happy for their HEA. And it was nice to see Roderick and Evelyn and Connor and Lindsay. Three really wonderful brothers. All got their own bad guy, including Finn.

As to the narrator: Again, he was just alright for me. The worst was Finn's voice. I don't know, he sounded kind of stupid. I'm just not that crazy about Derek Perkins.

Isabella - Madly in Love with Books says

Oh my I am feeling kinda nostalgic right now. I had a huge HR phase when I was in my teens, where I read a lot of old Heather Graham's, Stephanie Laurens and Connie Masons.

Then I got into a pirate romance phase and read literally the same book ten times, because they are all so friggin' similar - it was done. From one minute to another, no more historicals.

It took GR and my lovely GR friends to get me interested in the genre again, beautiful - HAH - covers keep popping up on my time line, raging reviews, hilarious comments, that sucked me in again.

Well enough senseless babbling, I guess what I wanted to say - this was so worth it. I. Am. Back.

First story was wayyy too short, especially because I loved the Hero here - I am always a sucker for disability tropes, and his muteness was rather well done. I would have loved to see more interaction between those two.

The second story was better regarding the story, world and character building, which totally lacked in the first one (it was too short to do any more than a smexy scene and a little babbling). I also liked the heroine better, she was a feisty one and stubborn to a point, where it gets annoying. personally I like that.

The third was darker than the other two, simply because both MCs had rather horrifying pasts, that made the reader suffer with these two. The H was a bit of an ass, he could have done real damage to the heroine's future life if they hadn't decided to mate, I wasn't too fond of that.

Neither of the „end fights“ impressed me or drew me in, they are there, because they have to be and because otherwise the book would get too boring I guess.

I really enjoyed this three little novellas, but at the same time was reminded, why I like a normally long book better - one has to be a real ace in writing, to draw a great story, character, world building in such a short time.

And as much as I loved Kerrigan Byrne's writing, it also couldn't completely draw me in. I am really curious about the full-length novel, I have already sitting on my shelves.

Cathy L says

3.5 stars

Kelly says

I listened to this as I've been listening to all Kerrigan Byrne books. Derek Perkins does such a fabulous job of bringing the characters to life. I love his voice.

Why 5 stars? These stories are fun, sexy, slightly gruesome and I don't want them to end.

Kari Kaz says

These are actually 3 novellas that must be read in order because we get updates about the previous one, so it actually feels like you're reading one full-length book. It's a very steamy romance with paranormal. I wasn't too excited until I started reading them and then I was hooked. The 3 berserker warriors are brothers who find their different mates. The 3 stories are completely different (as are the heroines), the concepts are unusual and original and it had a sort of magical feel (hence the paranormal elements). I would love to read more by this author and was sorry when the last novella ended.

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

12/26/2012 -- This was an Amazon Freebie [3 Novella's in a bundle]. I really liked this author and hope she writes more stories, but in a much longer format. I'm not much for short stories normally.

4 Stars -- Full Review coming soon.

CC says

I just listed to this on audible and really enjoyed it! The three short stories are very well narrated by Derek Perkins. In this Americans opinion, he did a good Scottish brogue (but understandable to my ears). The add on price to the kindle version is only \$1.99. Totally worth it!

Kerrigan Byrne says

Kinda partial to it...

Dawn Sullivan says

Amazing!!! We get all 3 phenomenal stories in one :)
I loved each one of these stories. Kerrigan's writing is magical and enchanting.
Lots of action and smoking hot passion.
I can't wait for her next book!!!

Stacie says

Another winner for me! Historical/PNR ?? Lots of "my mate", insta everything, but still very well written; with surprisingly developed characters for such short books. The third book, UNWANTED was the best of this trilogy for me.

...All three books are available individually and on KU as is this box set. (as of 12/13/18).
Reading Order: UNSPOKEN, UNWILLING, UNWANTED.

I'm on to the next set- RECLAIMED. Happy reading!

PS. For whatever reason, GR is not letting me add the book links. ?

Maree Repa says

The Complete Adventures of the MacLachlan Berserkers

I was just so excited to read and thoroughly enjoy another three of the greatest Highland historical stories so beautifully written by a favourite author of mine, Kerrigan Byrne. With these three gorgeous and sexy MacLachlan berserkers, making these books so exciting with these three romantic adventures, I couldn't put down.

This first story, Unspoken, set in the fifteenth century, Scotland during in times of war, Evelyn Woodhouse was so frightened. After not sleeping well and suffering with such bad nightmares of the killing and death all around. She was now scared for their future. She had to keep her country, her home, safe.

I thoroughly loved these three fabulous books. Such an amazing series of most wonderful exciting tales. I loved Roderick. Such the sweetest story ever! I loved them all so very much!!

* I recommend this book to everyone!!

Monique Lain says

4 1/2 stars

Hbeebti says

I have three new book boyfriends. Each novella I thought I couldn't love the next book more. I was wrong. Im not sure who I loved the most. I am thinking maybe Finn. These MacLauchlan Berserkers were simply possessive and so damn sexy I thought I might swoon. I just couldn't get enough of them. I was just thrilled when I found out there was a fourth book. It is so mine!
