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Moira Frazer is betrothed to a man who is old enough to be her father, but it's her duty to her clan to marry him, and she's determined to see this through...until she meets Gahan Sutherland.

Gahan knows this match is designed to start a feud between the clans, which is why he decides to stop the wedding. But when Moira awakens a passion within him that he never knew existed, he realizes that the outcome of this perilous situation will determine the future of his own happiness.

As trust and honor clash with forbidden attraction, manipulations, rivalries, and schemes will threaten to blow the Highlands sky high...

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Farrah says

How to Handle a Highlander was a wonderful historical romance. With steamy romance, sneaky manipulation, and a couple of psychopaths, this book is sure to be a hit. It was a fantastic read and I totally loved it!

Moira was a heroine determined to do what's best for her clan. Even if it means marrying a lecherous old man. And denying what she really wanted. I thought she was a strong character. She's dealt with years of being put down by her siblings and survived with her kindness intact. She was a likable heroine. I thought she was lovely and I really liked her.

Gahan was a highlander that was determined to have his way. And that, included stopping a clan war, taking down a corrupt laird, and marrying the woman he loves, who just so happens to already be married. Impossible, you say? Tell that to the stubborn highlander :) I adored him. I loved that he was so determined to do what was right, even if others didn't see it that way. He was super sweet and strong and absolutely adorable. I thought he was a wonderful hero.

The romance was very sweet. Moira and Gahan were adorable together. Because both of them had common roots, while they lived the nobility's world, they understood each other and I thought that was really sweet. And the sparks between them were hot, made even hotter by they very forbidden element of it. There were definitely some steamy scenes with these two. They were a lovely couple.

The plot was fast paced. I was kept interested the entire way through. The manipulations and secrets agendas that were going on had me on the edge of my seat, anxious to find out how all the schemes would turn out. The villains of this book, Felicity's siblings, were easy to hate and their ending was very satisfying. I really enjoyed the story and the ending was perfect.

How to Handle a Highlander was a fantastic historical romance. I really enjoyed this book. It was absolutely lovely. Lovers of romance, if you want some highlander fun and a brilliant read, then this is a book you'll want to check out.

*I received a free copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

Kay says

This is the continuing saga of the Sutherlands. They are an overlord family of Scottish Highlanders. This story is about Gahan and Moira. Gahan is the illegitimate son of the Sutherland chieftain. He was acknowledged by his father so he could be a semi titled man. After his father recovered from the attempt made on his life by the Frasers, they have been obsessed over safety and watching the Frasers closely. Due to this watching, Gahan notices that Bari Frazer is going to marry off his half sister to the Matheson family. This marriage will bring an army with the Frasers against Gahan's family.

Gahan is instantly drawn to Moira, the bride. Moira's husband is impotent at his advanced age and therefore their marriage is never consummated. The two start an affair and it causes quite the situation. The story is about duty to your clan, family loyalty and revenge.

I'm a big fan of Mary Wine and I get giddy when she releases one of her Highlander books. My problem with this one has to do with the infidelity throughout the story. I know that they thought back then that a marriage wasn't a marriage without consummation but the marriage in this book took place in a Church. This left me uneasy. I absolutely do not like adultery in my historical romances. Despite the fact that the story and love scenes were good, my rating was less because of this. I hope this won't be a continued theme in her following books.

Heidi says

Despite the goofy title, this was another well-written, hardy Highlander romance. With plenty of intrigue, men in kilts, a strong heroine and surprisingly good plot twists... and one of the better villainesses I've encountered in HF romance.

Cherie says

4.25

Kathleen says

How to Handle a Highlander by Mary Wine

Story Rating ~ 4 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4.5 Stars

Ending ~ 3.5 Stars

Overall rating ~ 4 Stars

I've been a huge fan of Mary Wine's Highlander series for quite some time. I've read everyone and have really enjoyed them all.

This book completely held my attention from start to finish. It was packed with FANTASTIC characters my favorite being the heroine Moira. I really liked how smart she was but also how she coped with the situations that she was put through. She always put the safety of others before herself and gave into what she felt was her duty even if it was something she did not want to do. She held her head high even around people who thought badly about her.

The hero Gahan was also a fantastic character. He was very leery of Moira when they first met but it did not take long for him to realize that she was an honorable woman. These two fit each other perfectly in every way. Of course as with any Scottish romance the hero's are strong, fierce, loyal, honorable, protective, sexy and very lusty, Gahan was all those things and so much more.

These two had excellent chemistry together and I loved reading about every stolen encounter. The love

scenes were many and VERY sensual.

The ending was good but I felt there was a few questions in my mind that were not answered, hence the 3.5 rating. I felt that an epilogue would have added the bit more I was craving. I'm thinking that maybe those questions may be answered for me in the next book, The Highlanders Bride Trouble that is scheduled for release June 3, 2014.

How To Handle a Highlander is book 6 in the Highlander series. There are many of characters that crossed over from book to book. I feel that it's does help to read the previous books first however I also feel that you can read this as a standalone if you so desire.

Overall my feelings on this book are that Mary Wine writes her Scottish romance just the way I love them to be, with good story lines, excellent characters, truly evil villains and plenty of heat.

Blodeuedd Finland says

I do think Mary Wine writes my favorite highlander stories. The men are just so very manly and the women are gutsy.

This is book 6 but sure we meet lots of old friends but you can still jump right in (my memory is bad anyway so I forget things). Moira is the half sister of the idiot Fraser (and the very evil Sandra who everyone hated.) She had been pretty neglected but likes her life anyway and wanted to do what was best for her clan. Even if that was to marry some smelly old man.

Gahan is the old enemy (but it's the Frasers who are asses). He liked her gutsy self after he got over the first Fraser woman! shock. And he did not give up in his pursuit, can't blame a guy for trying.

There are plots as the Frasers want to take down the Sutherlands. There is the whole Moira is married to the old guy and Gahan wants her plot. And then some other things I will not mention. So good things everywhere.

A good, passionate story about two lovers from feuding families.

Would I read more (I just saw this mentioned by someone so hey better than any rating)

Yes, and especially since I think that might be Saer's book yay

Cover

He does look good

Leah Hortin says

Picked this up at the poolside lending library. While I realize this is the 3rd in a series and I may have missed some finer points in character development, I found it to be lacking in both character and plot development. Additionally, it was difficult to read with the old English nomenclature. I also somehow find it hard to believe they used the term "slut" in the 1400s.

Clarice says

Moria Fraser has been given an ultimatum, marry the elderly Laird Achaius Morris or risk another deadly clan war. Gahan Sutherland knows that there is a dangerous plot afoot. Gahan will do all he can to stop this wedding, however, a hot-headed, fiery Highland Lass is involved, trust and honor will clash with a forbidden passion, which might blow the Highlands sky high.

Andita says

I really liked...

The characters. The good and the bad ones. The plot was interesting. I'm looking forward to more by this author.

Dianne says

Who could resist the history and romance of a Highlander Clan? Face it, there'll be battles for sure, deceit, conniving, treachery, the handsome hero and the feisty heroine who share a forbidden love! What's not to love? Moira knows her duty to her clan, her family and her half-brother. She will do anything for the safety of those in her clan even if it means being forced into marrying a decrepit old Laird who unbeknownst to her, has his own agenda in the quest for power and land. Enter hot and handsome Gahan Sutherland, the son of a Laird who nearly died at the hands of Moira's evil half-sister. He arrives just in time to see the beautiful Moira and witness the humiliation she must face from her "betrothed." In spite of her family ties, Gahan finds he is drawn to this young woman, but can he trust her? Moira never thought she could find a soul-deep love, until she saw Gahan. Will betrayals, revenge and her evil and demented family keep them apart or will love find a way with help from the young king?

Mary Wine's **How to Handle a Highlander** is a standout in the historical romance genre! Her world feels historic, her men are manly, the women have grit, and the romantic tension is off the charts! The plot had enough twists to make a pretzel look like the shortest distance between two points!

Be honest, who doesn't like a guy who can pull off wearing a kilt and still be swoon worthy while meeting his match in a woman half his size? Great entertainment, great reading, gotta love the Scots for good romance!

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Tracy Emro says

Might be spoilerish - I submitted review from my phone so I don't have the option to hide it. Sorry!

This book was not what I expected after reading the book description.

I have one steadfast rule - no cheating/adultery - no exceptions. Since this book features a married heroine who has a sexual relationship with the hero - there is adultery - I don't care how it is justified - it is adultery plain and simple.

And Gahan (weird name) certainly tries to justify it. Moira at least admits that they are wrong - but it doesn't stop her from breaking her vows - repeatedly.

I liked the characters - I really did and my heart broke for them, but that doesn't make it ok and yes, I can see Gahan's point that her marriage wasn't valid per highland code - but she made vows and those should matter - highland code or no

Anyway - the story was fast paced, extremely well written and it was great to see Norris and Daphne again (loved them!). It was also GREAT to see the villains get what they deserved (yes, I am a blood thirsty wench). The love scenes were hot - I am still fanning myself!!

If I could get past the whole adultery thing - I would have rated this 5 stars, but I just couldn't - I believe in the sanctity of marriage and don't take vows lightly - even fictional ones.

I am really looking forward to Saer's (another weird name) book - he intrigues me - gotta love a man who thinks of himself as a savage :)

Katya says

Great Romance...lots of angst and interesting plot! Great Read!

K.C. Hilton says

I enjoyed this entire series (I read them out of order, but not on purpose). I gave this book 5 stars. However, I wanted to point out that I think there were way too many sex scenes and I nearly gave it 4 stars. Don't get me wrong, I love historical romance books, but I found myself skimming over the last two sex scenes just to get back to the story. I was like...geez...again? It could have been left assumed, without all the detail and taking me away from the story, but that's just me. Besides that, I enjoyed the book and a few surprises near the end, had me re-reading certain passages. Yeah, I like it when an author can be brave and unpredictable enough to

absolutely floor the reader. For that reason, I bumped my rating back up to 5 stars! Well done!

A side note, because I'm being brave and a bit outspoken recently: Before posting this review, I also read a few others, but didn't change mine. I wanted to add a few comments about some reviews talking about adultery (on Amazon). Well, I really must laugh at that, lol. Why? OMG, really people? How many historical romance books have you read that most of the women are de-flowered/losing their virginity BEFORE they're married? A ton of them! They all talk about keeping their virtue, but in the end they ALL had premarital sex. Yeah, that's just as bad during that era. And speaking of this book, how can it be considered adultery, when the marriage was never even consummated? Also, what about all the historical romance books that talk about a husband or a wife having a lover outside of their marriage? I've never seen a reviewer say anything bad about that, so why scream adultery about this book? Geez! Anyway, my opinion only. To each his/her own.

Christine D says

Nope, didn't like this one.

I guess it's a tough act to follow the wedding series (highland spitfire, highland vixen, highland hellion) but I just did not like this one. I didn't like the plot and the characters were so so.

Dottie says

An intriguing, sexy historical romance! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

Moira Fraser has lived under the thumbs of her half-mad brother, Laird Bari Fraser, and her evil half-sister, Sandra, most of her life. The report that Sandra is now dead has driven Bari even more insane and he wants vengeance against the Sutherlands, who he blames for her death. When Bari demands that Moira marry an elderly laird, Achaius Matheson, to gain them an ally against their enemy, she feels she has no choice. After all, among the Scottish clans, honor and duty comes first. Still, she is drawn to another...Gahan.

Gahan Sutherland is the illegitimate son of Laird Lytge Sutherland, but he is regarded the same as any of the laird's legitimate sons since his father has acknowledged him as his own. Gahan and Bari are bitter enemies. After Sandra tried to poison his father, Gahan was given the decision on how to punish her, so Bari blames him specifically for her death. But from the moment Gahan meets Moira, he wants her for his own. However, she is about to wed someone else. Although he tries to convince her not to go through with the wedding, Moira can see no way out of it.

Gahan's reasons for breaking up the marriage are not altogether altruistic, because he figures that the uniting of the two clans in marriage will have them descending upon his clan. By stopping the marriage, he hopes to bring peace and end further bloodshed. Still, he would do anything to have Moira by his side. Is there a way that they can have a future together and still keep the peace?

A compelling tale, HOW TO HANDLE A HIGHLANDER, the third book in author Mary Wine's THE SUTHERLANDS series, is a stimulating, passionate historical romance that will leave readers longing for a Gahan of their own. Deceit and betrayal abound among the clans as the two lairds, Fraser and Matheson, each have their own secret plans for using Moira to get what they want. Meanwhile, Gahan and the Sutherlands have a secret of their own...one that may be the key to solving their problems. Readers will find themselves quickly caught up in this delectable tale.

Packed with hunky Highlanders, humor, clan dynamics, an arranged marriage, danger, adultery, manipulation, evil villains, romance and love, this well-written story will keep readers avidly turning the pages to see what happens next. Although this book can be read as a standalone, I am sure that after reading this one, you will seek out the rest of this series. This is an exciting, fast-paced tale! Take my advice and give it a try!

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com
