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An epic tale of love, loss and revenge set amidst the turmoil of Scotland after Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The rebellion is over, Scotland has its rightful king, and the battlefields lie still—for now. Fleance, son of Banquo, has brought a new dawn to Scotland, and in the process become a very different man from the lowly huntsman who rode north to save his country.

A generation has passed since Macbeth, but still there are evil forces at work across the land. Civil war is imminent, and there are traitors at the castle gates. The witches who foresaw Fleance's rise to power are watching and scheming once again. And there is turmoil, too, within the king's own soul: urged to marry a princess and strengthen his claim to the throne, he must choose between Rachel, of royal bloodline, and his first love, Rosie, whom he left behind.

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From Reader Review Bloodlines for online ebook

Jennie Campbell says

Epic

Very well written. Hopeful that a further book is in the works... Really want to find out the rest of their stories

MsONEal says

Better than the first, but I'm annoyed with the cliffhanger.

Jessica says

I loved this book! Roxborough wove fiction into history with such skill and detail that it truly made me feel like I was there. The characters and situations were very detailed- complex- and truly showed some great character depth. It was refreshing to finally see some characters with their own emotions, thoughts, and personalities. I didn't read the first of the series, which I didn't really feel like was an issue, but I think reading it in order would have enhanced my enjoyment even more

I received a copy from Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for a review

Sinead says

I was lucky enough to be given a copy of this through Netgalley for an impartial review.

Being the second in the series, I was a little bit nervous that this could not be as good as the first (purchased due to this being given to me). Though slightly disappointed at some points, the storyline kept me engrossed throughout. The characters have taken on a life of their own in my head and I cannot help but hope that this series will be taken through to another book - I am sure that the action and events in this semi-fictional historical saga has enough in its legs to do that. I see this series in film one day - I can only hope...

Lorraine Baker says

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A fantastic book - enjoyed it throughly - just wish I had read the first in the series first.

Thank you to Netgalley for allowing me to read this book.

Lesley Williams says

Sorry, but I couldn't get into this book at all. Sorry again. Perhaps my head wasn't in the right place for this genre. Will try again in the future.

Debbi says

(Thank you NetGalley for an early release copy)

Bloodline's picks up where "Banquo's Son" left off. Fleance is now King of Scotland, his friend Duncan having been knocked off in book 1 by a crossbolt meant for Fleance. (If you haven't yet read "Banquo's Son", you need to stop reading this review and read that book first!).

Fleance wants to be a good king, and in a move very unusual for his time, Fleance reaches out to his subjects to hear their complaints and actually helps them. But there are forces working against him, some of which (or perhaps I should say whom) would just as soon see him dead. And then there's the fact that he needs a queen; he'd prefer that it be Rosie, but the lovely Rachel is a much better choice politically (and a pretty great catch at that).

Without going into detail, Fleance's need to be good and do good ends up with him getting into some pretty hairy pickles: war, treachery, kidnapping, you name it, he has to face it down.

Bloodlines is a good sequel to "Banquo's Son", and judging by how it ends, there will be another book in the works. I hope so, and I will happily read it when it comes out.

Kate says

In 11th century Scotland, rulers were mostly determined by bloodlines, that is, unless they were wiped out. It was a time when people listened to witches' prophesies, and one such prophesy stated that Fleance, son of Banquo, would become king one day. That day comes sooner than expected, when King Duncan dies from battle injuries.

Fleance is an honorable man but not of royal blood. He believes in duty and responsibility and living in accordance with the teachings of his deceased father. Most of all, he loves Scotland and will do whatever he can to unify his people. That includes turning his back on young love and agreeing to marry the princess, Rachel, who is Duncan's sister.

When Rachel is kidnapped by the King of Normandy, Fleance must decide whether to follow Rachel and try to rescue her himself or stay and attempt to defeat the rebels who believe that he is not fit to rule Scotland. The author tells a good story that reads like historical fiction

Amanda Almeida says

The ending left me a little blah. I felt it was very anti-climatic and didn't fully wrap things up. But I still enjoyed the premise of the tale.

Emma says

I read this before I knew it was part of a series and not the first! That did not matter to me however and I did not put this book down until I was finished it. You know you are reading a good book when loved one's questions to you are answered with a frustrated "Just a minuet! I am reading!". I will be looking for the others in the series and reading them also.

Melissa says

Crown of Blood and Honor book 2

More Scottish politics, complicated friendships, romantic and wishful relationships, Vikings being rude and the witches are back. Overall, an enjoyable read.

Lamar says

A very good book that I have enjoyed it so much!

Susan Johnson says

I want to thank Net Galley for a copy of this book to review.

I wish I had read the blurb better before getting this book. It's number two in the series and although it can be read as a stand alone as I did, I really should have read the first book to get the full impact. I recommend any would be reader read the first book before reading this one. I was really in the dark about who had blood feuds against who and although I picked it up, it seems like it diminished my enjoyment.

It's set in 11th century Scotland and I have no idea how historical accurate it is. Fleance has just become King and left his love, Rosie, an inn keeper's daughter. A king must marry a royal and he is destined for Rachel, daughter of a king. Princess Rachel is well trained in healing arts and is sweet as can be. Fleance and Rachel share a vision of making Scotland better for the people.

Still there are rebels to conquer, kidnappings to be overcome and battles with invaders from Norway. There is never a quiet time for the King to get his bearing and he makes some really stupid mistakes. He undertakes a mission alone not once but twice. Really?

It was a readable and the author is from Dunedin, New Zealand. Dunedin is the number one place I would like to visit. It has an entire Scottish castle brought brick by brick to New Zealand. How cool is that? Now that's a story I'd like to read.

BernM says

I loved this book - read it even faster than the first one, as it was very hard to put down. I liked the different viewpoints and the complex characters of Fleance, Rachel and Rosie, and the other characters surrounding them. Is it right to choose honour and duty over love? What does honour involve? When should mercy be shown? Difficult questions are raised and worked through in a comprehensive and through-provoking way.

I was never sure who Fleance would end up marrying, as both women are fantastically strong-willed, determined people. In fact, the whole book is nicely unpredictable - just as Fleance isn't always sure who to trust, neither was I - obviously wily politicians never change. The plain, harsh world of Scotland is nicely contrasted with the more luscious French court (great description of roasted peacock!). Most of all I appreciated a heroine (Rachel) who did not doubt her faith or her duty and was prepared to even help the enemy. Fantastic stuff - can't wait to read the third book.

Dawn Kerry says

Interesting read. It was nice to find out what happened to Flea, Rosie & Rachel. But more of a romance rather than a historical novel. The first book was far more gripping.
