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Twice wed and twice widowed, Lady Caterine Keith has no need for a champion. She can fend off unwanted suitors on her own and guard her Scottish stronghold without the help of any man. But her sister, knowing better, sends a make-believe husband a knight with a battle-scarred face almost too frightening to behold. Sir Marmaduke Strongbow has a secret ambition. He wants not Caterine's land but her hand in marriage and her heart to own. With tantalizing caresses, he will show her how a real champion lays siege...and how love is impossible to fight.

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Janja says

3,5 stars

I enjoyed reading this story. Marmaduke is a sweetheart and you just wish him to find love and happiness .

The story is well written but with no angst or mystery.

Chumchum_88 says

Great book, it took me a bit longer to finish cause I was a bit busy.

Anyway I liked Marmaduke he's was just fantastically amazing, I kinda hated Catrine cause she kept dodging Marmaduke and keeping her heart from him, and how her suffering kept her from him, but the whole time I was like see here lady you weren't the only one suffering he did suffer too. And one thing I noticed was that she never called him by his name.

Galena Sanz says

El segundo libro de una saga que me llamó la atención por su sinopsis y que me gustó medianamente, más por el personaje masculino que por el femenino. El final me pareció demasiado sencillo y rápido, no me dejó satisfecha y el mundo histórico no está tan recreado como a mí me gusta. Una novela para entretenerte pero que no va más allá.

Kate says

A very cute novel! In reading some of the GR reviews, I can't believe someone would give this book bad marks based on Marmaduke's name! It's a great name and if you read the acknowledgements page, you'd understand why Welfonder chose it.

But anyway, I enjoyed this read. I loved the angsty internal dialog of Marmaduke, and really enjoyed having him as a primary or dare I say, main character.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

Good book, although it dragged in parts, and I felt like it took Caterine a bit on the long side to come around, although I did understand her issues with what she has suffered in the past. I really liked Marmaduke, and his insecurities about his scarred face endeared him to me and made him more realistic. As a fan of medievals

and Scottish romances, I will definitely read more by this author.

Leah says

I just finished rereading Marmaduke and Caterine's story. I fell in love with Marmaduke in Devil In A Kilt and he continues to be my favorite hero of Sue-Ellen's books. She never fails to transport me to a different time and place with her writing. I am there in every book, feeling the wind blow, smelling the peat burn, hearing the sounds and feeling the emotions of the characters as they find their hearts. In Bride Of The Beast, Sue-Ellen has taken two very scarred people (both physically and emotionally) and given them a story that grabbed my heart so profoundly that I picked it up for a second read. I urge you to read this book and be swept away to the highlands and a love story that will grasp you from beginning to end. If you are looking for an author who writes so eloquently about a place that you feel as if you can actually reach out and touch the sights, sounds and smells, and who gives you more than just dialogue but also the emotions the characters feel from deep within, so you come to KNOW the characters deeply, then Sue-Ellen is your author! Her hard work and heart felt emotions about the place and characters she writes about comes alive in the pages of her books.

Suzie says

Lady Caterine is a widow, and sore in need of a champion. Marmaduke Strongbow has known love, but lost her and his good looks to treachery.

Duncan MacKenzie sends Marmaduke to Lady Caterine to protect her from a rogue bent on stealing her castle, and wedding her against her will. Once Sir Marmaduke sets eyes on our heroine he is hopelessly lost and works to earn her trust, and her heart.

This book is the second in the MacKenzie series, and is not as good as the first- however it is a great read. It is fast paced, has well thought out characters that are easy to love, and it is a good story.

Sherri Dub says

Caterine and Strongbow were meant for each other from the first time they were introduced to us. I felt it, you'll know it and it is clear by the end of the book that it's going to be a "Happy Ending"~so that was a plus.

I really enjoyed the flirtatious courting that took place between the couple, before they combined their lives. It wasn't a quick intro and an instant love fest, this was a slow romance, unfolding on the page through each set back that visited them along the plotline.

I really enjoyed that.

SheLove2Read says

Good but not great.

I loved the character and the romance of the male lead - Marmaduke - even if he had a terrible name. He's a man with ambition but also with a heart and a soul, and he wants to be loved. He had that love once with another woman and it was lost in a tragedy. I liked that she didn't betray him but was killed. Too many times the hero in a story is suffering from bitterness and uncertainty from betrayal. Marmaduke only suffers from a broken heart. When he finally meets Caterine he says to her "I would slay your dragons, if you let me." That's probably one of the most gut wrenchingly romantic things I've read in years.

Caterine is what makes this book only "good" and not great. She is a widow twice over and has suffered greatly at the hands of an Englishman in her past. However, even though Marmaduke foreswore his English side decades ago and is fully Scottish in every way, she REFUSES to look past his heritage to see the man inside. What could have been, in my opinion, a fantastic "desert island keeper" instead became just another historical romance.

J. Ostrowski says

Meh... Had potential. Could have been better.

Lover of Romance says

Lady Caterine Keith has already been widowed twice and isn't eager or willing to go for a third time. There is an unwanted suitor who only desires to get a hold of her Scottish stronghold. One whom repels her so and she is stunned when a battle scarred Knight comes to her as a protector. Sir Marmaduke Strongbow is determined to show Caterine the path of her passion....and an everlasting love, where he goes about to claim hold of her heart and her love. Bride of the Beast is the second book in the Mackenzie series written by Sue Ellen Welfonder. I have recently discovered this author, and have just loved what she has written so far, which includes Bride of the Beast. Since I love the first one so much I thought I would try and see how I would like this one, and I just fell in love with it. I truly enjoyed reading Marmaduke's story...it was enchanting. I found the interaction between the characters engaging and filled with emotional intensity that will take your breath away. A most entertaining read!!!

Katya says

3.9 Stars!!!!

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Scared, one-eyed, battle-scarred Sir Marmaduke Strongbow travels to the keep of the twice widowed Lady Caterine Keith to be her champion and protect the strong hold. She only wants to pretend to be married to

fend off her English neighbor to the south, Sir Hugh, who is pushing her to marry him. But Sir Maraduke says he will only marry in truth. It is the typical Beauty and the Beast, Girl denies wanting man, man wants girl, they are forced to marry and end up falling in love with each other. But the dialog and writing is top notch and the story, although formula works and is enjoyable to read.

Zoe says

This heroine sounds like a bxtch.....

Nancy says

To secure her land, Lady Caterine Keith must marry, and who better to choose than a knight sent by her sister? Sir Marmaduke Strongbow might be scarred from past battles, but his heart is sturdy and faithful. Can she convince him that he's meant to be loved? Can he win her affection as well as her hand in marriage? As the two struggle to come to terms with their feelings for each, a dire threat looms by means of a neighboring landholder who covets the lady's property. If you like classic historical romance, you'll enjoy this story.

Sabina (Whatsername_reads) says

Rating: 3,5 *

Marmaduke is sweet, protective, loyal knight and he is wonderful character.

But

Many questions are still unanswered (for example we don't know a lot of Caterine's past), plot twist and outcome are weak, so yes, I expected much more from this story.
