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A lady in need of protection...

Suffering through a short marriage to an enemy of Scotland, Lady Emilia MacCulloch manages to escape just before her husband dies. But the Ross Clan will stop at nothing to get her back, for she plays a big part in their plans to thwart Robert the Bruce. She fears not only for her life, but for her family who will be labeled traitors. Placed by her king as a governess in the household of a devastatingly handsome warrior, Emilia finds herself drawn to the man when she had previously sworn off love altogether. His passion, charisma, loyalty, and strength shake the very foundation she's built around her heart.

A warrior in need of saving...

Ian Matheson has spent his entire life trying to prove himself. To belong. When his father passes away and his mother takes her vows at a nearby abbey, he is suddenly left in a position he was wholly unprepared for. And then his father's dozen illegitimate children arrive on his doorstep in need of a father figure of their own. They are adorable and reckless, and he's certain they'll drive him mad. Just when he thinks he might actually need to find a wife to help him, Lady Emilia is presented to him by the king. She needs his protection and he needs her help with the bairns. Ian is tempted by her angelic face, her fiery tongue, and the secrets that surround her. He must resist the growing desire that's laying claim within him. He must prove to his clan that he is a worthy leader. But maybe, just maybe, he can have the respect of his people and Emilia, too.

## **Guarded by the Warrior Details**

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## From Reader Review Guarded by the Warrior for online ebook

### Clarice says

Escaping a marriage just before her husband, which she never wanted dies. Lady Emilia MacCulloch flees to Robert the Bruce, her king. The Ross Clan will stop at nothing to get her back, she fears for herself and her family. When Emilia is placed in a household with a handsome devastating warrior, in need of help with his father's bastard children. His passion, charisma, loyalty, and strength shakes the very core of Emilia's foundation. Emilia has never met a man like Ian before. Ian Matheson has spent his entire life trying to prove to himself and his clan that he is not his father. That he is a better man, which was working until he meets Lady Emilia and his father dozen illegitimate children are left on the doorstep of his keep. They all need his protection. Ian must resist the growing need and desire for Lady Emilia. Maybe, just maybe, he can have the respect of his clan and Lady Emilia as well. The Ross Clan will not let Lady Emilia go without a fight. Ian is up to the challenge to fight to keep the woman that he has come to love.

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### April says

Guarded by the Warrior (Conquered Bride Series Book 5) by Eliza Knight was a fantastic Medieval Scottish Romance. While, Book 5, it can be read as a stand alone, with no issues.

This story draw me in, within the first chapter and held my attention throughout, to the very end.

Ian and Emilia were such great characters! Ian was sexy, protective and fiercely loyal. He also felt unworthy of his position as new Laird, after his father's death.

Emilia was feisty, felt betrayed by her family and determined to survive.

Secrets abound, sparks ignite, dangers lurks, battles are fought, but will love prevail? Ms. Knight definitely shows the reader, throughout her story how circumstances change and how preverance can prevail. Well done!

Well written with engaging and well developed characters. The storyline is a bit unique, in this complex, but captivating tale of two people learning to trust, forgive, heal and find a HEA.

What an entertaining tale with a few surprises and several twists and turns along the way! A great Scottish Romance! Oh, yes, the reader will get a glimpse into Robert the Bruce and his quest to claim Scotland. And a glimpse into Ian and his quest to protect and care for his father's legitimate children. At least twelve of them, I adored little Alice! Ms. Knight weaves a story for the ages in "Guarded by the Warrior". She never fails to delight nor disappoints me, with her tales of love and overcoming circumstances. Highly recommended!

I received a complimentary copy.

Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR

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### The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

Can you sit and say that you don't want a man that is passionate, has charisma, loyal and the strength to shake the foundation built around your heart? I think not. I have that intense desire to climb right in to one of

Knights book and allow myself to be totally seduced by the hero.

Emilia was feisty, fierce, stubborn, determined and a survivalist. She was strong when needed and devoted. She never expected to be betrayed. Let alone by her own family. Life takes her in a new direction once she escaped the clutches of her dying/dead husband and his clan. She just never expected her safe-haven to be a place to find love again.

Ian was, of course, sexy, hot, fierce, loyal, protective, and carried a bit of self-doubt. He was now the new clan chief and had the responsibility of his half siblings. This meant he needed help. The help comes in the form of Emilia from the king. He certainly was not expecting to want more from her.

I so loved this one. It was my first read in this series and now I must certainly go back and get them all. I love a man that knows himself and know that he cannot fix the world but works to do what he can. Ian was more than just a dream for Emilia. He was the answer to her heart.

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## **Donna Nealey says**

### **Emily's and Ian - Book 5**

Please read this book, it's different than any of the others. Very seldom do I cry or laugh, especially reading a book, but this one had me crying at the end and laughing at Ian's wit throughout the book. I read several books a week and this book raised my emotions to the surface. Ms Knight certainly ended this series on a very high note! Best book in the series and I think you'll agree when you read it. At the first, some things were mentioned that I didn't understand, but it all tied in beautifully at the end, so don't give up on this book, it kept my interest, in fact through the night. I'd doze off, wake up, read some more and just finished it at 6:24 this morning. Happy Reading!!!

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## **Barbara Literski says**

### **Great story**

Eliza Knight weaves a great story in this book. Ian is the Laird of Clan Matheson but he has to prove to his clan the he can take care of them and his fathers illegitimate children! If that isn't enough stress Robert the Bruce brings his "cousin" to be a governess to the 12 children. Lady Emilia doesn't even know if she likes children. She is there to be protected from Ina Ross and her husband. When you read this book you know why she needs the protection and a few other surprises.

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## **Eileen Dandashi says**

Meet your perfect man in Ian Matheson!

The prologue introduces us to a nasty piece of goods – Ina Ross, whose mind is demented, yet cunning. One night her cousin, Padrig, was brought to her door, more dead than alive. Ina and husband were schemers. Unfortunate , Padrig was one of their pawns. Lady Emilia, used as payment for the debt her family found

themselves, is another pawn upon the chess board these two are placed.

After three months of marriage to the bed-ridden, emancipated Padrig, he surprisingly provides the means for her escape, along with some documents to be given into the camp of Robert the Bruce, his revenge for the cruelty of his cousin.

Lady Emilia escapes, but must keep looking over her shoulder. If she were caught, Ina Ross would utterly destroy her and maybe for good. For her protection she joins laird Ian Matheson's clan at the Balmacara Castle. She is thrust among a dozen children to be their governess. This challenge and opportunity she takes with an open heart and in turn the children quickly learn to trust her. She has problems trusting the laird, however. She's been ill-used for some time, it's hard to trust these new conditions of acceptance, generosity and kindness she's surrounded by. A talent few women have, is knife throwing. Ian knows of this talent and has great faith in her skill.

Ian Matheson, newly laird to his clan, isn't very confident about who he is and unsure if he should be laird. He's always second guessing himself. What will his people think about the way he deals with problems? Will they accept him or reject? Will they follow him?

When his father's twelve illegitimate children show up at the keep, he could see no fault of theirs being born out of wedlock. He took them in. He blamed his father, but not the children. The children were very unruly and Ian tried his best to be what they need. This is where we truly start seeing the kind of character this laird is. When the king presents Lady Emilia, supposedly his cousin, to him as a governess to the children, Ian sees the merit of having her. Immediately the children and Lady Emilia connect.

There seems to be a connection between Ian and Lady Emilia. As their relationship grows, so each are more confident in who they are. Ian is the perfect, understanding laird, quite flirtatious, one who knows that women adore him. Can Lady Emilia resist, or should she? Even though she'd been married, she is yet untouched, a surprise and delight for our hero – that is—when he gets around to following his desire!

There is an abundance of levity in this tale, suspense and danger lurking with surprising twists. Ian was my kind of hero with a heroine of matching quality.

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## **Gail L. Zanzig says**

### **Wonderful**

I so thoroughly loved reading this book. I love reading books based on the time of Robert the Bruce. Love stories of Scott's also. Love, hate, betrayal and joy. A fine book.

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## **Natalie Hayden says**

The story of Guarded by a Warrior is interesting because Emilia is married off to the enemy of all of the other bride books (Conquered Series as well as Stolen Bride Series). She is married off to Padrig who is the cousin of Ina Ross who has plagued the entire series with her disastrous antics against Scotland and the heroes within these series. Laird Ian Matheson has newly become laird after his father's passing and finds himself caring for his 12 half-brothers and sisters. Lady Emilia is brought to Laird Matheson's keep by the

one and only Robert the Bruce. After some interesting twists and turns they realize how much they like each other. Lady Emilia wants to join the Abbey after her awful marriage to Padrig and Ian feels that he does not have time for it at this point.

This story is a fantastic installment by Ms. Knight. Each character is well developed and interesting. This book also has loose connections to the other books but they are not required to understand the story. I personally would recommend reading all of the Conquered Bride Series as well as the Stolen Bride Series. The Stolen Bride series takes place before the Conquered Bride Series.

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### **Ann Gonzalez says**

#### **Wonderful**

This book was a delightful addition to the series. It was full of humour, intrigue, and emotions. I have really enjoyed the characters. This story was interesting, entertaining, and different. Eliza is an exceptional author.

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### **Sara Reads (mostly) LOTS of Romance says**

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### **Layne says**

#### **Traitors, betrayal and live**

A woman betrayed by her father and sold in marriage to traitors of Scotland. A man newly made Laird of his clan. Both have insecurities about who they are but both have hearts full of love that needs sharing. Robert the Bruce brings these two together amid dangers and an enemy determined to kill. How these two find love amid the dangers is thrilling. I could not put this down until I finished.

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### **Lily says**

Very entertaining story of Highland Romance. A few surprises sprinkled in and strong main characters make this a novel you won't want to put down. Ian and Emilia made a wonderful couple and their past pain united them in an understanding relationship. It took time for them to get to know each other but their attraction started from the moment they met. The erotic scenes were very steamy! Eliza Knight never disappoints.

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### **Jackie Stice says**

**Good, but not my favorite book.**

Even though the storyline wasn't completely believable, I was okay with it. I wasn't thrilled with the way the ending was just to quick of a turn around, because the beginning took to much time. If felt more like a square peg being forced into a round hole. Still, Eliza Knight is a very good writer and it would not have worked if she wasn't so experienced.

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### **Marie Staton says**

**Excellent!!!! Great read.**

Loved Ian's tender heart, fierce loyalty., and sexy. Emilie great heroine. Story of how life can change for the better in a blink. True love prevails. Like the guest spot of Robert the Bruce. Hate this is the last book of the series.

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### **Helen White says**

#### **Guarded By The Warrior**

Book 5 is another hit in the series. Eliza Knight has again written a series worthy of reading from the beginning.

In this novel Ian and Emilia fall deeply in love after she has been brought to Ian by The Bruce for protection. She escaped from The Ross clan who were evil and only wanted her to produce a child for Ina and Marmaduke . The man that her father gave her to was Padrig who was crippled and paralyzed and could not bed her. Ina wanted her husband to get her with child so they could have the baby for their own.

Emilia escaped and goes to The Bruce. He brings her to Ian to be protected by him and she is his Governess to 12 of his half brothers and sisters the bastards of his father.

The adventures are many and I would have you read this for your enjoyment and I will end this here so I do not spoil the story for you. HAPPY READING!!!!

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