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You'll be gasping for air in this seafaring romance by popular author and Christy Award nominee MaryLu Tyndall. Baltimore's Cassandra Channing will do anything to provide for her family—even if it means hiring the town rogue as a privateer. Luke Heaton is a handsome rake with a tortured past who is blackmailed by the British into selling supplies to their ships just off the coast. Cassandra and Luke's worlds collide as they are drawn into danger, secrets, romance, and war. But when the British begin to bombard Fort McHenry, how long can they protect their love—and each other?

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Marguerite Gray says

Cassandra has to care for her family even if that means hiring the town rogue to help her. Luke also must provide for his family even after he has made many mistakes in the past. Can either one of them win against the British attacks in 1814?

Englishrose says

As usual I picked up the last book in a series without reading the earlier ones, but it wasn't hard to follow. Set during the war of 1812, there is plenty of room for adventure, danger and excitement. Luke is a fabulous character and shows nice depth of personality and emotion. Cassandra is a little childish but a good, strong character even if you occasionally want to strangle her. Side characters, some of whom are obviously featured in earlier books, fill in the story nicely although there are a few side plots that I wasn't happy with their resolution or lack thereof. The Christian slant is sometimes a bit overbearing and in my opinion takes on too much resolution, it still fits well and is persistent without being preachy. All in all it was a great historical adventure that rallied up my patriotism a bit, just in time for the upcoming 4th of July! I have a feeling that the other books would be just as fun.

<http://cleanromancereviews.blogspot.com>

Casey says

The professional endorsement on the cover of MaryLu Tyndall's latest novel reads, "Swashbuckling, swordplay and sweetness." There isn't a whole lot to add to that, but I will try.

I can always expect one of three things when I read a Tyndall novel: action/adventure, romance, faith and the sea. Okay, so of course that last one was thrown in there for fun more than anything.

But it is true. The story is crafted in such a way that the faith element is very organic to the story. It isn't slapped on at the end or left for the reader to wonder, it is an intricate part of the story that never preaches, but always ministers.

Tyndall knows how to craft the rogue hero and I will admit to being partial to her "bad boy" hero types. I think her heroines gravitate there as well. The tension and chemistry in the romantic scenes is enough to soothe the heart of any hopeless romantic. And the "Surrender the Dawn" is not be found without the action of the sea, and the adventures of a privateer against the backdrop of the War of 1812.

From stem to stern, this book was enjoyable, a great read and a welcome diversion. Tyndall has crafted such a niche for herself and a voice in this genre, that I don't see her going anywhere anytime soon. And may there be mutiny if she does!

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the author for providing my copy as an influencer.

Abbie says

The third and final book of this series opens with Cassandra dealing with being the bread winner for her family as her father is dead and her brothers are off fighting the war. If she does not find a way to provide she will be forced to marry a man she has no interest in. So she tries to invest the last of the family's money into privateering. The problem is no one will invest with her because it's considered bad luck to have a woman involved. Luke to those who has read the past books of this series was the first mate of Noah from the first book. But he was fired due to his drinking and gambling. He now finds himself the owner of a boat through a winning card game but it's in bad shape and he needs money to turn it into a privateering ship. Cassandra soon finds herself partnering with Luke in hopes of keeping her family from ending up on the street. Luke also finds himself fighting his own demons and he works to prove to her and his friends that he will not fail. Couple this with the final battle of the war of 1812 and you're in store for quite the adventure with this book. Will these two find love as well as faith and hope when dawn arrives?

M.L Tyndall does it again! Towards the end of the 2nd book we get a glimpse of this story. Cassandra is a woman who wants to trust others to help her but feels she can trust no one. She knows she can not fail to keep her family safe but is not willing to marry someone she does not love to do it. Luke appears to be a drunk and not a gentleman but we soon find out he has a younger brother he has been taking care of since he was a baby. We also find out his parents died and he blames himself. Even though these two seem like total opposites they soon are attracted to each other. As the story unravels Luke finds himself a trader to his nation in order to keep those he loves most safe.

Series Review

The neat thing about this book is it overlaps a few scenes from the 2nd book which I really liked. One scene I remember feeling like I was missing a piece of the story and that piece was filled in here in this book. Very well written and a great ending to a series that taught me a lot about the war of 1812 as well as three wonderful love stories. I highly recommend you go back and read the first two books before picking this one up as they are highly intertwined together.

Book 1 Surrender the Heart

Book 2 Surrender the Night

The other surprise for me with this series is my favorite book of the three was the middle book. Usually I find myself liking the first or the last the best. I love how the author takes history, Christianity, suspense and romance and writes such wonderful books. I can't wait for what she writes next!

<http://abbiesreadingcorner.com/2011/0...>

Heidi says

Great series from start to finish!

Sheri Salatin says

Luke Heaton is a drunkard, gambler and womanizer. He is bitter about his parents' death, but as he promised his mother, he is taking care of his only brother. Once enslaved aboard a British ship with Noah and Marianne Brenin, his hatred of the British has not waned. When the lovely and sophisticated Cassandra Channing offers him a proposition, Luke finds himself agreeing, even though it means giving up his drinking and gambling ways.

Cassandra Channing is at her wit's end. With the men in her family away at war, the responsibility of her mother and two young sisters has fallen on her shoulders. Her only hope is to sink her money into a privateer, hoping that profits will abound. She didn't, however, count on every captain on the coast laughing at her suggestion and pushing her way because of her gender. Abhorred by the idea that she may have to marry a Mr Crane for her family's well-being, she chooses to trust the town rogue Luke Heaton.

But is Luke simply a rogue or is there something more sinister at play? Cassandra will go great lengths to find out.

My Rating: 4 Stars

Poetic, fresh, and inviting are all words that I use to describe MaryLu Tyndall's writing. She is a master storyteller, weaving words into pictures. I find her writing style very poetic and visual. Each chapter and scene is written in such a way that you will find it hard to put down.

This is the third book in her Surrender to Destiny series and I loved how this book and the second book take place at virtually the same time. She weaves the characters from all three books into this one. If you haven't read the other two, this one can be read as a stand alone. However, you will want to read the first two to be in the know on some of her references.

The Christian message in this book is refreshing and clear. I highly recommend it to readers in all walks of life.

Many thanks to Barbour Publishing for sending me a copy to review.

Laura says

Surrender the Dawn is the third book in the Surrender to Destiny series by MaryLu Tyndall and it didn't disappoint.

The war of 1812 is still raging and Cassandra Channing must find a way to support herself, her mother and two sisters when her father and brothers leave to fight the battle. They have not heard from them in months and have no idea if they are living or dead. As with all girls during that time period, it seems the only solution is to get married to a rich man. Fortunately, Cassandra is her own woman and refuses to bow to her mother's wishes.

Along comes Luke Heaton, the captain of a broken down ship and a gambling, booze-addicted, womanizing privateer. When Cassandra offers him enough money to fix his ship, he sees this as an opportunity to redeem himself in the eyes of society. Not to mention the fact that he gets to help a beautiful damsel in distress! Things go well until his ship is captured with his only brother on board. Now Luke is being blackmailed by the British to provide not only food supplies but ammunition to fight against his own people. When Cassandra starts to suspect he is up to no good and running off with her money, she tries to catch him in the act - only to be caught up in a massive British invasion.

Arrgh! I love me a good pirate book! Well...not a pirate exactly, but close enough. This book had it all and was the perfect ending to this series. Tyndall managed to include the characters from the other two books and it was wonderful to see how she wrapped everything up and tied it all together.

The only thing that surprised me was the same story line was used in regards to the "nefarious suitor" who will do anything to win Cassandra. He was exactly the same character with a different name, from her second book in this series, *Surrender the Night*. He was creepier than the other guy though, so take it as you will, it doesn't detract from the book and I still give it 5 out of 5 stars! It was way too fun to be given anything less.

Amber Stokes says

Where do your loyalties lie? Who can you trust? Those are the questions Cassandra and Luke both have to face as they deal with doubts and hardships during the War of 1812. The journey to discover the answers is one that challenges, inspires, and ultimately warms the heart of the reader.

In trademark Tyndall style, *Surrender the Dawn* is full of drama, seafaring action, and romance. The war-time setting provides an intriguing backdrop to the love story. The romance is more gentle in this book than in some of Tyndall's other books - developing slower, with more of a focus on emotions rather than combined adventures. But Luke and Cassandra have different issues and pasts than Tyndall's other characters, so their story requires a different sort of plot.

The emphasis on family and patriotism provides an extra dose of emotional tension, keeping this a fast-paced read. I confess that even though there was action in the story, I was hoping for a bit more involving Luke and Cassandra together. However, I still found this to be an enjoyable excursion into the past, and I loved the ending with the inclusion of a well-known historical figure.

The "Surrender to Destiny" series is wonderful! My favorite remains *Surrender the Night*, but this last book provides a hopeful and fitting conclusion to a great series that reminds us of the freedom and purpose found in surrendering to God's destiny for our lives.

With thanks to Barbour Publishing and the author for providing me with the book in exchange for my honest opinion.

Katie says

I just love a good, swashbucklin' adventure set on the high seas! Recently, I've found a gem of an author in

MaryLu Tyndall. While *Surrender the Dawn* doesn't spend too much time ship-side, there's still plenty of adventure, tension, and romance packed within these pages. Hold onto your hats—there are rough waters ahead! But rest assured that all will come to a beautiful and satisfying conclusion with Captain Tyndall at the helm!

Cassandra Channing was a really strong character that I grew to respect and admire. She had a pretty big independent streak in her, but if it weren't for that, her family would've suffered much more than they did. Cassandra is what held them together. After getting to know Luke Heaton in *Surrender the Heart* and again seeing him briefly in *Surrender the Night*, I was really excited when this book came out. He was a deep character that needed his own story! The things he hid so well behind a smiling face and amiable manner in *Surrender the Heart* were laid bare in this newest book, *Surrender the Dawn*. I loved watching Luke grow and change!

With realistic characters, complex situations, and heart-stopping moments, *Surrender the Dawn* was a very easy read for me. From the first pages, my attention was grabbed and I flew through the book. One of my favorite scenes is probably when Luke and Mr. Crane both had dinner with Cassandra and her family. Oh boy! The banter and insinuations that bounced back and forth had me laughing out loud!

Not only did the storyline and characters hold my attention, but MaryLu's writing style made it easy to get lost in the story. From the difficulty for a woman to hold a business position to the attack on Fort McHenry, she vividly brought the scenes to life and transported me back in time. And besides a few heated kisses, Luke's problem with drinking, and a comment or two of loose women in the taverns that Luke visits, there is nothing I need warn readers about!

For those who have read the first two in this series, *Surrender the Dawn* is a wonderful and satisfying conclusion. Though it is kind of sad to say goodbye to this fun cast of characters! I am really looking forward to reading more of MaryLu's wonderful adventures in the near future.

Missy says

I enjoyed this inspirational and historical romance. The characters were believable and I learned some things about the War of 1812. Previously, I didn't know about privateers.

Tracy says

Finally read the last book in "Surrender to Destiny" series "Surrender the Dawn", MaryLu Tyndall has brought this book to a fantastic thrilling end! Cassandra Channing, a determined woman, who tries to find a way to support her family without marriage, though finds it extremely hard for a woman as herself to hire a privateer, to only finds herself she hires the town rogue. Luke Heaton, the town rogue, who spends his time drinking and gambling, because he carries around an enormous guilt from his past which feeds into his insecurities and traps him in a cycle of uneasiness, that is until Cassandra walks into his life.

Reading through "Surrender the Dawn" this books showed me between two characters how one did not believe anymore that God existed and with the other that God basically left like a few other family members left. Luke has grown up through life with nothing going right for him. His parent's died by Indians burning

their home down of who they ministered to, though him and his younger brother made it out of the home. Now tending to his brother who has a disease called Rickets, which crippled the boy. Luke doesn't blame God for all that has happen, just can't believe He exists in a world he is living. Cassandra has grew up in a family where her parents were unhappy in their marriage leaving her to run wild as she pleased. She became independent with a hint of temper and rebellion within herself. When her father now long dead and her brothers off fighting in a war, she felt it was her duty to take care of her family. She starts to feel abandoned by her father and brothers, which she puts blame on God, which she feels He has left her as well. Read and see how God works through the two lives and their relationship grows. How Luke just didn't see how God could help him through his life, that you can't do things on your own strength, and with Cassandra that God never abandoned her, that she just needed to allow Him to guide her through life. Plus this book is filled with lots of action, adventure, drama, and a love story that truly made me want to keep reading more to see what happened next!

Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says

Surrender the Dawn... By MaryLu Tyndall

With her father and brothers gone from home, Cassandra Channing is taking care of her family. She wants to invest her money into something reliable, but no one wants to take investments from a woman. That is until Luke Heaton comes into the picture. Luke won a ship while gambling and he needs money to restore it, but with his drinking and gambling, can he be trustworthy? Will Cassandra turn all of her money over to Luke for the ship fixer upper? And it doesn't help matters when Cassandra and Luke start having feelings for each other as they spend time together. Read this wonderful historical story to find out these answers.

In Surrender the Dawn, MaryLu Tyndall writes another page-turning historical romance. The unique characters were so real I felt like I knew them personally. And I love that she so professionally weaves the characters from all three book together in this last book in the series. I will miss reading about these charming and fun characters.

This is my first series by MaryLu to read, and I am hooked! I love the passion she has for writing historical fiction, and the way that passion comes to life in her writing. Another thing I almost forgot is the message in her stories of the importance of living Godly lives. Of course these characters are just like people today, they struggle daily with difficult issues, causing them to turn their backs on God, but MaryLu so consciously teaches through her writing that when we let God control our lives, things are not perfect for us, but God will be there for us, carrying us through our difficulties.

I highly recommend this book to those who enjoy Christian Fiction of any kind. You will not be disappointed in either book in this series!

A huge thank you to the author MaryLu for providing me a copy of this book to read and review. I was not expected or required to write a positive review. The opinions in this review are my own honest opinions.

Lisa Phillips says

True to her trademark 'swashbuckling romance', SURRENDER THE DAWN is set on the high-seas, and deep in the heart of 1814 Baltimore.

Cassandra and Luke are two fantastic characters with deep flaws, emotional scars, baggage and plans for how they think their lives 'should' go. It reminded me of the verse in Proverbs that says:

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

Naturally, when we do what we think we should do, that's when things go wrong...and wrong...and even more wrong, which winds Cassandra up in the custody of the British Navy, and Luke being arrested for treason.

But so often when we come to the end of ourselves, that's where we discover a God who's been trying to get our attention all along! It's only when we have nothing left that we finally allow God to have control.

This book consistently receives 4 and 5 stars on Goodreads.com and reading it, I can see why. It's a gem, and thoroughly enjoyable. I especially liked the end of chapter cliffhangers that left me furiously clicking buttons on my Nook to find out what happens next!

Being British, I delighted in taking umbrage at the frequent references to the tyrannical British Empire—probably the same part of me that wants to fly my Union Jack on 4th July! And enjoyed the fact that this story was set at a time when so much was going on. Two nations were at war, the upstart Americans seeking the freedom to govern themselves against the greatest military power in the world at the time (thank you very much!).

Violent content: Wartime novel. Lots of cannon and missile fire, ship vs. ship, plus the recounting of the attack on Baltimore's Fort. Nothing gratuitous, just a lot of nail-biting guns and swords pointed at people.

Bad language: I noticed the word 'bugger', though whether you consider it bad language may depend on what side of the pond you were born on. Let's just say I'd have been spanked if I'd used that word growing up.

MaryLu Tyndall is a historical Christian fiction author well worth your attention. You can find her on Facebook, and her blog at <http://crossandcutlass.blogspot.com/>

Judy says

A superb book. Characters with flaws and sins in their lives, characters that need redemption as we all do. This is the third in the series and I would suggest reading the first two books as there were many things that alluded to what happened in the earlier books.

Luke Heaton was the caretaker for his brother John ever since his parents were murdered. Being they were missionaries Luke turned his back on God and he blamed himself for not saving his parents. John had rickets and needed a brace on his leg which added to Luke's idea of why someone innocent would suffer. He turned his back on God and lived a life against everything his parents believed in. He was a gambler, womanizer and he liked his rum.

Cassandra Channing has lost her father to the war and her two brothers are missing. She is determined to take care of her family without depending on a man. With her families last thousand dollars she is trying to buy shares with a privateer. It is believed a woman involved with ships brings bad luck and none will accept her. After being rescued by Luke Heaton, the town rogue, he suggests joining him. He has the ship but needs the money to fix it up. Smelling the rum on him she rejects his offer until she sees no other way to help her family.

Cassie has lost her faith as well since her fathers death and with her brothers gone. Her overbearing and overly emotional mother wants her to marry Mr. Crane. Her mother misses having all the money to spend. She has two smaller sisters as well.

The romance story is enjoyable as Cassie struggles with feelings for a man who rumors have pegged as a womanizer. The story is more though, you go out on a boat with privateers, see choices of going against country or saving a brother who is most precious to you, the war of rejecting God when you know deep down you need him, a woman fighting to save her family and a man who will do anything to trick that woman into marrying him. The historical part of the books is fantastic as well.

This book will be released 8/1/2011

Lisa says

Loved this book...it was a perfect ending to this trilogy! I also finished on the 4th of July and it was awesome to read the lyrics of the Star-Spangled Banner in a whole new light. Great job, Marylu!
