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## **Border Lord** Arnette Lamb **A Lady's Desperate Mission**

The lush Scottish hills stretched before Lady Miriam MacDonald, brilliant diplomat from Queen Anne's court. She had come seeking peace between the Scots and English - and won the admiration of two special men. The kindly, awkward laird of Kildalton Castle became a trusted friend. But the Border Lord, a dashing, tartan-clad legend disguised by black midnight, swept her into his arms... and claimed her innocence.

### **A Lord's Unbreakable Vow**

A lifetime of anguish lay behind this disguise of Duncan Kerr, laird of Kildalton by birth, Border Lord by choice. If the queen's emissary, flame-haired Lady Miriam, unmasked him, he would lose the prize he held most dear. He had meant to seduce and compromise her.. not to cherish and desire her.

### **A Passion That Sealed Their Destiny**

By day, Miriam strove to establish harmony in the realm; by night she surrendered to forbidden pleasure with the mysterious Border Lord. Only he knew the truth, as elusive as the mists of the hills: whether he loved her passionate soul, or the promise of peace she brought to his beloved land...

## **Border Lord Details**

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## From Reader Review Border Lord for online ebook

### **Zoe says**

a re-read from my youth. it was just an ok read then and is just an ok read now. characters almost comical, not exactly dream material. unusual plot but the comical feel was too strong for me to enjoy the story. my next re-read, if ever, won't be anytime soon.

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### **Michelle(Chelle) aka Nightshade - Cake Whisperer says**

This was a re-read for me. I have this book in hard copy from back when it was first released and have read it a few times. I enjoy my Scottish heroes. Arnette Lamb has always been one of my favorite authors from back in the day.

Miriam McDonald is an interesting heroine. She is sent by Queen Anne to the Border to form a peace treaty between the Scottish laird Duncan Kerr and the English Baron Sinclair.

Duncan disguises himself as a bumbling fool to keep Miriam from discovering the fact that he is also the Border Lord. the man who has been raiding Sinclair to get back the property the Baron keeps stealing from him.

Miriam finds herself attracted to both the Border Lord and later to the Earl.

A sweet story.

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### **Sally Hannoush says**

I felt this was a comedy/mystery/adventure/drama ... and whatever else thrown in. It seems to have everything. It let me feel too many emotions and shed a few tears as well. I was actually surprised it was a freebie.

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### **Shelly says**

2.5 This book was just okay. It had an interesting plot, but some parts were a little slow, especially at the beginning. I liked the characters and I thought they were well developed. The end felt a little rushed for me.

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### **Diana says**

Lady Miriam is a famous mediator for Queen Anne, sent to negotiate peace between an English baron and a Scottish laird. Her time at Duncan Kerr's castle is split between her exasperation at the eccentric laird and her infatuation with the mysterious Border Lord who avenges the injustices perpetrated by his clan's rival.

This wasn't as funny as I expected, and fell a little short. Miriam is an odd character, scathingly brilliant but also quite socially adept. She had all the right components, but she never felt quite real to me. Duncan is the same way. His charade and his actions struck me as being quite cruel at times, and I wasn't happy about the easy way Miriam was just suddenly okay with it. I also never really understood the resolution of the feud--that storyline seemed to exist just to set up the plot and to throw up some random roadblocks. This could have been done better.

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### **Maria says**

In this story, Lady Miriam MacDonald was a seasoned diplomat from Queen Anne's court, on a mission to bring peace to the border lands. There is the Earl of Kildalton who appears to be a very subdued nobleman by all appearances.

Lady Miriam starts to realize that the Earl looks a lot like the sexy and handsome Border Lord. The Border Lord is a vigilante of sorts who tries to right all of the wrongs. Miriam is coming to suspect that there is something going on with these two nobleman and sets out to discover the truth. Will she possibly get more than she bargains for?

At times this made me laugh, I wish there would have been more to the ending.

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### **Artemiz says**

Border Lord by Arnette Lamb is a good romance story. It's no bodice ripper story. There is a strong (read: head strong :) heroine and strong (read: tricky, loyal and loving) hero.

There is no swooning, no sulking, no storming off in this book. There are two educated adults who are playing a complicated game of chess without even realizing it. The stakes at this game are high and one wrong move can bring devastation to either one of them. When they realize the stakes, it might be already too late, but it wouldn't be a romance novel, if the ending would not be happy. So our leading lady and lord dance their complicated dance, show their cards little by little and at the end they find the ending that is satisfying to all the parties involved.

It's a good book!

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### **Cassandra says**

This was one of the first romance novels I ever read and is the specific one that started my love of the genre. If I'm remembering correctly (it's been over a decade), the heroine was independent and intelligent, the hero was actually nice and considerate, and the plot was engaging. I'll have to re-read it soon!

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### **Brittany says**

I received this from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. I just did not love it. The story was okay but

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I just did not enjoy the heroine. Her views of making a peace might be good in theory but it she just comes across as naïve. Other than that it was a different take on a highland romance.

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## Regan Walker says

Fanciful but Delightful Tale from the Scottish Borderlands

Set in 1713 in the Scottish borderlands, this is the story of Lady Miriam MacDonald, diplomat for Queen Anne who is being punished by the queen and sent to the Scottish borderlands to negotiate a peace between Duncan Kerr, the Earl of Kildalton and Baron Sinclair, who have had a running feud for years involving more than stolen cattle.

By day, Duncan dons the disguise of a bumbling nobleman with a wig and spectacles, hoping to fool Miriam about his night raids. By night, Duncan is the infamous "Border Lord" who raids the baron's English lands to reclaim what is his.

Miriam befriends the earl and falls prey to the seduction of the Border Lord, never knowing they are the same man. She is determined to negotiate a peace but she doesn't know the truth of the feud. And she doesn't know the Border Lord is falling in love with her.

It's a fanciful but clever story that, at times, reads more like a Regency with its witty banter and female diplomat, but it is also well-written and very entertaining. Lamb has created a wonderful cast of characters, including Duncan's son who changes his first name each day and takes on the personality of the person whose name he bears.

This unlikely but delightful tale will hold your interest. It's the first in the Border series:

Border Lord  
Border Bride  
Chieftain  
Maiden of Inverness

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## Cherie says

Really, really good. The heroine was quite intelligent and stayed that way. The hero was clever and a good leader. The two of them spent a lot of time trying to outmaneuver each other. I loved that it was never negative, just clever. She was a diplomat sent to solve a dispute and I liked that the solution, though it seemed there was none, was clever rather than a miracle. At times I thought the author had written herself into a corner, but no, she very cleverly wrote herself out without, again, creating a miracle. The hero's son was a joy to read about. He didn't like his name, Malcolm, so he tried out a different name from an historical character and dressed up and play acted the character. It was charming.

4.5 stars

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## April Symes says

Pages: 314

Genre: Romance

Overall Rating: Great

Reviewed For: NetGalley

Reviewer: April

This is a story that I remember from when I was in middle school. The author, Arnette Lamb, had such a way with words that they just jumped out from the pages at you and put you right there in the book, in the scene with the all the characters.

The Hero, Duncan Kerr is out to reclaim his birthright from the treacherous Baron Sinclair . By Day, Duncan is laird of Kildalton and by Night, he is the Border Lord, fighting injustices to his clan.

Lady Miriam was sent to try to broker a peace treaty with Duncan but the only thing that ended up happening was that Duncan and Miriam couldn't broker anything. Arguments happened. Misunderstandings Happened. Slowly they fell in love and that is when the real fireworks happened. Because by day Duncan was the Laird of Kildalton but by night, he is the Border Lord.

Duncan is hilarious, while Miriam is splendidly BEDEVILED as she is swept off her feet by Duncan's "alter ego." The author, Arnette Lamb, had such a way with words that they just jumped out from the pages at you and put you right there in the book, in the scene with the all the characters. I truly love this story. I cant wait to read next up in this series, which is Border Bride... I give this story 5 stars. It is a story of heartache, of loss yet at the same time, it is a story of new love, of seduction

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## Ann Keller says

To most, a romance between Lady Miriam MacDonald and the Earl of Kildalton seemed most unlikely. Miriam was a seasoned diplomat from Queen Anne's court, on a mission to bring peace to the border lands. On the other hand, the earl was merely a bumbling, awkward nobleman, who apparently spent most of his time fishing and designing unique fishing lures. Or was he?

Over the weeks, Lady Miriam begins to see some inconsistencies in the bumbling earl. For one thing, he resembles the handsome adventurer, the Border Lord, a nobleman who attempts to right every wrong inflicted upon the local populace. By any chance, could they be one and the same man? Miriam sets out to discover the truth and, in the end, gets more than she bargains for. Worthy reading for a lovely Saturday afternoon filled with historical romance and intrigue.

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## Maggie Hesseling says

I loved malocom... I loved his father, who was the hero and the head-butting he did with the queen's diplomat, but Malcom was adorable! Changing his name every day and writing an assignment on it while he chooses a name for himself- Brilliant! I can't wait to read his story.

This novel on the other hand was a good and solid HR. I liked the characters, even if they were a little

strange on purpose, and I loved the novel and writing. I did see everything coming, but I didn't mind. I was just swept away in the whole Duncan/Ian charade!

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### **Mojca says**

I usually like Scotland based stories with gorgeous brawny lairds as heroes, but this one did absolutely nothing for me. It seems the whole story was comprised of blind idiots that couldn't see what was just in front of their noses.

The whole disguise ruse could've been much better executed, the plot was rather hole-y, especially since the resolution was rather lacking, and the characters were too one-dimensional for me to even bother liking them.

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### **The UHQ Nasanta says**

Modern, same-old deception romance in historical trappings. Heroine was too easy on him. Hero didn't grovel enough. Silly plot and while parts of the heroine impressed, she was so blind in other things that it was a little difficult to believe.

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### **Jade Lauron says**

When I saw that one of my fave historical romance novels was suddenly available on Kindle, and FREE, I snatched it up immediately. I haven't read this one in ages. Seems they've put her stuff online to push the sequel, which got horrible reviews, and may have been published posthumously (Lamb is with us no more).

I did, however, pick up the other book *Chieftain*, and am hoping it proves as engaging.

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### **L. (Super Easy. Barely An Inconvenience.) says**

Duncan Kerr is a bumbling fisherman by day, the dashing Border Lord by night. Lady Miriam MacDonald is sent by Queen Anne to broker a peace between feuding clans.

I had no real problems with *Border Lord* but then I didn't like it enough to give it a good rating. Duncan was an O.K. character. Miriam, however, never got around to impressing me. Arnette Lamb's writing style was too much Tell and not enough Show. All the characters were constantly having to comment, "Gosh, that Miriam is so smart!" because Miriam herself doesn't *do* anything particularly intelligent. Jumping right into bed with a man you just met and whose face you can't see and not taking any precautions shows me right there you're pretty dumb.

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### **Chris says**

This is a tricky case -- I enjoyed it when I first read it, so I kept it. Then I went back and reread it a year or so later and wondered "What on earth was I thinking? This is ridiculous!" Do I give it a four for the amount I enjoyed it the first time, or a two for after I came to my senses?

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## **Tonileg says**

Historical romance set on the Scottish English border where a famous lady diplomat comes to bring peace in the area, but finds romance mixed in to her politics even as she tries her best to find peace for the Scottish border.

Lady Miriam MacDonald shows up at the Scottish/English border to find peace between two titled lords and she does find it in a way, but not without digging into the dirt that both have created.

The 'geek' laird of Kildalton Castle, Lord Duncan Kerr is the first that Miriam meets and she promptly falls in friendship with while finding love with the Border Lord and finding peace with Baron Sin.

I thin the best part of the romance/book is the young Malcolm's search for a name.

There is some twists and turns in this romance but the HEA is sweet with a secret baby.

314 pages and kindle freebie

3 stars

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