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The Lord's Captive Details

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Ursula says

This was an OK read and quite well-written, but there was never really that much angst, and I found the heroine a tad boring. I mean, she kept *talking* about how feisty she was, how she had to go against all her instincts to be submissive to her captor (who was a remarkably decent chap, I have to say, for the time) but I never really *saw* much of this supposed feistiness, and so she was rather disappointing.

I skim-read some of it because it kind of meandered a bit. I'm going to give the author another chance and read another from the series, but at this stage I am not super excited about it!

Petula says

Sir Bryce Waryn and his brothers gave just reclaimed the lands in the borderlands from the clan that killed their parents a few years ago. He is quite willing to leave the Kerr woman they find unconscious near the stream to die, but is persuaded to rescue her.

Catrina Kerr's brother was told by his king to take the manor and lands on the Scottish border. She only came to the manor to ask her brother to let her marry the man she loves. Waking up after the battle to find herself a prisoner is hard to take.

Our heroine is a very intelligent and popular woman . She will need to use all of that to escape. Our hero does not make war on women but he will destroy her brother.

A marvellous romantic adventure in the borderlands of medieval England and Scotland. The characters are a lot of fun and the story line will drag you in on the first page and not let you go.

This is part of a series but is easily read as a stand alone.

I loved it.

Raewynn says

Cecelia Mecca, you have excelled yourself once again with this terrific Book 2 in the Border Series.

I really love the historical captive stories but this takes it to a whole new level.

If you haven't had the pleasure of reading one of Cecelia's books, you just don't know what you are missing.

Barb says

After reading this book, I want more to read! Medieval time is one of my favorite time periods to read. I like that Cecelia makes her female main character so strong even though that isn't the norm for that time period. Her stories almost transport you back to that time. Her storyline is great, her characters are well developed and it all flows well. You will laugh, cry, shake your head and want to shake both main characters before you are done reading. Cecelia has once again written a story about two strong-willed people who must overcome obstacles, pride and prejudice. I highly recommend any of her books. I have a hard time putting them down

once I start. I can't wait for the next one. I would recommend reading them in order but it is not necessary because they are written so you are not lost if you have not read them in order. I did receive an ARC and voluntarily wrote an honest and fair review.

Julie says

This was my first book by this author and I enjoyed it very much.

Bryce is a knight who has dreamed of liberating his home from the Scotts, he finally succeeds and is also left with his enemies sister who is mistakingly left behind, to ransom for what he hopes will be a pretty price. What he doesn't anticipate is an attraction for her, which is so unwanted, when ever he gets close to her. This will never do! And Catrina's feelings for her captor are the same which have her so confused. The trials and tribulations of this couple are brought to life in this exciting story. But can they forget they are enemies and let there budding attraction become a loving relationship? A fantastic story that brings us back to medieval England. A great read, I highly recommend it!

April says

The Lord's Captive: Border Series Book 2 (Volume 2) by Cecelia Mecca is another interesting and compelling Medieval Romance. I feel it can easily be read as a stand alone.

This is the story of Sir Bryce Waryn and Lady Catrina Kerr. Bryce is not the eldest brother, Geoffrey is, but Geoffrey gives the lands to Bryce. Geoffrey has married and is lord of his new wife's lands. So Bryce is now the Lord of Bristol Manor. Immediately after the battle to regain what was took from them, two men happen to find an injured Catrina, she apparently survived the fierce battle that occurred at Bristol Manor, a few hours prior to being found. She has no memory of who she is nor why she was left in the ditch, so the men brought her back to the Manor. Against Bryce's better judgment he let's her stay to gain her strength, heal from her injuries and hopefully regain her memory. Immediately, Bryce and Catrina have a connection, which either understands nor care to act upon, at first. But the heart can be a fickle thing. Then when Bryce learns Catrina is his enemy's daughter, he decides to hold her as his hostage. Catrina is a strong-willed lass who knows how to fight, afterall, she has brothers. She's determined to escape, to save Bryce and his newly formed clan from more devastration. But Bryce is determined to keep Catrina, for his own. So another struggle ensures at Bristol Manor, this one between Bryce and Catrina. Will Catrina and Bryce find their HEA? Or will they give up all to protect and save those they love?

Steady paced, tale with engaging, well thought out characters and an interesting storyline. I found the plot to be intriguing as well as exciting. Ms. Mecca gives her readers a story of danger, romance, passion, betrayal, a bit of humor, a bit of suspense, and the power of love against all odds. I thoroughly enjoyed "The Lord's Captive" and watching Bryce and Catrina fight their feelings, the inner turmoil that is against their true feelings and the safety of their clan, is truly overwhelming. There are a few laugh out moments. Like when Catrina blackens Bryce's eye.

I would strongly recommend reading "The Lord's Captive", if you enjoy Medieval Romance, the struggle to find a HEA, and fight to keep what another clan craves. I can hardly wait to read more of Cecelia Mecca and her stories. She is definitely an author to watch for in the future. A heartwarming story. Another must read

Medieval Romance!

The Border Series: The Ward's Bride Prequel Novella, The Thief's Countess Book 1, and The Lord's Captive Book 2.

Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Book Review For: The Lord's Captive by Cecelia Mecca ' The Lord's Captive' by Cecelia Mecca is book Two in the "Border" Series. This is the story of Sir Bryce Waryn and Lady Catrina Kerr. I have read the other books in this series but this is easily a standalone book. Bryce and Geoffrey just took back the Bristol Manor that was taken from their family a few years back that also ended the lives of their parents. Geoffrey being the oldest should now inherit the lands but he has given the lands to Bryce. So Bryce is now the Lord of Bristol Manor. Immediately after the battle two men happen to find a injured Catrina. They brought her back to the Manor. Bryce was first upset that they brought her back as she was a Kerr and that made her the enemy. Bryce has a hatred for the Kerr family as his beliefs are that they are responsible for taking the Manor and the killing of his parents. So he decides to use her further for his revenge. Catrina is a fighter having grown up with brothers so fight she will to get away and help save her brothers. But the attraction between these is making it hard to fight their growing feelings. This was another exciting story from Ms. Mecca. I have truly enjoyed this series and this book just added to the excitement of the series. I can't wait for more books by Ms. Mecca. Boarder Series: The Ward's Bride: Border Series Prequel Novella The Thief's Countess Book 1 The Lord's Captive Book 2 "My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read." <https://www.amazon.com/gp/profile/A2H...> <http://sissymaereads.blogspot.com/> <https://romancebookreviewforyou.wordpress.com/> <https://www.tumblr.com/blog/romancebookreviewforyou>

Space Cowgirl says

The War Inside Their ?Hearts

English- Scottish borderlands 1271 AD

Bristol Manor, a castle? along the borderlands changes hands several times, ending up being taken from the Scots, the Kerrs, and is back in English hands after much loss of life.

Katrina??, The sister of Toren Kerr, the Scottish lord, chief of clan Kerr, is taken prisoner in the aftermath of the battle by Bryce Waryn????, a mighty warrior and the new Lord of Bristol Manor.?

At first Bryce???? thinks Toren will pay a ransom for her. Toren and his men killed Bryce's parents and sister, so Bryce?? is out for revenge. He convinces himself that he hates Katrina??, but their interactions

together prove otherwise. Toren decides to fight.

Katrina??tries to escape a few times, then tries to seduce Bryce????. She is fearful her brother, Toren, will be killed when the two armies meet.

This is definitely an adults only historical romance. Well written and interesting all The Way through!

DB says

A New Meaning for Loving Thy Enemy!

This is the second, well third if you count the prequel, book in the Border Series. It can be read as a stand alone novel, but is an AWESOME addition to the series!

Cecelia Mecca captured my attention right from the start. I Love historical romance stories and this one is right there at the top of my favorites.

It is written wonderfully with very well developed characters. You fall in love with them right from the start. The story flows perfectly and you get so entangled in it you don't even realize how much time has flown by, but you know that you don't want to stop until you get to the end. Then when you are at the end you wish it would continue.

I can't wait for book #3!

I read this gifted book and am leaving this review completely voluntarily to share just how awesome it is and to get everyone else to read it. Thank you Cecelia Mecca for brightening my day(s).

AnnMarie says

The Lord's Captive is the second book in The Border Series by Cecelia Mecca. It can easily be read as a stand alone book, but having read the first in the series, The Thief's Countess, I knew more of the background of the story and characters, and it only added to my enjoyment of this book.

Sir Bryce Waryn, his brother Geoffrey, and their Uncle Hugh have spent the last 5 years doing all they could to raise an army to take back their castle and lands that they had taken from them. The Scottish Kerr clan believed as a border property between England and Scotland, they had a right to it. During the upheaval Bryce's parents were murdered, and he vowed to get revenge from that day. He would get back his home and he would kill the clan leader.

Finally after all their planning, Bryce and his army win back their holdings, and Bryce becomes the Lord of Bristol Castle. A title that would have gone to his elder brother, but he wanted Bryce to have it as he was married and living elsewhere meaning he couldn't be a good Lord of the land. Bryce should be celebrating, but instead immediately after the battle he is left in a dilemma after his men find a terribly injured woman near the river and bring her back to the castle to be looked after. The dilemma being that she is the sister of the men who murdered his father. She is a Kerr. Having her there meant for definite that sooner rather than

later the Kerr clan would attack again in order to free her. Of course that is if he didn't come up with a way to stop that happening. He decides he will write to her brother and offer her freedom for a ransom. In the mean time the healer must deal with her and get her well.

Lady Catrina Kerr is the hostage in question. Although she is being held captive she admits, if only to herself that her captor is not only the most stubborn man she's ever met, but he is also very very attractive. Once she is well she knows she must escape the castle so that her brothers and the army don't come after her. There has been enough blood shed, and she wants no more.

Bryce finds Catrina maddening, and like no other woman he knows, she can fight, she wears breeches, and she definitely speaks her mind. She is also stunningly beautiful and when Bryce should be hating her for being a Kerr, he battles constantly with the need to pull her into his arms and kiss her.

Can a relationship ever develop between them, even if Catrina wasn't a Kerr, she's been betrothed for years and it wouldn't be something she could easily get out of. How can Bryce have his revenge knowing Catrina would never forgive him? How can he keep from fighting her clan when they will always want to take back Bristol Castle believing they have the rights to it? There are so many reasons that Catrina and Bryce shouldn't be an 'item' but the overwhelming lust they feel for each other the more time they spend together has them both trying to figure out ways they could possibly be together. In the mean time, they can't help but fight their passionate natures and give in at least to some of their needs.

This is an amazing story, not only of lust/love between our hero and heroine, and boy oh boy were the passionate scenes between them sizzling hot, but it's one of family loyalties, and of the fight between Catrina and Bryce's hearts and heads. As a reader it was so difficult to decide who should hold Bristol Castle, as both families did indeed have a right to the land. I didn't want Bryce to kill Catrina's brother, but I certainly didn't want him to end up killed either, and poor Catrina, either way I could only see her being heart broken. I had no idea how the story could be resolved to everybody's satisfaction and with no broken hearts. Was it resolved? You will have to read to find out. I loved this story and read it in one sitting because I just couldn't wait to find out how it ended. So yes, the book really IS that good, and I wholeheartedly recommend it.

The only negative I can think of, and it's just a small one, but on occasion the word bitch was used to describe a woman. I didn't think that was something they would have said in that particular era. I am no expert, but whether it was used or not, it just didn't sit right amongst the rest of the content of the book. That tiny negative point certainly doesn't stop the book being a full 5 star rating from me, and I cannot wait for the next book in the series.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced readers' copy of this book.

Brenda says

Publisher's Description:

He captured her for revenge. She stole his heart in return.

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The Lord's Captive is the second book in a historical romance series set in 13th century Northumbria along the Anglo-Scottish border. If you like strong female heroines, alpha-male heroes, and sizzling romance, you'll love the second installment of the Border Series.

My Thoughts:

This is the second full length novel in this captivating series. There is also a prequel novella.

I have enjoyed reading the two novels but no so much the novella.

Both books in the series can be read as stand alone titles as there is only a slight connection.

Historical novels are my favorites, but I am not much enthused by medievals. These books in this series could change my mind.

The characters are well developed and the storyline captivating.

I gave this book 4.5 of 5 stars for storyline and characterization and a sensual rating of 3 of 5 flames.

I received a complimentary digital ARC of this book from the author to read. This in no way affected my opinion of this book which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Lynda Clark says

Great Read-Very Engaging. This was my first book by this author and it definitely won't be the last. The chemistry between Lord Bryce and Lady Catrina sizzles. The story line was good, the writing flawless and the characters real. A great historical romance. I highly recommend it. I received an advance copy of this book and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Reva Parks says

This is the story of Sir Bryce Waryn who with his older brother Geoffry and Uncle Hugh have, after 5 years, reconquered his family's keep Bristol Manor from the Scottish Clan Kerr on the English side of the borderlands. Sir Geoffry had already married Countess Sara of Keshire and relinquished his inheritance to Bryce because Bryce could live there as Lord of the Manor and the village and surrounding area, a necessity in the unsettled Marches. Even though none of the three Kerr brothers paid with their lives in revenge for his

parent's deaths, Bryce is now stuck with their sister Lady Katrina, who his men found with a serious head wound lying in the mud. Now the fun begins.

Katy says

This book was just not for me. While I could obviously tell by the title what the plot of the book was going to be before I read it, for some reason I was hoping it find a way for it *not* be creepy. Well, on that account it failed. It was super creepy. Warning: Slightly rant-y.

This book begins right about when the last book left off. Bristol Manor has finally been taken back from the Kerr's and Geoffrey has given his brother Bryce (the hero) Bristol Manor. During the raid, Bryce and his men discover a woman face down, clearly injured, possibly close to death. Bryce actually wants to just leave her there, even without knowing who she was, which I found a little off-putting, but he eventually agrees to take her back to Bristol Manor and have her looked at by a healer. Bryce discovers that she is Lady Catrina Kerr and of course decides to keep her for ransom. Somewhere along the way, they fall in love.

Here begins said rant.

There was just so much about this book I didn't like. For one, I wasn't really a fan of the instant attraction between Bryce and Katrina. Especially from her. She was instantly in lust with him and I found it ridiculous. There are actual scenarios that I could see that happening. Plenty of them. Maybe her captor could have been kind and told her that she is only captive in name and set her up a nice guest room. Perhaps while explaining that he hates everything she is, he doesn't blame *her* for everything, but he still needs the ransom. Maybe he could have just ignored her and slowly seen what an actually nice person she was. But none of that took place. He immediately makes it clear that he hates her, she is his prisoner, he wants to take all of what her brother has, that he also intends to kill her brother, and he will keep her captive for however long it takes to get what he wants. And yet, she just can't help but think how handsome he is and wonders why he never smiles. Granted there isn't much she can do about her situation, but come on. I was hoping she would muster up a little more than an occasional *what an insufferable man* attitude. It didn't even matter when he locked in a room for days. When she saw Bryce all she could think about was how handsome he was and the way his muscles moved beneath his clothes. I wanted to reach into the book and throttle the woman. She does try to escape, but the fact that her escape was so poorly planned didn't help my opinion of her.

I found Bryce so hard to like. He was judgmental, rude, unpleasant, angry, and he just seemed...miserable. Then again, Catrina really wasn't a picnic either. She was careless, inconsistent, naive and at one point, incredibly manipulative. She wasn't a bad person by any means, but I found it hard to sympathize with her.

The fact that I found the MCs unlikable isn't *that* big of a deal. It happens. Not every character can be a giant ball of sunshine. But it was what happened near the end of the book that *really* bothered me. I absolutely cannot believe that all of the people around Lady Catrina, including Bryce's family, encouraged her to trap Bryce into marrying her. They insisted that was the best thing to do for Bryce. Catrina just kind of shrugged and says "Okay, I mean, I do love him after all." Because of course. The fact that you love him and that his family seems sure that he's into you totally makes it okay for you to try and take advantage of his honor and force him into a marriage that would connect him to a family he despises and blames for the death of his parents and bind him to a woman that he has not said he loves. This sounds like a sound plan. This sounds like a reasonable thing to do.

Being trapped into marriage is a well-explored trope in romance, I get that. But I'd like to think that it usually takes place before one character clearly explains to the other that they do not want the marriage. I don't really care if they mean what they say. It's one thing to try to convince them otherwise, it is completely another decide whether you should actively attempt (or actually decide) to take the choice away after someone's decision has been made.

I can't really decide if the next part of my rant is an actual spoiler or not, so I'm going to hide it. Personally, I don't think it's a spoiler but who knows, maybe I'm wrong.

(view spoiler)

Despite my obvious dislike of many parts of the book, there was one thing that I really liked and it was something I've been waiting to see in a romance novel forever. The fact that heroine can do **everything** is actually remarked upon. She was known for it. Everyone who knows Catrina acknowledges and applauds the way that she seems to be good at everything she tries. A jack of all trades. There are people like that. It happens! I've always wondered why authors don't just work that into the novel as part of the characterization. It made such a difference because it completely took away any frustration over the fact that she was amazing at everything. She loved learning new things, was smart (at least in some way), and obviously a quick study. Loved that.

Unfortunately, there were just too many problems for me to recommend this. I wasn't a fan of the characters or the plot. It was in no way the worst book I've read, I just didn't enjoy reading it all.

*I receive an ARC in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Lail says

The Lord's Captive by Cecelia Mecca is another fantastic read! Her first novels, "The Ward's Bride" and "The Thief's Countess" are some of the best novels I've had the pleasure to read, ever!!! I can't say enough about Cecelia's gift for writing great stories you can't put down, or about the characters you can't help but love and admire for their strength and fortitude. I only have one complaint... she can't write fast enough to release a new novel every week. Hopefully Cecelia will work on that!
