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Ivana Azap Feješ says

Black Jack Kincaid and Fiona MacLean are the main characters. Though Jack is a scoundrel and a bit naughty, he is a very likable scoundrel. I love a curse, especially when it's presented with humor, and most especially when it comes with four strapping Scotsmen who are very protective of their only sister, Fiona. Fiona decides to marry Black Jack Kincaid to keep her brothers from exacting retribution for the death of her youngest brother.

This one is a pick me up feel good read with full of witty banters and amusing characters made for reading on a less than perfect afternoon or whenever you are feeling tedious and in need of a light read. The plot though is very much predictable and familiar but in case you are looking for a well-written fluffy read starring a silver tongued Scottish hero of a husband and a plucky heroine of a wife to match his wits as hero/heroin, with a marriage of convenience setting turned love, this might be the book to read. I really enjoyed this book. It is the first in the MacLean Curse Series. The heroine kidnapped the drunken hero and married him to stop a feud. He is not thrilled when he sobers up and finds himself married. My first Karen Hawkins read and I am so glad!! Loved the book. From the moment I started reading until, almost the end, it was perfect. I absolutely loved the adjustment after their marriage, their quarrel, their fight to gain control. This book had humor and was a fun light read. How to Abduct a Highlander was an entertaining read. It was also a really quick read. I thought the idea of a bride taking control of her family was great. I always like to read about strong women. This was a cute but somewhat mediocre romance. So why did I give it 3*? Picture a rainstorm coming at you out of the clear blue sky - literally! What a fun romp! The MacLean family is cursed...when they feel STRONG emotions the weather goes nuts. To break the curse the entire generation has to do a good deed... It is full of laughter. Especially if you can imagine having 4 huge Scottish brothers to protect you. I love how they can control the weather and when she is mad it rains and smells like lilac's. I think my favorite part is in the beginning of the book where she is convincing the priest to marry her and the past-out drunk on the floor. Another enjoyable and readable Highland laird romance by a new author. I love the highlands of Scotland and this was an interesting and well written book. I like the curse in this book unlike other books I have read, the curse is when someone from the family loses his/her temper the weather will change (rain, hail, storm ... etc) LOL

She took his freedom ...

He'll steal her heart...

Taiyesha-Duchess of Indiana says

How to Abduct a Highland Lord by Karen Hawkins: A fun 4.5-5 star read that is a wonderful dose of highland love

What a fun read! I hate writing descriptions into my reviews because...I'm lazy haha. However, what I will tell you is that this was a great book for me to read. However, one has to be in the right mindset. There were some problems with this book, the characters are not OVERLY likable and the situation created here borders on the ridiculous in its own right. When you think of great highlander romance authors like MacGregor, Banks, or Moning come to mind. Assuredly, Hawkins is not in the league of those women. However, when

one just wants to feel good and read a solid book with an open mind it is rather perfect. Medicine is not judged upon how it works twenty four seven, it is judged by how it performs in certain situations. I feel the same about books. Luckily, I'm more of a reader than a reviewer (which is shown in my very unorthodox reviews) and that gives me the luxury of being able to seek out things because I want to, rather than feel the need to. So i look at books holistically, this book is not perfect but it performed for me what I needed it to. It was fun, solid, great sex, and enjoyable yet very light. I didn't shed a tear or get to engrossed, it kept my heart light. It was a fun start to a book series that I definitely plan on putting on my TBR list in case I ever feel the need to read one again.

If any of you are looking for something light and fun that will leave you nice and content then this is it. However, if you are looking for the next Ulysses or Shakespearean classic I would kindly suggest you come back to this on another day:)

? Irena ? says

[why else would you root for someone who kidnapped another person to marry

Elle says

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Seriously! half stars are needed on here! 3.5 stars for this book!!!!

This book was a surprisingly very quick read, I liked that Fiona didn't use sex as a way of getting what she wanted. Usually the heroine withholds sex from her guy in order to get her point across and the first sexual encounter happens 2/3's of the way through the novel, which works in theory but never in real life. In this book Fiona wants Jack (I love hero's named Jack!) so she sleeps with him plain and simple, and never denies her feelings for him. She's smart and uses her head to express her feelings and comes up with smarter ways to get what she wants which I appreciated!

I liked that this book didn't get caught up on the history of the characters. Jack had a horrible scaring relationship with his family which caused him to leave home at the age of 15 and make his own way in the world.... it happened, the necessary information was explained but there wasn't some huge dialog about Jack's family history that stole away from the real story of Fiona and Jack's relationship. Fiona and Jack had been in a relationship before they had their own history before this story started, they had "dated" he had asked her to marry him, and when it came time for her to run away with him she sends a note saying she has

changed her mind (when she learned that he had a mistress) again it's something that happened and you know everything you need to about the past event but it's not some all consuming event that one or both main characters seem unable to get over, nothing is worse than a character who holds up on some past injustice and drags it on and on through out the novel.

over all i really enjoyed this story and look forward to reading the next in the series!

Summer says

How to Abduct a Highland Lord is about a family feud, a curse, and the two people caught in it. Fiona MacLean's family has been cursed as long as she can remember. The moods of her and her brother can change the weather when they are upset or angry. When she was young she fell in love with a young man named Jack Kincaid but the romance ended badly for both of them. It was a long time ago but now Fiona needs Jack's help. Fiona and her brothers believe someone from Jack's family murdered one of Fiona's brothers. Both of their families have been locked in a feud and the murder has ignited revenge in Fiona's remaining brothers. In a desperate move she drags an unconscious Jack into a church and marries him, claiming she is pregnant with his unborn child. When Jack awakes he finds himself suddenly married to his former lover who insists he impregnate her to make her story true. Fiona believes their union will stop her brothers from taking their revenge. At first Jack resists at every turn but soon he learns that perhaps it wasn't such a bad idea after all.

How to Abduct a Highland Lord was a decent read. Not anything I'd rave about but it did manage to keep my attention until the end. I didn't find the characters very interesting save for Fiona's brothers but none of them were completely boring either. This book was mostly just a bunch of fluff. It was fine for some light reading to kill some time by and really that's all I expected from it anyways.

Yumru says

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Sababa says

My first Karen Hawkins read and I am so glad!! Loved the book. From the moment I started reading until, almost the end, it was perfect. I absolutely loved the adjustment after their marriage, their quarrel, their fight to gain control. Fiona, (I wonder, why she had to have this name. I mean, it just brings Shrek to my mind and having a green heroine it just not my thing, you know! alas what can a mere reader do?) with her feisty

temper, her awesome curse and her courage made me applaud her. She made Kinkaid see things her way, not demand it like other women would. And what a confrontation with Lucinda. You know every time I read about these pretty wives meeting their husbands paramours, I think to myself "why are they so passive??" But dear Fiona managed to pour water all over her. Ha! gave me a good solid five minutes of laughter. I loved reading her the gaming hell scene. In fact I kept saying to myself, score one, even, score two and who knows what else! Her brothers are to-next-read list.

Now time for complains: 1. I didn't understand what really happened when they were fifteen. I mean the story was a bit untouched, I would say. I wanted to know more about how and why they departed. 2. the ending was bad. I think the author should have included an epilogue or something. After Kinkaid return to the MacLean household everything happened too fast for my linking. And these are the only two reasons I didn't like enough to give this one a 5 star..

Bronwyn Rykert says

Karen Hawkins delights fans of Scottish Romance once again in this first of a new series about the highland MacLean Family.

Black Jack Kincaid had his roguish heart broken years ago when the beautiful green-eyed Fiona MacLean changed her mind on his offer of marriage. To stop a feud between the Kincaid's and MacLean's, after her brother Callum is killed in a bar fight Fiona and her henchman Hamish kidnap Jack after he falls from his horse. He is drunk and unconscious when they get him to the alter but after swigging from Hamish's flask Jack awakens long enough to take his vows. To convince the priest to marry them Fiona has told him that she is with child. Jack is very surprised when he wakes up the next morning married to Fiona.

Jack is determined that his marriage will not affect his rogue lifestyle. He flees with Fiona to his London home in order to be in control of the relationship. Once there, Fiona's beauty, passion, and kindness begin to warm Jack's cold heart.

London experiences a stormy season as the MacLean brothers follow to make sure their little sister is happy in her new marriage. An ex-lover of Jack's who wants him back in her bed and a member of the Campbell family who wants revenge, gets in the act to make trouble. When attempts are made on Fiona's life Jack and Fiona return to Scotland, where the mystery of Callum's death and attempts on Fiona's life are unveiled.

The story is sexy, witty, fast paced and pure regency highland fun!

Chitra *CJ* says

"How to abduct a Highland Lord" is the story of Jack and Fiona.

The blurb was the reason I chose this book, but how was I to know that the despicable, drunk lout escaping married women's bed in the prologue would be the hero?!

Fiona is a Maclean, a clan cursed with controlling weather unless they can do one good deed. When her brother Cameron dies because of a feud between Macleans and Kincaids, she decides to take the matters into her own hand and marry Jack; the wastrel and who was her first love.

Now, there are many a heroes I have detested but Jack, oh Jack how I disliked you..

- Deplorable drunk
- Bed hopping between married women
- Breaks up with heroine because he wasn't able to give up his mistress despite taking her virginity
- Goes after wedding night to another woman (and doesn't sleep with her but who cares)
- Post wedding night is drunk and gambling
- Doesn't inform his staff that he's married, inadvertently making them treat his wife like a whore
- Seduces her and falls asleep snoring- because that's what he does after a "good romp"

So yes, he does try to reform a little post marriage and do humane things like, I don't know, remember the name of a butler who's been with him 12 years, but then again, we have scenes where the heroine is forced to go to gaming hells to gain a husband's attention, who doesn't give a crap- and when she refuses to obey him, he flirts with his ex-married-stalking-mistress- while she's forced to do the same with another lout.

Then there's a crazy assassination attempt and crazy nefarious plot out of nowhere, but it was way too late to save the book.

Egh, this one was a totally frustrating read. Didn't enjoy it at all.

Unsafe

0.5/5

Maureen Feeney says

Fiona MacLean is determined to save her family from a bloody clan war with the Kincaids. She kidnaps and marries Black Jack Kincaid a man she loved 15 years ago, hoping that if they have a child it will unite the 2 familys. After a night of drink and debauchery, the unsuspecting rogue is stunned to wake up married to the woman that jilted him years ago. Even though he still desires her, Jack swears he will not change his life now he is wed and is determined to carry on drinking, gambling and carousing. Fiona decides what is good for him is also good for her, so she sets about mimicking Jacks behaviour. Throw in an old curse that was put on the MacLeans generations ago that the weather changes with their tempers, a jealous exmistress and you have a light witty read.

Sometimes after reading a lot of serious heavy plotted books I pick a nice light warm book, well this fits into that category. No big heavy plot just a delightful silly read that has some witty moments. The characters are simple with no real depth but they are still likeable. The story is pretty predictable but in saying that it is still entertaining. We also got a glimpse of Fionas brothers that the other books in the series are set on.

Gokce ~Muslin Myst~ says

Even though it wasn't love and lust at first sight for me with this book, I ended up enjoying it. It tells the story of the only girl of the Maclean family, and the rich yet careless Lord she ambushes to marry her -that's right :)

Fiona Maclean and Jack Kincaid once had a passionate affair but somehow thing didn't work out and they were separated, both feeling bitter. And now it's years later and Fiona is desperate to bind herself to Jack Kincaid, whether he likes it or not. Because you see, Macleans and Kincaids have never liked each other. They never missed an opportunity to fight one another and one of these fights has ended with a Maclean brother dead and the rest fuming with thoughts of vengeance. So it's up to Fiona to end this feud by marrying one of the Kincaids and produce an heir as soon as possible to tie the two clans together with bonds of

family. So she kidnaps one drunk and unconscious Jack and gets him to marry her. Jack here thinks he's dreaming, cause the last time he saw Fiona was years ago though he never forgot her. So he thinks, 'to hell with it, it's just a dream, and hey, if I dream long enough I might even get to bed her!' and goes along with it. And then he wakes up to realize he's been married to her for real. From then on the two fight about boundaries and marital duties etc.

I think for the sake of the whole plotline the story, Fiona and Jack's marriage, started very quickly. Before we were down a few chapters they were already married and fighting. But I did like their energy. They both clearly cared for each other but were too proud to confess or bend to the other's will. Jack never wanted to be in this position in the first place so he kept trying to find a way to be away from Fiona, emotionally at least cause he agreed to have a child to end the feud. Fiona, on the other hand, along with feeling sorry for what she forced Jack to do, also wanted him to love her. Plus, she constantly feared losing another brother.

It was a nice story, towards the end we even got a bit of mystery and action. And we also got to meet the four brothers of Fiona who were every bit of big brother you could expect from tough Scottish men. I would probably read the rest of this series, I know I'll read the next one for sure cause it's the story of one of the brothers who apparently falls for his childhood friend. How can I pass on a romance like this? :)

Kelly22 says

[image error]

Celina says

My goodness! This was a refreshing read!

I bought the 4th and 5th books first in the MacLean series but I don't like reading series in a different sequence so I really had to wait for this book. It was really worth the wait!

I'm really uncomfortable with the name Fiona just because I have an ogre in my head. Anyway, I fell in love with another Jack! Goodness, this book is very witty. You'll love the sharp retorts they exchange. Fiona is one challenging Scot. You'll also love her brothers!

About the MacLean curse. When the MacLeans get angry, they change the weather. Rain, thunderstorms, and even hail. The way to get rid of the curse is that they have to do something good, a good choice with good will. (I'm not sure what the exact words were but it's something like that.) Whatever, just read it.

Anyway, I say it's refreshing because you pay close attention to the characters and their exchanges. It's funny, witty and... just the kind of conversations that make you bite your lip! (Btw, there is a bit in the book where Jack says why biting lips is a great seductive move) Yes, Fiona and Jack were highly passionate. The descriptions were not *steamy* but I don't really care. I love Jack's clever words of seduction and Fiona's flaunting of her charms to seduce him back.

Best part is where they make each other jealous. They're trying to flaunt their freedom and they end up in angry, possessive, jealous streaks that is just adorable.

So, 5 stars for me!

Megan says

I really enjoyed this book. It is the first in the MacLean Curse Series. The heroine kidnapped the drunken hero and married him to stop a feud. He is not thrilled when he sobers up and finds himself married. They had a short relationship 15 years earlier and the passion is still there.

The main theme of the book was freedom. He valued his freedom above all else. He liked to go out at night "carousing" (as she calls it) so the heroine decides to give him a dose of his own medicine and decides to do that too. Needless to say his alpha male side (which I love a good alpha) comes out and they eventually admit their love for each other. Good story overall and I plan to read the whole series.

Shan ~ A ~ says

I had been looking forward reading more about the MacLeans ever since I read Much Ado about Marriage. This didn't disappoint.

Fiona is one of the feistiest romance heroine I have read since reading the previous story with her ancestor Fia. Fiona does have one up on Fia since she is part of the famous or infamous MacLean Curse. That means that when her emotions are running high it affects the weather.

Jack is one of those alpha males who doesn't want to give up life as they knew before they got married, but in his case you can understand why. I loved the chemistry between these two rather they were making love or having a row.

When Jake and Fiona are together you know they are meant to be and I can't wait to see what is going to take place with the rest of the MacLeans.
