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Jack: A Scottish Outlaw (Highland Outlaws Book 1)



Synopsis

Jack MacVie is a Scottish rebel, robbing English nobles on the road north into Scotland alongside his four brothers. But the MacVie brothers are not hell bent on riches. They became highwaymen to fight against the tyranny of King Edward of England. In the aftermath of the Berwick massacre, Lady Isabella Redesdale is risking it all, journeying north into war-torn Scotland to be with her sister. But when her carriage is attacked by a band of villains, another gang descends to steal her away. Although they come from different worlds, Jack and Isabella are more alike than they first realize. They both crave freedom from war and despair, but in a world where kings reign and birth dictates one's station, freedom is not won, it is stolen.

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Customer Reviews

Both of the leads have suffered tremendous loss during the ongoing strife between Scotland and England. Lady Isabella (Bella) Redesdale an English noblewoman has lost her mother and in some ways even her father who has sunk into a deep melancholy. Jack MacVie is a Scot, a commoner and British soldiers killed his mother, father and sister. These two meet in a most unexpected and

ironic manner. Jack and his brothers plan on robbing Bella's coach when they witness another band beating them to it. They intervene when it becomes apparent that Bella's attackers plan more than just thievery. Bella and Jack misjudge each other from the first. Jack thinks she is a spoiled English woman, entitled and selfish. Bella believes Jack to be nothing more than a common criminal. They are both wrong and when they see the many good qualities in each other like kindness, acceptance and compassion they start to fall in love. Jack and Bella know they are star crossed, Bella is even betrothed but they just cannot forget how they feel when they are together. Everything seems possible and Jack looks for a way to rescue Bella from her cold colorless life. There is a surprising amount of complexity in these characters for such a short story. The author has the leads fall in love very quickly but danger and stolen moments enhance every moment the leads are together.

This was a great story. I loved the back drop story line as well as the romance that blossomed. My only draw back was I thought it ended abruptly. It could have been just me wrapped up in a great hero/heroine combo. And there are definitely many directions this story could have gone to add intrigue but all in all a great story.

This is a short book and demands some praise but not to be overly praised. The story is okay but not enough pre-story so as to get to know how the four brothers came to be the thieves. The fire information would have rated this short story a better star rating. The story needs more and deeper history around the characters. However the short story is alright and I recommend it as a diversion for a rainy day to occupy a few hours when you have nothing else to do.

HOLY COW, awesome book for a Novella. I am so excited to read the next book in the series. The story was good, and plot just as much. It did not rush, or make you feel cheated from a story. It gives you mystery, anticipation, excitement, and a love story. Yes I loved this book and cannot wait for the next book. Fricken Awesome.

Lilly Baldwin has written another outstanding story of Scottish intrigue and adventure. I could not stop reading this book. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Well written, well developed characters from the first chapter. A quick, entertaining read, that keeps you longing for more, ready for the next book in the series.

Excellent book!Fast paced and well written. I loved the characters and the storyline. Looking forward to the next books in the series and more from this talented author.

I enjoyed this book.

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