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Published out of order -- this is actually the first in the MacEgan Saga

He has wed her, but will not bed her!

Blackmail forced Patrick MacEgan into marriage-- although he could not be forced to bed his Norman bride. But Isabel de Godred was as fair as she was determined to be a proper wife....

She wished to help her proud warrior king with the burden of his responsibilities. As queen, she could aid an alliance between their people. As wife, she longed to comfort him, for when alone, they could put aside war and be but man and woman....

## **El rey guerrero Details**

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## From Reader Review El rey guerrero for online ebook

### Crystal says

I bought these books cheap on my ereader and I wasn't disappointed. The characters are good, fully developed, there is a plot and they actually have to work for a relationship. These aren't the automatic lusty sex driven books a lot of historical romances are. Here the author really gave me a sense of living during that time, what the fighting and warring was like as well as the social issues. There are still good passionate scenes between people that are physically attracted to each other they grow beyond their baser needs and develop relationships.

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### Claudia says

Her Warrior King is book 2 in the MacEgan brothers series. This is the book of Patrick and Isobel MacEgan.

After the attack of the Normans and the death of his brother, Liam, Patrick MacEgan has been chosen King of Laochre. He doesn't really want to be king, but the tribe needs a new king and he accepts his charge.

The surrender treaty demands that the king marries Isobel de Godred, daughter of Edwin de Godred. If he refuses, his tribe will be killed. Edwin Godred's wants to make sure that his future grandsons eventually rule Laochre through his daughter Isobel.

Patrick is not happy with his new wife and he does everything in his power to keep her away from himself and his people believing that she is in fact their enemy. Keeping her virgin will ensure a faster annulment of their marriage and more chances for Isobel to find a husband in the future (how kind of him!).

However Isobel has other plans and doing everything in her power to fit in and stay as his wife not knowing his motives to keep her away.

I must say that I understood Patrick's reasons for keeping Isobel on the Island, what I didn't understand is why he left her with no means to take care of herself. It felt to me that she was a prisoner fed once a day and not a woman/ wife. I couldn't connect with Patrick and feel his love for her growing when through his actions he showed carelessness. To me at least I should have seen care even though he kept his distance.

I felt so sorry for Isobel throughout the book. I admired her courage to cross the channel and fight for her new family. I was disappointing that Patrick used her more than anything and the ending came so fast. It was like: "OK, I want you, you can stay".....not much of feeling in there till the end.

I'm enjoying though the intro that I am getting in medieval life in Ireland. The culture, traditions and day to day life are so interesting and after my visit in Ireland it's so easy to picture how people lived.

I am looking forward to more stories of the MacEgan brothers and I hope one of them actually goes for what he wants faster than the other.

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## **Zoe says**

Honestly, this book has everything that I dig in a romance story: forbidden love, denied passion, torn between mind and heart, but no, I did not love it.

A book by Monica McCarty from her Highland Guard series has a very similar story line (there are few new things under the sun) and I LOVED it to pieces. Michelle Willingham's Her Warrior King has a very similar plot and characters, and I wonder why while I "loved" Monica McCarty's book and could only say that I "liked" Michelle Willingham's Her Warrior King.

In this book Patrick, King to his tribe, was forced to wed Isabel, A Norman lady. The story is about how the Irish and the Normans despised each other but were forced to reconcile. Isabel became a pawn in the political game. She was forced to marry Patrick but quickly resolved to do right by what was expected of her.

Patrick had something else in mind. He never intended to make Isabel his Queen and was planning on annulling the marriage as soon his tribe was ready to defeat the Normans. The book's focus is on how Isabel tried to become part of a tribe which did not want her and how Patrick repeatedly turned down Isabel and refused to give them a chance.

I think the major difference between McCarty's book and this book is that in the former, I could almost taste the desperation of the lead characters. They despaired of the hopeless feelings they had for each other and the denied love became that much better because of its hopelessness. In this book, it was more rejection than desperation. Patrick rejected Isabel repeatedly and I never really did feel that he wanted Isabel more than anything. Naturally he was written to be torn between his duties and personal feelings. I just wasn't convinced. I had the impression that for Patrick, it was his tribe that mattered more and while not a decision he enjoyed making, it was never a difficult decision. And when he finally changed his mind, I was surprised because I couldn't see what would resulted in the change. The story of course tried to make sense of Patrick's 180 turnabout. But it was just not as convincing and heart-wrenching as Monica McCarty's book.

I am sorry that I keep comparing this book to another author's work. Because of the similarities in the plot line and characterization, I expected to love this book as much as I did McCarty's book. But this is not the case. The comparison is only done for me to analyze what was different in this story. And I conclude it is because in this book all the hopelessness seemed fabricated while in McCarty's book, I felt the despair of the lead characters and their wish of things being different.

But all this being said, I liked this book well enough. For me it rather pales in comparison to my favorite book of 2015 (said McCarty book) but is a good read nonetheless.

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## **Michelle says**

Michelle Willingham is quickly moving up to the top of my Scottish/Irish romance list. Even though I rated this one 3 stars, it was much better than that. The story was engrossing and very well written. The biggest problem I had was that it wasn't much of a romance. Patrick spent most of the book pushing Isabel away and putting his tribe before her. It made me want to smack him! Isabel was a GREAT hero. She never gave up and was willing to put herself out there for Patrick and his family.

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### **Kathleen says**

Michelle Willingham is very good at eliciting deep emotions with her writing. This one kept me emotional till the very end.

Isabel... Giving, strong, insightful determined Norman Princess. She is forced to marry an Irish King who sees her as a hated enemy, by a father who was just using her as a pawn. She endures being taken to a new homeland, to live among people who hate and distrust her because of her father, a Norman King. She is forced to live on a small isle away from the main tribe with a few people who won't even speak to her. She is trying to fit in, make a place for herself, but at every turn is forced by her unyielding new husband to endure one rejection after another. She handles it with the determination of a queen. I feel for her. This is the first character that has made me cry with her unshed tears. Michelle has painted a picture of a proud woman who is awakening to the sad state of a beaten tribe. Isabel wants desperately to befriend Patrick's people. However, with resignation, she realizes there is no place in the world where she is wanted. Not by her father and not by her new husband. I could feel her near distraction as she tries, with dignity to be useful and find her place as the Kings wife but even he makes it complicated at every turn. She can see the bigger picture and has a vision for the future but he states over and over...and over, she will never be his tribe's queen.

Patrick... Dense, stubborn, strong, angry, hurt Irish King whom is thrust in this unwanted role after his brother is killed in a battle with a fierce Norman King, Isabel's father. The whole village suffered tremendously and there is hardly anything left except their pride and determination to move on and rebuild. He is forced to marry Isabel to regain his captive people and save their lives.

The proofreading needs improving but it is a well thought out and written story. I had a hard time merging certain personality traits of Isabel. She is strong in every way but she does not say what needs to be said. I realize she is thinking where else will I go but she puts up with way too much for my taste. I would have boxed old King Pat's ears a few times. He is somewhat of a prick. He treats her badly because he still sees her as an enemy even though she is innocent. He is a very bad tease...you will see what I mean if you read this story. He has been my least favorite Mac Egan brother. To be fair...I guess in reality...though this is fiction...King P would act this way since his clan had been raided and many killed a few months prior by his brides father. This treatment of Isabel, although there are some intimate moments between them, one that pisses me off, lasts throughout the book. Ol'King P doesn't get it till the end. I kept reading because of Isabel. I wanted to see her get what her giving nature deserved.

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### **Cheryl Malandrinos says**

"Her Warrior King" is a sensual, passionate historical romance that will capture your heart and entice your mind.

In order to save his people, Irish king Patrick MacEgan agrees to wed a Norman bride. He did not, however, expect the strong-willed and stubborn Isabel de Godred to be so beautiful.

Isabel longs to be a wife in every sense of the word, but Patrick refuses every advance and offer of help. The

Normans killed his people, including his brother Liam, and burned their winter stores. All he wants from Isabel is the protection for his people that her father has promised as long as his daughter is safe and happy.

Patrick knows he must keep his distance from his beautiful wife and focus on the needs of his tribe. To bed her is unthinkable, even as his need for her grows.

As tensions rise between the Normans and the Irish, the O'Phelans threaten to destroy Patrick's tribe. Will Patrick allow Isabel to help him? And will Isabel ever earn her rightful place as his queen and lover?

While the formula has been done many times, Willingham does an excellent job with this historical romance; providing action, adventure and a love story set in England in 1170. The author's attention to detail coupled with a cast of complex and intriguing characters draws the reader in from the first page and does not release her until the very last word. I've already read the last chapter twice, as the book's satisfying conclusion is worth any time spent reading.

A more fascinating romantic story, I have yet to read. "Her Warrior King" by Michelle Willingham is certainly a book I will read again. I can't wait to see what's next from this talented author.

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## **?nci Puyan says**

<http://illekitap.blogspot.com/2013/03...>

MacEgan Karde?ler Serisinin ikinci kitab? Yasakl? Gelin...

Bu kitab? bulamad???mdan di?er kitaplar?n? okuduktan sonra okumak zorunda kald?m ve di?erlerinin yan?nda bu kitap biraz daha heyecan ve olaylar bak?m?ndan sönüklü geldi bana.

Evet yazar?n dili çok iyi, ak?c? ve sürükleyleici yaz?yor ve çok be?enerek ve zevk alarak okuyorum. Ama konu olarak m? yok pek sava? falan olmamas?ndan m? bilemiyorum di?erlerine göre bana durgun geldi.

Patrick'in klan halk? için her ?eyi göze almas? ve onun için kendi hayat?n? feda edebilecek kadar sorumlu hissetmesi kesinlikle takdire de?erdi... ama Isabel'e yakla??mlar? söyledi?i sözler ise sinir bozucuydu. Kale hakk?nda Isabel'in sözlerini dinlemesi beni ?a??rtt?... Karde? ba?lar? ve karde?ler aras?ndaki ili?ki bütün seriyi okurken hayran kald?m ve bu kitapta da bunu görmek güzeldi. Kuzen olmalar?na ra?men ve kendisine kar?? komplo kurmas?na ra?men Ruarc'a davranış?lar?, onu karde?i gibi görmesi ve riski göze alarak kurtarma çabas? da çok güzeldi.

MacEgan'lar?n kendi aralar?ndaki ba? o kadar güzel ki belki de seriyi bu kadar gözde yapan ve sevilmesini sa?layan budur bilemiyorum ama kesinlikle bu özellik benim gözümde seriyi bir numara yap?yor...

Her neyse... dedi?im gibi di?er kitaplara nazaran bu kitap bana biraz sönüklü ve durgun geldi. Di?er kitaplar?nda çok zevk alm??t?m bunu o kadar çok zevk alarak okumad?m. Ama yine de seriyi sevdi?imden ve hepsi de birbirileri ile ba?lant?l? oldu?undan tavsiye ederim okuyun.

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## **May says**

Now that took forever (11 days)

The beginning was rather slow and depressing I don't know was it really that or was I in really bad mood

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## **Lisa says**

Une histoire comme je les aime, avec une union entre deux êtres originaires de peuples ennemis, un amour grandissant malgré une haine très tenace, ajoutez à ça de l'aventure et un peu de passion, et vous aurez un excellent cocktail pour la romance historique. J'ai trouvé cette lecture très agréable, sans toutefois en sortir complètement comblée dans mes attentes. L'idée de départ est bonne, mais cela manque un peu de passion et la fin est un peu trop précipitée.... les méchants ne sont pas si méchants, et leur rapprochement amoureux n'est pas très passionné... Mais comme les autres frères et donc les autres tomes ont l'air prometteur et qu'ils sont dans ma PAL c'est avec plaisir que je vais continuer cette série.

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## **Nessa says**

I think of all the brothers, except the adorable little Ewan I love Patrick the best. He is a man of honour and integrity, albeit stubborn as a donkey!

But his love for Isabel was true as hers was for him.

Unlike his other brothers, Bevan and Connor his love story was much more solid and believable. And he doesn't have such a harsh way with words that draw blood.

I enjoyed how he came to realise his love for Isabel and sacrificed himself to WIN her back. Of course there is a HEA and you can read about them in the following few books.

The only reason I gave 4 stars is because there wasn't something MORE that sets it apart from better stories I have encountered. But still a good read.

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## **Kerry says**

We read this with our book club and discussed the story and process with the author. She was great. The research that went into studying Ireland was tremendous. The author was funny and insightful. This is not your typical Harlequin.

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## **Kaye says**

This one had been on my TBR list for a couple of years . . . and it did not live up to expectations. The conflict between the characters---he's an Irish "king" (which seems to be more like a Scottish laird; he's the

head of a tribe/clan) and she's the daughter of a Norman nobleman whose forces killed the hero's father and older brother in battle and has now forced his daughter on the hero as his wife. The hero wants nothing to do with her because the Tribe won't like it and he might lose his position. She's perfect and all she wants is to be the perfect wife. She's so perfect, in fact, that she rebuilt the rath (keep) on their secret island where she's staying stone by stone *by hand by herself!* When the major flaw of both the hero and heroine is that they're so perfect and perfectly selfless that they can't see eye to eye, it doesn't make for a compelling story for me. I couldn't force myself to finish it.

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### **Alisha says**

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### **HÜLYA says**

Klan?n gelece?i için yapmak zorunda kald??? evlilik Patrick'e göre bir ?ey de?ildi ama yap?lmış? zorunluydu..Klan?n üstüne yükledi?i sorumlu?u ta??mak kolay de?ildi..O yüzden a?abeyinin ve halk?n?n ölümüne sebep olan dü?man?n?n k?z? ile evlenmek zorundayd?..

Halk?n?n çekti?i ac?lar?n dinmesi ve toparlanabilmeleri için ?sabel de Godres ile evlendi.. hiç bir ?ey istedi?i gibi olmayacağı? ki bunlardan biri ?sabel'den her geçen gün daha da etkilenmek idi.. ?sabel ise hiç tan?mad??? bu adam ile pazarl?k konusu edilerek babas? taraf?ndan bir mal gibi verilmi?ti..Ona sorulmam??t? bile..Evlendi?i adam da onu istemiyor du..Her ?ey ka??t üzerinde olacakt? ve sonra evlilik iptal edilecekti.. Babas? gibi kocas? da ona Hiçbir ?ey sormadan onu bir mal,araç gibi kullanmaya çal???yordu..Klanda tan?d??? kimse olmad??? gibi dillerini bile bilmiyordu..Ama o y?lmad? mücadele etmeyi seçti..Kim oldu?unu yapabileceklerini gösterecekti.. Olaylar öylesine kar??t? ki ne olaca??n? bilemez hale geldiklerinde birbirlerinden ba?ka önemli bir ?ey yoktu ikisi de.. A?k,ihane,ac?y? yazar çok güzel harmanlay?p aktarm??t?..Tavsiye edrim..Serinin ilk kitab? Yasak Tutkularдан çok daha güzeldi..

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

*Her Warrior King* is book 2 in the MacEgan brothers series, but the 1st book in which we actually meet the brothers, who are all amazing men. This is Patrick MacEgan's story.

After the death of his brother, Liam, Patrick MacEgan has been chosen King of Laochre. He doesn't really want to be king, but the tribe needs a leader, so with his tribesmen choosing him over any others, he accepts the title. After being attacked by the Normans, the battle in which Liam was killed, a surrender treaty is reached which demands that the king, Patrick, wed Isobel de Godred, daughter of Edwin de Godred, the man who led the Normans to victory. If he refuses, all of his tribe will be killed. Edwin Godred's ultimate goal is to make sure that his future grandsons eventually rule Laochre.

Patrick isn't at all happy with being blackmailed into marriage, and doesn't make things easy for Isobel. She is patient, understanding, and doing everything in her power to fit in. Can this woman overcome the hatred of Patrick's tribe and unite them and the Normans?

So far, this series has been an enjoyable read. I think that more than anything, I'm enjoying the education I'm getting in medieval life in Ireland. The culture, traditions and day to day life are so very interesting!

As I said, the brothers are all amazing men and I'm very much looking forward to continuing the series and reading their stories.

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