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What in the name of Thor could be making this Viking so blue?

- Eating haggis?
- Listening to those insufferable bagpipes?
- Traveling through Scotland with the world's worst poet?
- Searching for the infuriatingly inept witch who's cursed his face... and even more important parts?

For Rurik the Viking, life has not been worth living since he left Maire of the Moors. Oh, it's not that he misses her fiery red tresses or kissome lips. Nay, it's the embarrassing blue zigzag she put on his face after their one wild night of loving. For a fierce warrior who prides himself on his immense height, his expertise in bedsport, and his well-honed muscles, this blue streak is the last straw. In the end, he'll bring the witchling to heel, or die trying. Mayhap he'll even beg her to wed ... so long as she can promise he'll no longer be... the Blue Viking.

The Blue Viking Details

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Antje says

This book has a great development and good plot I liked it very much and I recommend it to everyone.

Brandie says

There are some things you read just to escape, and this one fits the bill perfectly. Hilarious, like most of her books are, and set in the days of the Vikings (as you may have figured). Made me laugh right out loud!

Alexa Ayana says

Setelah kemunculannya di Bewitched Viking, Ruric si Tykir BFF lumayan menarik perhatian karena kebenciannya dengan sosok penyihir. Dan seperti pada umumnya dia kena karma. Setelah menyakiti hati salah satu gadisnya yang ternyata seorang penyihir, gadis itu mengecat wajahnya dengan garis biru yang sudah pasti menodai ketampanannya. Putri Viking yang di lamarnya memberi syarat garis itu harus dihilangkan sebelum mereka bisa menikah. Dan di mulailah perjalanan panjang Ruric ke tanah Scotlandia untuk berburu penyihir spesial.

Seperti bisa di duga, plot buku ini simple dan standar banget. Nyaris tidak ada twist baru dan konflik yang mendebarkan. Karakter Ruric juga menurutku tidak di gali mendalam, kelakuannya khas Viking SH dan latar belakang ngenesnya tidak menyentuh seperti kisah hidup Selik.

Setting Scotlandia yang tampil beda tidak digambarkan dengan maksimal. Joke-joke slapsticknya juga tidak menawarkan hal baru. Ketertarikan Ruric dan Maire juga sukar dipercaya, cinta mereka tak terasa sampai akhir. Pernikahan mereka juga terasa dipaksakan. Unsur bahwa romace mereka dibangun dari status Ruric yang sudah bertunangan juga sama sekali tidak membantu.

My rating :

Star : 2.5/5

Melanie says

I reviewed this book for Romance Reader At Heart website.

RRAH's THOUGHTS AND PONDERINGS:

I'm truly dreading to voice my thoughts on this book. I know that I'm going to offend a lot of Sandra Hill fans, but here it goes.

As I read this tale, I couldn't help but think of the movie `Robin Hood; Men in Tights'. That movie was a spoof on the Robin Hood legend, and this book, in my opinion, is a spoof on `Spartacus' in general, Vikings

in particular.

The plot is simple. Rurik the Vein had a short liaison five years ago with Maire Campbell, or the Witch of the Campbell Clan as she's known. But instead of taking her for his wife or just taking her with him when he left, he rebuffed her and the little witch didn't like that so much. So, she marked him with a blue tattoo mark on his handsome face. From that point on, our Viking is in search of Maire so she can remove the tattoo and he can return to his homeland and marry another maiden.

Maire Campbell is a not-so-good-witch. She gets her spells all mixed up, and reminded me of Aunt Clara from 'Bewitched'. After Rurik left Maire, she was forced by her brother to marry a Macnab, so the last five years were not so happy for our heroine. As our hero finally locates her, he's shocked to find her widowed and embroiled up to her neck in Macnab trouble. I didn't like her much.

This book was a slapstick comedy, both silly and humorous at times, but for some reason, I wasn't laughing that much. I just couldn't take it seriously, and in the end, I was disappointed in it.

I found the story unexceptional, and in all honesty, I can't recommend it. If you like slapstick comedy, by all means read this THE BLUE VIKING; I'm sure you'll like it. But if you're looking for a true Viking romance, a look into Viking life and the times in which they lived and loved, you'll probably be as disappointed in this book as I was.

Melanie

Irene N says

can't put book a side - wonderful!!

Jennifer The Forgetful Fairy Queen says

This book makes me wish I could go A-Viking. LOL I enjoyed Maire's character a lot. She bungled up her spells so all her witchery came out wonky. A girl after my own heart. Rurik, was amazing to me, again another sexy Viking. Sandra Hill writes funny, so well in her romances. Some recurring characters from other books of hers made appearances. I love Bolthor the Skald. His poetry is the best! My favorite part in this book was all the men having a ribbon tied on one of there fingers. LOL I won't spoil it for you. You just have to read it.

TinaMarie says

Seeking the witch that left him with a streak of blue on his face, leads Rurik to Scotland. Good humor

Melissa says

I was stripping mass markets last week and came across this one - once I read the jacket copy I knew I had to read it: hot Viking bags Scotswoman (a witch, of course), leaves her and receives a blue zig-zag on his face in retaliation; searches for like three years for her to make her remove the mark, finds her, decides to punish her by having lots of mind-blowing sex with her (if that's a punishment, sign me up!), and [spoiler] not only saves her clan from a murderous rival clan (in a fight you'd miss if you blinked) but decides he loves her and would rather have a blue zigzag and stay with her than a pretty face and leave her.[/spoiler]

After my Eloisa James binge I expect mostly-coherent plots and writing. And no anachronisms. There were so many anachronisms and odd sex talk that I laughed my way through it.

Vain Vikings aren't hot, they're just vain. And boring.

Judith says

Reissued after over a decade from its first publishing, this re-done Viking novel is another fine example of Sandra Hill's good writing, her attention to detail, her never-failing sense of humor that she interjects into her characters and their interaction with one another, as well as her evident desire to help contemporary fiction readers also learn some new and surprising information about the Viking culture and lifestyle in the 10th century. Her the Vikings re-visit a familiar location in Scotland only to find that the Campbell clan has been systematically decimated by its neighboring clan led by the uncle of the under-aged laird. The story centers around one of the warriors who has been friends to Eirik, Tykir, Bolthor the Scald, Vagn & Toste Ivarsson, and other characters who continue their presence through this first Viking series from this author. A very funny book but loaded with history, all encapsulated in a beautifully written love story.

Penny Watson says

The Blue Viking by Sandra Hill

I needed some humor, so I turned to Sandra Hill. Well, I got the humor (Bolthor's poems continue to entertain), but I also got a touching love story. And a nice, lusty one, too. I am totally digging this author. She has an amazing way of blending humor, emotional depth of character, plot and conflict, and lusty loving. If I had a crystal ball, I would predict.....more Vikings in my future. Oh yeah!

(My only beef with The Blue Viking was that it started out a little bit slowly. But I'm sure glad I stuck with it!).

Grade: A-/B+

Goge (BARRONS) le Moning Maniac, says

I need to read this book again!!! I remember being introduced to his character in a prior book and thinking.. "What an ASS." And not in a good way. He was so annoying, how dare he mess with my hero-heroine???? So I was cautious picking up his story but KYAAAaaahhhh loved his story, loved his heroine,loved himXD I need another dose of The Blue Viking!!XD

Abi says

When I finished reading "The Bewitched Viking" I was very curious with Rurik's story. I was honestly wondering what was up with the Blue line. So, after i finished with Tyrik's tale, I immediately went down to my favorite bookshop and bought this book.

As for my review, I give it a 3. The story didn't exactly reach up to my expectations but i enjoyed it nonetheless. Rurik i think lacks depth. He is vain, and I know it was because of how he was treated before and everything, But i don't know if he was able to justify it enough for me. Somehow it needed a little more explanation. As for Maire, well, there's nothing new about her character. I didn't like her that much and I honestly don't know what Rurik found bewitching about her, besides the fact that she was beautiful. Anyways, overall, the conversations were witty, which is what i was expecting, and i did enjoy reading it. It gave me a couple of laughs and some heartache, but i still find "The Bewitched Viking" better than this. But, it doesn't mean I wont read it again.

Thank you Sandra Hill for making me love Viking Romance! :)

Amber says

The Blue Viking only added to my growing love for Viking novels, especially by the great Sandra Hill! I had to piece together why he was called the Blue Viking, and I absolutly love the reason! Great book, 10000 stars!

Bark says

I found this sucker way back in the back of giant bookshelf that is stacked three stacks deep. Say that fast three times.

Bought it new, never read it. I know you are jealous! Just look at that classic early 2000's cover. Will I read it? I think I must now! It's been waiting 18 long years.

Mary23nm says

Extremely silly but entertaining.
