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New York Times bestselling author Hannah Howell brings the proud heart of Scotland to life in her magnificent novels. Now the seven MacEnroy brothers are about to take America by storm . . .

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I try to be very lenient and understanding in reviews and to never leave a book unfinished, especially knowing how difficult the writing process is, but this one was a struggle. I skimmed quite a bit of it after awhile, looking for improvement, and found none. To be fair, this is the third book in a series and I haven't read the first two, so I expected some confusion with regard to the characters, but even new characters didn't make much sense to me because the storyline and writing was so all over the place and made little sense at times. I've read this author before and while those stories weren't all time favorites or anything, they were enjoyable reads. It's almost as if this one wasn't even written by the same person. Even if it hadn't been so disjointed, the pacing was slow and rather tedious, with numerous scenes that didn't really fit and did little to advance the story. There was a distinct lack of dialogue and even interaction between the hero and heroine; it is simply stated that there is an attraction between them and bam, several pages later they're in bed. It took a quarter of the book before the heroine even appeared on the page.

Beyond all that, the writing itself also threw me because of the distinct lack of pronouns. I'm not sure why this choice was made but it was so prevalent it must have been intentional. This may not bother anyone else, but reading things like "Should be able to do it myself soon." or "Heavy decision to make." (this last in reference to whether or not to keep an old pan), annoyed me. Yes, the subject is clear enough, but this is a pet peeve of mine and just made conversations between characters seem even more disjointed and the characters flat. It was also hard to keep track of what was going on because

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some scenes mentioned it being morning, then afternoon, then morning again in the same scene. It seemed like there was a lot of filler to add not much substance. There were other storylines brought together sporadically that also served to add some confusion and make the story feel convoluted, but there was just so much potential here it makes me sad to write such a review.

To be fair, I read an ARC, so some of this may be much better in the final published version, but I think there are too many issues with the plot itself to be wholly resolved. It's not up to Ms. Howell's usual standards.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.
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The Scotsman Who Returned From Abroad

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It has been decades since I read a book setting during the Civil War (probably the North and South Series), well this one here is set after and shows the devastation it caused.

Plus, as a coincidence, I read just two days ago, a book talking at a time of the ravages caused by the violent eviction of the Scottish tenants, some escaping to America in hope of a better future.

It was a very unhurried paced read, the heroine is introduced at the quarter mark of the story.

Mehitabel is no damsel-in-distress, she has full control of her land but deals nearly every day with a neighbor who does not understand the word no. And his threats become more and more urging.

Geordie and Belle's romance was a quiet affair, no sizzling lust, just them enjoying another's presence and their closeness helping to bring them together.

It is a lovely tale with a lot of descriptions about Geordie's journey with his brother and friend, then the care of Belle's land and the healing of Robbie, Geordie's brother.

Outside the romance, the storyline has many ramifications and side characters, each branch finds its resolve. The author is very talented to have crafted such a very detailed story with the hardship and struggles the people had during this period, it is not my favorite style of reading, a bit too sluggish at time, with not enough sparkles between the couple, it felt short outside the bedroom scenes, more an historical fiction than romance with a lot of informations about the way of life during these times. But if you like your reads full of details, with aplenty of characters, this is one for you.

But as I came to love Robbie, the wounded brother, I am curious about his fate.

4.5 stars

I was granted an advance copy by Netgalley and the publisher Kensington Books, I purchased my own copy too. It is my true and unbiased opinion. ...more

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Mehitabel "Belle" Ampleford has another run in with her neighbor Charles Bennet, but this time he seems more agitated and not only has he brought several men with him, he also has a gun. She tries to defuse the tension, but he seems bent on violence, she is not sure what she is going to do when three strangers arrive and effectively send Bennet on his way. Belle rents rooms and is happy to accommodate the men and notices Robbie in particular might need some nursing.

I did not enjoy this book nearly as much as the previous books in the series, it was for the lack of a better word "dull. Geordie and Belle are both likeable, smart, interesting characters, but there is nothing keeping them apart and there is no drama moving the story along, anytime something came up it was rectified quickly and relatively easily. I also felt that the romance seemed to come out of nowhere and they progressed quickly to lovers again without any tension or obstacles. Everything just moved slowly and worked out perfectly, even when Morgan reappears later in the book, the events leading to that were treated like it was no big deal and glossed over. It was just strange, and the story felt a bit choppy and disjointed. I kept waiting for something to happen and it never did. I was not unhappy with the book, just underwhelmed. But if you are looking for sweet, uncomplicated story that is easy to read and easy to put down and pick up later "this is the book for you. It is the third book in the series, but it can be read as a standalone with no problem.

I am voluntarily leaving a review for an eARC that was provided to me by NetGalley and the publisher.

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Geordie and his brother decide to stay and he and Belle build a slow attraction. I mean who could not be attracted to this Scot?

An enjoyable story that frames a lot of what was going on during these times when it was still hard to be a woman at times and independent. Looking forward to readng Robbie's story and the rest of the brother's tales! ...more

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Geordie's personality, on the other hand, comes across as rather bland. His constant talk of longing to see the ocean becomes too repetitive. It's hard to see what Belle sees in him. There is no romantic build-up between Belle and Geordie, no real passion, yet suddenly they are in bed together.

Unlike the previous books in this series, The Scotsman Who Swept Me Away didn't sweep me away. The storyline plods along with no real tension or excitement. I kept waiting for the characters to face danger or some crisis, but it never happens. The story just ends with everyone happy and content. Overall, I was underwhelmed; this is not what I've come to expect from this author.

I received a free ARC from NetGalley and Kensington Books in exchange for an honest review. ...more

The Scotsman Who Saved Me Epub

A handsome Scotsman who dries dishes....oh be still my heart!! lol This was such a lovely read and although I did find the start a bit long and slow, it soon picked up and had my full attention.

I loved Geordie and Belle's characters, as well as all the secondary characters. I've always loved a strong heroine who can take care of herself and Belle certainly is that. As for Geordie, he's such a strong and caring man and he stole my heart at the way he cared for his younger brother. The story takes place in an era when trains were new, as were showers, and I just found it so fascinating.

Now I can't wait to read the rest of the series!! I was given an ARC of this book via NetGalley and am voluntarily leaving an honest review.

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This is the third book in the series and whilst it could be read on its own there are references to other characters from earlier books so it could take a little while to realise who everyone is. I thoroughly enjoyed the book once I reached a quarter of the way through, as up to that point the pace was slow. However bear with it as things do hot up. I'm loving the MacEnroy siblings' stories also Scots in America is a different setting and makes an enjoyable change. I really liked Geordie and Mehitabel and the road to their HEA but it's Robbie who steals my heart and I eagerly await his story My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read ...more