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Anna Ballard says

14th century borderlands of Northumbria.

Erika says

Well, OK

I enjoyed the story well enough. It has a captivating opening, and a couple of minor characters get some development. My biggest complaint is the number of typos. They constantly threw me off. So enjoy Jake and Isabel, but be prepared to stumble through the text.

shirlene brown says

The hard ships

I give this story a four star rating because of the people in this story how they find each other and the trial they go through to find each other and the love they have for each other. Samantha Holt has done a excellent job on this story it has taken me three days to read this story

Mary Stockwell says

Good read

This historical romance has everything that a good one should. A hero who rescues an injured maiden. Falls in love with her. Almost loses her again and has to rescue her from being kidnapped. Lots of romance and action.

CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says

Lord Jake of Greycroft cannot fight the attraction and love he has for Isabel, but he tries continuously for her sake. After what has happened to his wife, he knows he is not good enough for her. He feels his brother, Lord Dominic, is more suited to care for and keep Isabel safe and happy. But the idea of her being with another drives him mad with jealousy. Lady Isabel loves Jake and wishes she could be with him always. She is keeping an important secret from him, something she hopes he can forgive her eventually. When he does hear her secret, he remembers the lies his wife has told him and cannot let her betrayal go. Isabel does not know what to do. She does know she cannot go back to her father and give into his wishes. She will do anything to stay out of his clutches. After coming upon a lady in distress at the hands of ruffians, Jake brings her back to the family keep and hopes she survives. Even though she cannot hear or speak, they understand each other better than anyone else. Admiration and attraction evolve into something stronger as they spend

time together, but will deceit ultimately rip them apart? Or will Isabel's ambitious father find her first and send her to a cruel and inevitable death? I do love a good historical romance. This is sweet and tender as well as erotic and filled with tension. The world is vividly written and makes the reader want to be on the English/Scottish border. The chemistry between Jake and Isabel is deliciously satisfying. I truly enjoy most of the characters in the story, especially Lord Dominic, and I look forward to the sequel that sends him a lady to curb his lascivious tendencies. HCharju Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance & More - See more at: <http://www.coffeetimeromance.com/Book...>

Lisa says

Jake is strong, handsome, very tall, loyal and his brother's right hand man. He has been betrayed in the past and holds himself above and away from any entanglements. The betrayal has caused him to second guess his suitability as a match and has burdened him with guilt. In spite of these feelings he is an incredibly kind, caring and gentle.

Isabel is beautiful, strong willed, feisty, a noble born lady. She is running from something that has her determined to give up everything. Growing up Isabel has only known men to be unfeeling and coldhearted- namely her father. She engenders loyalty.

This is a delightful story that renews a man's faith in love and shows a woman that not all men are like those she grew up around. It was wonderful seeing the spirited Isabel giving Jake a run for his money. I enjoyed the angst and cheered for the love. I loved how quickly I was a fan of the characters, well written and intriguing. Ms Holt is a new author to me and one I will be following.

I received an advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for my honest review

Mary Lou Hoffman says

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Tour by: My Family's Heart Book Reviews

Recommended for: 18+ due to sexual content and violence

Grammar/editing: B – a few small errors

On the night of her betrothal, Lady Isabel has run away from an arranged marriage with a sadist. She is intent on forging her own destiny, perhaps a lady's maid in Scotland. Unfortunately, during her journey north, she is ambushed by a gang of men intent on stealing her jewels. When she fights back, they beat her and leave her for dead. Jake chases off the gang and is surprised to find a noble lady alone and near death on his brother's lands. From the beginning, she captures his heart, but will her secrets and his past prevent him from claiming her?

I loved the characters in this story. Lady Isabel is feisty, independent, and sweet. Jake's brother, Dominic, is flirtatious, intelligent, compassionate, and loyal to his brother and his people. Jake has been misjudged based on his size and has built an armor of protection around himself because of it. I have known young men like Jake. They grow tall at such a young age, that people expect them to act more the age they appear than the age they actually are. This makes them appear socially awkward, when society is actually the awkward

factor. Luckily, Isabel sees the true Jake and does not make the common assumptions. He is a warrior, but inside he is still a teddy bear and his soft heart has fallen for her.

I enjoyed this lighter story. Think of it as éclair cake (my favorite dessert) after a satisfying, but heavy, meal of steak and baked potatoes. They're all delicious, but sometimes you just need a little fluffy dessert.

This is the second book I have had the privilege of reading from Ms. Holt and I absolutely love her style. This book is reminiscent of the classic bodice-rippers of my youth with added humor and wit. I will be immediately reading the next book in this series and I have another of her books on my personal TBR list that I am looking forward to reading.

? Rhiannon ☆ Mistwalker ? says

[the "disabled" part is resolved pretty quickly and doesn't really feature much as a trope here. (hide spoiler)]

Mei says

Yes, I liked it. Didn't love it, but liked it!

I liked Jake because he was gruff and big and gentle.

I liked Isabel because she fell in love with Jake in spite of his being big and gruff.

I didn't like Jake because he was an idiot and pushed Isabel into Dominic's hands even if he was crazy in love with her.

I didn't like Isabel because she seduced Jake without a thought, just because she lusted for him and then didn't even realize that she was pregnant with his child.

I liked Jake because he loved his brother very much.

I liked Isabel because she confessed to Dominic that she was with Jake's child and couldn't marry him (Dominic) because she's in love with Jake.

I LOVED Dominic because he was great both to Jake and to Isabel!!!!

That's why I want to read his story! LOL

Caron Pescatore says

I've read several of Ms. Holt's novellas (this is my seventh, to be exact) and have found them all to be fabulously entertaining. For me, Ms. Holt's books have consistently been 4 and 5 star reads. She has a wonderful writing style and uses her extensive creative ability to create characters that the reader cares about.

In this story, Jacob (Jake) finds Isabel as she is being beaten by a band of ruffians. He rescues her and takes

her to Thornewall, his brother's keep. Isabel very quickly becomes attached to Jake. She instinctively trusts him and feels safe with him, yet she has a secret that she is reluctant to share. As for Jake, he is very much a tortured hero. Jake is a wonderful, caring, devoted man, whose confidence in himself has been severely undermined by his late wife, a deceitful, vile woman. In the years since her death, Jake has closed off his heart and is determined to never again marry. He is very much attracted to Isabel; however, and cannot prevent himself from falling in love with her.

For her part, Isabel recognizes Jake for the wonderful, caring man he is and very quickly loses her heart to him. But there is the matter of the secret she withholds from Jake. She is unsure how he will react once she confides in him. Before Jake and Isabel can achieve their HEA they must learn to trust one another completely, overcome past insecurities, and elude a man who will do anything to claim Isabel as his own.

Jake's brother, Dominic, figures heavily in this story. He too is a wonderful character. Dominic provides tremendous support to the couple, and is very instrumental in them getting their HEA. Dominic is the hero in the next Borderland novel entitled Borderland Beauty. I cannot wait to see Dominic get his HEA. He so deserves it!

The only issue I had was with the timeline. The story covers a period of several weeks, possibly months. There were times when I had difficulty determining how much time had elapsed between events...sometimes I thought we were still reading about the same day only to discover that a day or more had past. Other than that minor issue, I thoroughly enjoyed this story. It is sweet and romantic. I loved it and highly recommend it. Happy reading! BTW this is not a clean romance, but then I've never read a clean romance by Ms. Holt. LOL

Deborah Roussety says

great read

Lindsay says

4.5 stars

I loved this book. It had all the suspense and intrigue that I love in a historical.

I was extremely intrigued by the premise of a heroine that couldn't hear or speak. I wondered how the author would pull that off. I just couldn't imagine how she and the hero would get to know each other without being able to communicate. But I shouldn't have worried because I've read Samantha Holt's books before and know that she's a great author.

I really liked Jake and his brother Dominic. Both were good men and they had a great relationship. I'll admit that I was a little confused at first as to why Dominic was the lord of the estate, but it was soon cleared up.

Isabel...she just couldn't catch a break. But, with all the stuff she went through, it brought her to Jake & Dominic's doorstep. I loved that Jake was instantly protective of her and wanted to go after the guys that hurt her. And he took great care of her.

I did have a few questions that went unanswered...First, I know Everard was a bad guy...pure evil. But I was

kind of curious as to what he threatened Isabel with to make her flee. I had a few ideas and my imagination ran away with me, but I still wanted to know. Second, Isabel's group of attackers...why did they attack? Were they just a random group of bad guys that saw a female without protection and attacked? Or were they sent by someone?

Other than that, I really enjoyed this book and I can't wait to read about Dominic. He's such a great guy and he deserves a HEA.

Joelle says

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Our Review

What an enjoyable read. This is a first time author for me. This story is a short story and is part of a series filled with love, romance and a hint of danger.

This is a romance between Lady Isabel and Jake. It was one of those romances that develops slowly after Jake found Isabel half beaten from a bunch of ruffians. While Isabel is recuperating from her injuries Jake and Isabel form a friendship that develops into more. Isabel's hearing is impaired and she cannot talk after her beatings and Jake is the only one who seems to be able to understand what Isabel is communicating without words or sounds.

The author did a fine job in developing a plot with love and danger within this short story. I just love reading about Highlanders and their escapades. I love how protective they are about whom they love.

Jake and Isabel are attracted to each other from the very beginning. They seem to make the perfect couple. Jake is a bit cautious with Isabel not knowing anything of her or her past. Most of his fears come from having been married to a spiteful wife who has passed on. He has trust issues. Isabel also has trust issues and she is running from an abusive father and a betrothal no better. She feels safe in Jake's arms but, not safe enough to tell the whole truth about herself. If she tells the truth she is afraid that she will lose the one she has come to love...

When reading a story I always seem to pick out a favorite character that I like to brag about but in this case they were all just so lovable. Isabel was one of those characters that made you feel protective of. She was such a loving individual. She cared for those all those around her. She was the type who had a little bit of backbone but not too fierce but a huge and loving heart. When she was happy she glowed.

Jake is handsome and fierce warrior. Tall, dark, handsome and deadly as sin. He is protective of those he loves and cares for. He has a great relationship with his brother Lord Dominic. All those around him love and respect him. He will go to all lengths to defend those who try to hurt the ones he loves but also avenge any wrong doing that was done to those he cares about.

I loved reading about Jake and Isabel's journey. There was love and pain. As always, true love is never easy. Jake must overcome his demons of his past in order to commit to Isabel with his whole heart. And Isabel needs to find a champion for her cause. She needs to heal from past hurts also in order to trust those around her to protect and love her. Even though you sense she does trust Dominic and Jake she is always holding back and in order to truly be happy herself she also needs to come to grips with her past and heal those past wounds.

Just loved it. The plot was interesting. It had a little bit of everything to keep the reader interested in the ongoing story. It was a fast-paced read for me and an enjoyable one that had me starting on the next book in its series right away after finishing this one.

A recommended read to all. Looking forward to reading other books from this author and her new releases. A job well done.

Katherine says

Amazing!

I loved this story. Well written and amazing characters. The long battle of fighting for what you believe in is just part of the story. Strength to overcome is a great part of this tale.

Leasa G says

Lovely read

Enchanting tale that depicts the sad state of manipulation and treachery a woman faced in medieval times. The characters are well thought out and show the courage it took to defy the norm of the times. It took courage to find a future. Jake and Izzy learn that when they face their demons together there is hope. Samantha Holt is so worth getting to know. I have read several of her books and truly enjoy her writing style.

