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Bannockburn was far from the end for Robert Bruce and Scotland; not even the beginning of the end—only the end of the beginning. There remained fourteen years of struggle, savagery, heroism and treachery before the English could be brought to sit at a peace table with their proclaimed rebels, and so to acknowledge Bruce as sovereign King.

In these years of stress and fulfilment, Bruce's character burgeoned to its splendid flowering. The hero-king, moulded by sorrow, remorse and in grievous sickness, equally with triumph, became the foremost prince of Christendom—despite continuing Papal excommunication.

That the fighting now was done mainly deep in England, over the sea in Ireland and in the hearts of men—his own not the least—was none the less taxing for a sick man with the seeds of grim fate in his body, and the sin of murder on his conscience. But Elizabeth de Burgh was at his side again, after the long years of imprisonment, and a great love sustained them both.

Love, indeed, is the key to Robert the Bruce—his passionate love for his land and his people, for his friends, his forgiveness for his enemies, and the love he engendered in others; for surely never did a king arouse such love and devotion in those around him, in his lieutenants, as did he—even though, in the famous Declaration of Independence, at Arbroath in 1320, the same devoted comrades swore that they would put even their Lord Robert from them were he to fail in his adherence to the burning concept of freedom.

Freedom, then, with love—here is the theme and trumpet-call of this, the final volume of Nigel Tranter's triumphant trilogy about Robert the Bruce.

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Margareth8537 says

Nigel Tranter's books are well written and as accurate as he can make them. This brings the Bruce trilogy to a very satisfactory end - if you ever get that in Scottish history.

Wendy says

What a great trilogy!

Amy says

There were sections that felt pretty skim-worthy. Interesting set of books though.

Becky says

An amazing ending to the three books. Everything was wrapped up perfectly and I don't think I've ever been more satisfied with a story coming to an end.

Carol Pearman says

A thoroughly worthwhile series. Nigel Tranter is indeed a master in telling the stories of history in a captivating manner.

Becky says

These books were really good. It is hard to imagine living your whole life fighting for freedom. We don't have a clue what it was like in those days. Really good books!

Eric says

This last of the trilogy was by far the best.

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Pat says

Last of the Bruce Trilogy. The trilogy is well worth the read, though not easy to get. No Kindle version. Interlibrary loan was able to track these down.

True dedication to a cause, for King Robert and those who stood by him.

James says

Entertaining read
