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The flame-haired virago bearing down on Ross MacKenna was far too shapely to be a seasoned warrior, but she was just as deadly. As she engaged him on the battlefield, Ross knew her for a MacKay, long-time enemies of his clan. What he didn't know was that she would soon be his wife, given to him by her father in a desperate effort to end generations of feuding. The only problem was that of all her family, Gillian MacKay was the least willing to make peace. Whether in bed or out, her fiery temper challenged his mastery while her lush body taunted his masculinity. Both politics and pride demanded that he tame her, but would do it in his way -- with a scorching seduction that would sweep away her defenses and win her heart.

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Julie says

Ross MacKenna is a strong, mighty, highland laird, and a warrior. Gillian MacKay is a strong, feisty, stubborn, beauty, who thinks she's a warrior. The MacKenna's and MacKay's have been feuding for years and Ross want's it stopped, so they must marry. I enjoyed this book very much, old loves were constantly trying to cause them trouble, it was a great read.

Chandra says

SYNOPSIS

Battle between the MacKenna clan and the MacKay clan. Sunclair clan is allie to the Mackay clan.
A marriage agreement to bring MacKenna and MacKay clans together and end the battle.
Seana is a trouble maker and will play to any side for her advantage
Angus always up to his dirty tricks
Ross is stabbed; Gillian is exiled
Gillian goes after Angus to kill him and is captured
Angus and his warrior kin go to Edinberg to become mercenaries for the King.
Sinclair Keep is abandoned and reclaimed as Wickham
The bringing together of the clans is sealed.

FAVORITE PART: Marriage consummated. I cannot imagine how embarrassing for the bride.

LEAST FAVORITE PART: Gillian at the Sinclair Keep. Somebody help her. What is he going to do to her?

SEX SCALE: Of the following five options: 1) NOT very descriptive and requires imagination! 2) WILL make you wiggle a little) 3) WISH it was me; 4) OH boy, do not have to use my imagination at all; 5) EROTICA and well over the top

*****THIS BOOK GETS A TWO FOR "WILL MAKE YOU WIGGLE A LITTLE" rating because there is enough descriptive passion amongst all the plots and ploys to make it exciting*****

YOU WILL LIKE THIS BOOK IF YOU LIKE: How clans stop fighting and killing each other and the way that they are brought together. Major bad guys always running around with one plan after the other to achieve a major goal. One person that hates the other but ends up being involved with the other. The woman who continuously sees what others cannot see and gives warnings but in most cases is ignored and not taken seriously.

FOUR STARS because once again did not reach to the level of my favorite authors, Hannah Howell and Alexandra Ivy. (

Misfit says

A verra verra bad book, I doona recommend it. That is, unless you like a silly plot along with very bad sex all wrapped up in a faux historical setting. Granted, there are readers who enjoy that type of book and while I'm not knocking them I am definitely not one of them. You are not going to get your Jamie and Claire fix

here, although September is almost upon us and the long wait for An Echo in the Bone will soon be over. Yay!

This is pretty much your basic Highland romance - Laird MacKay wishing to end a decades long feud gives his daughter Gillian in marriage to the Laird of the rival MacKenna clan. Gillian is as fiery and spirited as her red mane of hair and hates her husband Ross on sight, despite the overwhelming sexual attraction between the two. Of course there are the evil bad guys (and gal) who want to keep them apart for their own nefarious purposes and well, that's pretty much it. Gee, how original, and I have to tell you It was verra verra hard not to send the book flying every time I heard about Gillian's flame red hair (six times in 20 some pages), let alone the "flame" comments from the wise woman. Despite an effort to make the setting seem authentic with the dialogue, clothing and customs, things just didn't always ring true. Tossing Gillian out on her ear to return to Da in the middle of winter with no escort? Telling her husband to "leave off"? Potatoes in 1415? Oy.

But worst of all, as mentioned at the top, were the OTT sex scenes in minute, embarrassing, and oh so disgusting detail. So bad I can't even bear to quote a few to poke fun at them - and after what I read in That-Tudor-Vampire-Book I have to tell you that's pretty darn bad. Skip this, I wish I had.

Kari Kaz says

It was enjoyable but it wasn't my favorite Connie Mason book. The villains seemed cartoonish and a bit off. The MCs were ok.

Dee says

My first Connie Mason and I really enjoyed it. I have picked up quite a few of her books lately as Amazon freebies so will definitely find the time to read them.....Full review to follow

Dawn ♥ romance says

This historical romance was all right. It had a common theme about two feuding highland clans. The hero and heroine's love-hate relation swung too far to the extremes. It was a reread and forgettable. McKay clan leader's daughter Gillian is given as wife to enemy clan leader Ross to end long time feud.

Zoe says

I went through the first 40% very quickly. There is not much content, just people shouting and being angry at each other plus some supposedly hot sex scenes.

My hands itched the entire time. I want to slap the heroine so badly. I am surprised that no one did. I never could tolerate anybody throwing fits because things don't go their ways. I would have done something very drastic if I were her parents.

I could have continued reading because I imagine once she is "in love" it gets better. But I hated Gillian so

much. I stopped reading to spite her. I know, I know, she is just a character. But you can't just give in to a child who is throwing tantrum. So I walked away.

God save us from such crazy heroines. Please woman, instead of going crazy because of emotions, learn logic and use your brain. Being angry is ok and all but must you act like a nut too?

I would have given it 1 star but I know I am biased because I so despised the heroine. I decided to go up 1 star.

Jenny says

Ross MacKenna is a highland laird, and a warrior. Gillian MacKay is a sassy feisty warrior who hates Ross and his clan. They have been feuding for years. Gillian's father thinks the best way to end this war is for his daughter to marry Ross. They get married, at first Gillian hates Ross but soon she realizes her hatred is misplaced. Their old loves are causing so much trouble but true love thrives. Arranged forced marriage, kidnappings, misunderstandings, jealousy, evil OW, evil OM, angst, pregnancy and adventure make this a great read. Definitely a keeper! :)

SandraE says

Another great book by Mason.

Romancereviewer says

"Highland Warrior," published in 2007 and set in the Scottish Highlands, is one of the best historical romances that I have come across.

It begins with a battle, the young, Ross MacKenna, the laird of the MacKenna clan is battling a high-strung Gillian MacKay of the rival MacKay clan. She is good with a sword but not as good as Ross. He manages to fend off her attacks while not inflicting damage on the spirited lass. "I doona kill women," Ross says.

Gillian's father, Tearlach MacKay, laird of the rival MacKay clan proposes an end to the century-old blood feud between the clans. He offers his daughter to MacKenna.

Ross agrees that there has been too much bloodshed and agrees to wed Gillian...with conditions. Gillian and Ross make a great couple. (The beserker tames the hellion.) But there are sinister forces at work who are trying to break their union, and the treaty between the clans.

Mason keeps the conflict going strong with many plot twists, providing a pleasantly unpredictable tale. I had to purchase on Amazon.com as it was no longer available at my local Borders.
(romance.reviewer@yahoo.com)

Monica Settembrini says

La Mason in edizione con copertina rigida e sovracopertina è tutta un'altra faccenda. Nei romanzi da edicola la trama sembra sempre semplicistica e facilona, probabilmente anche per via dei tagli che vengono apportati alla stesura originale per mantenerla della lunghezza standard, peccato che il libro ne soffra, i protagonisti cambiano così repentinamente da essere poco credibili e caratterialmente deboli (naturalmente tutti gli approfondimenti caratteriali sono stati tagliati in favore delle scene di azione).

Insomma, la Mason è brava e anche se le sue idee non sono originalissime la si legge e apprezza molto... nella versione seria, ci sono cascata un sacco di volte nel tranello dei romanzi da edicola e adesso basta, ho deciso di smetterla tanto so che rischierei di trovare scarse autrici invece validissime.

Lynsey A says

Well, good news, is that the heroine didn't end up on my "heroines who annoy me shelf". She came close though. Her attitude cleared up rather quickly, in fact. It was pretty sudden. It must have been all the hot loving her new husband was giving to her.

At times I felt very frustrated with both characters. Not a great deal of trust on either side. That got annoying.

Decent read by Connie Mason but I've read better from her.

Bettie? says

Sent on to the ladies choir in St. Mellons for them to titter over.

A **cock up** - this book has been sent by Hippo instead of that which I ordered:

1 of: The Twelve Deaths of Christmas [Paperback:]

By: Marian Babson

Buddy read with Misfit. So we open here:

Chapter One - Caithness Province, Scottish Highlands, 1415

The Clash of swords, the cry of the wounded, and the sharp scent of gore rose above the eerie mists swirling around the combatants.

I'm going to keep count of

thighs: 1,2,3,4

forearms: 1

calves: 1

buttock: 1

breasts/nipple: 1,2,3,4

hips: 1,2

ETA - stopping counting now, it got so old and tiresome. Suffice it to say some nouns are overworked here.

Good line on page 21 - "I believe a berserker can tame a hellion" lol - it has worked in our house (well sort of hee).

I JUST CANNA DO THIS

Simona says

H and h are enemies because they belong to different clans that have been fighting for a century. In the latest battle h loses two brothers and distraught at this loss her father decides to resolve the feud by marrying her to H. h is a feisty warrior who can't imagine laying with the enemy and makes every effort to dodge the marriage. However, the marriage bed brings them closer and she begins to see H as her husband and starts loving him. I loved how fierce H was and ruthless in claiming his bride and showing her how good things can be with the feud behind them. h doesn't relinquished her feisty and take-initiative nature but grows into it with frequently seducing H during their fight. Some of the best parts of the book.

The love scenes are scalding hot in the wintry settings and you once again appreciate how better Ms Mason is at including them. Though I was disappointed at the lack of intimacy during middle parts due to estrangement and disagreements. In my previous read Ms Mason books, the primal nature trumped disagreements and this is what made her one of my favorites.

The old crone, a favorite fixture of Ms Mason, was surprisingly poorly treated throughout. There was also a lack of secondary character romance which I prefer in these books as there are so many opportunities for good pairings.

The villains are unfortunately very devious in this one. One is the jilted presumed groom to h and other is H's leman, scottish for mistress. But I have started to grow a soft spot for some of Ms Mason's villains as often they're fighting for something which would've been natural had H and h not met. I wish most of them to be settled amicably, but sadly I can't recall it happening in any book.

TJ says

A surprisingly well-written page turner! I wanted to knock Gillian upside the head the first half of the book and do the same to Ross the second half of the book. They are both wonderful complex characters and the storyline keeps one engrossed until the last page. The only downside, for me anyway, was the sex scenes. Although I can skip them easily enough, it gets annoying after the first 2 or 3.
