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Noah Yates fully believes in the joys of a happy family and a good wife. But that's not the life for him. No, he would much rather sail the wild seas in search of adventure, not tied down. But then the unthinkable happens . . . he finds himself literally tied down. To a bed. By a woman.

And Pilar isn't just an ordinary woman. She's descended from pirates. And after giving him one of the worst nights of his life, she steals his ship! Now Noah is on the hunt, and he'll stop at nothing to find this extraordinary woman . . . and make her his.

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Ka'leneReads says

Ummmm, it's cool.....I love the comradery and unconditional love each family member gives the other

Delilah Night says

I enjoyed returning to the Yates family for the final book in the trilogy. This works as both a standalone novel as well as part of the series. I really liked Pilar's background as a Cuban freedom fighter (as well researched as any other topic Ms Jenkins covers, which is to say impeccably). I also love that their meet-cute is Pilar stealing Noah's ship.

Farrah says

A delightful historical romance, Destiny's Captive was a lovely read. With thrills, dark secrets, diverse settings and tons of sweet romance, this book was wonderful.

I really liked the different settings in this book. Set in the 1870s, we got a look at Cuba at the beginnings of another revolution, Florida, and California. It definitely made the book interesting and a different type of historical romance.

Pilar was a great heroine. She was very strong, resilient, and independently minded, but also kind and loyal to those she cared about. I thought she was a likable, lovely character.

Noah was also wonderful. He had a dark past that made him ruthless but, underneath that, he was sweet and kinder than he first appears to be. I thought it was sweet how devoted he was to Pilar, once they found themselves together, willing to face even the demons in his past for her sake. I thought he was great.

The romance was lovely. Pilar and Noah were a perfect match, both strong-willed and loyal to a fault. And, they definitely had some steamy chemistry between them turned the heat level up. I thought they were a wonderful couple.

The plot was well paced and I was kept interested the entire way through, though there were a few points where the plot stalled for a bit. But, it wasn't to the point of being a big problem. There were thrills and twists along the way, as well as a few surprising secrets. I enjoyed the story and the ending was lovely.

Destiny's Captive was a wonderful historical romance that I really enjoyed reading. It was a lovely book, with lush settings, dark secrets, and delightful romance. Romance lovers, this is a book worth checking out.

*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

Amy! says

This was good, but definitely my least favorite of the Destiny's books. The romance felt like it came on really quickly (even more so than usual), but I think that's probably due to how much backstory we had to get on Noah's abduction as a youth and again by Pilar before jumping into the romance part.

Lover of Romance says

Pilar, has been a rebel fighting for freedom since she was fifteen years old. She comes from a family of thief's and forgers, they have done what is necessary to survive. but when her father is wrongly accused and hanged, she knows that the fight for Cuban Independence is up to the rebels to convince change in the government. When she decides to start gun running, she finds the perfect ship for it and the owner doesn't suspect a thing. Noah Yates, loves the sea, and despite being taken captive at a young age and forced into labor and other horrible circumstances, he loves sailing and being on the ocean. While in Cuba, he finds himself capture and his ship seized, and now he will have to give up his precious ship, but he vows vengeance, and knows he will find the one woman that has humbled him more than any other. When Pilar and Noah do find each other again, Pilar never expected to see the one man she least expected to see, or to see a attraction to him that makes her body buzz with excitement, and soon she is faced with a decision that could change her life forever.

Destiny's Captive is the third and final installment from this wonderful trilogy about the Yates family. Although I am secretly crossing my fingers that Pilar's younger sister gets her own story. Anyway, this was so much better than I ever expected it to be. I will be honest I haven't read this author since I was a teenager, when I got hooked on the Avon true romance series, and that is when I fell in love with romance novels, and Jenkins was one of the main authors that pulled me right into this genre and I have never looked back since. But I have no idea why I haven't read more of her books until now. I can tell y'all that is so going to change. Even though this is the last book of the series, it definitely can be read as a stand alone if need be. Now would I have preferred to have read this series in order? Yes. But life isn't fair that way for me, and most times I end up reading a series out of order just like this one. But I am okay with that, since this story was packed with everything I was expecting and beyond.

The characters in this story are quite different than what you think when you read the blurb. Noah, has suffered quite a bit, and still is suffering the effects of his younger years. On the surface Noah is a hard and rough around the edges, but at the heart he is a teddy bear when it comes to the woman who makes him feel more alive than he has ever felt in his life. Every time they have a fight or argument his blood heats and his senses go on alert in anticipation and he begins to see that Pilar is a woman worth fighting for and their future together. Seeing Pilar and Noah together, was quite intense at times. They definitely have passion and desire going for them, but there is also something more that you sense from them as a couple. They both have done and see horrible things, but when they come together, they start to see a future they could have. Pilar is the saving grace for Noah, you see how she affects him, but in a very positive way. I found Destiny's Captive to be a stunning romance full of history, culture, desire and a romance to make you melt. Unforgettable with every scene, and will burn in you!! FANTASTIC!!

Lisa says

[where Noah got shot and they discovered who's done it, (hide spoiler)]

Stephanie says

I hate to be the one to NOT like a Beverly Jenkins book. I mean she is the GODDESS of AA romance novels. Literally. Her book, Through the Storm, I read back in high school and since then I have been the ultimate fan. Besides the fact of giving such rich characters in Raimond and Sable, Ms. Jenkins had dropped GINORMOUS golden nuggets of AA history (a staple that holds true in just about all of her historical novels). Things that you don't get taught in HS due to ignorance or laziness.

Unfortunately, this book does not meet the standard of the usual fabulousness that can be found in Ms. Jenkins' catalogue. There were numerous times throughout the book that I went against the urge to just put it down because the story line and interactions were so ill contrived. I pushed forward and continued reading on the strength that this is Ms. Jenkins and not some two-bit hack writer and wanting to catch up on the characters that were introduced in the first two books of the series.

Noah and Pilar were okay as characters. After the prologue of Noah being shanghaied and Pilar the confiscating his boat, the book just fell off. More than once I got the impression that rather than enjoying the characters she was writing, Ms. Jenkins just wanted to get the series over with. Where there were clear opportunities for depth, conflict and growth, the cookie cutter approach was taken and that left me sorely disappointed.

While I am always going to be a BJ fan, this book is not the best introduction to her historical romance works.

Christina (A Reader of Fictions) says

After *Destiny's Surrender* was so completely not for me, I was a bit afraid *Destiny's Captive* wouldn't work for me either. The fact that the romance was between Noah and the pirate woman who stole his ship seemed like it would be either the best of times or the worst of times.

I ended up reading this one pretty much straight through, which is always a testament to a book being really readable and having nice pacing. Logan and Mariah's book does remain my favorite, though, because I liked the romantic tension there the best.

Like the first book, there's a serious case of instalove here, and it's especially weird since Noah wanted to make Pilar pay for stealing (and sinking) his boat. Yet, the moment he claps eyes (and rapier—oo er) on her, he decides he wants to marry her instead, even though just before he'd been talking about how he never planned to marry because his love was the sea. Okay then. The scene was fun, because it was basically exactly the scene when Zorro fights Eléna de la Vega in *The Legend of Zorro* but the emotional part went too fast for me. I also really wanted Pilar to win the sword fight.

That said, I do like that Pilar keeps her strength throughout, and that he's turned on by her talent with a rapier and his trust of her on her word not to steal from his family. I did struggle with the fact that she was so willing to settle down in California without finding a way to help Cuba remotely with the family's funds though. Still, she taught the brothers about training horses and she gets to save her man-sel in distress, so that's pretty fucking awesome.

Jenkins' series has had great historical aspects throughout, and this one is no exception. I still love the giant cast. I think this book was excellent. I just wish I got the shippy feels more strongly.

Deena says

Another awesome read from Beverly Jenkins! Noah was battling some serious demons, and when we found out what they were, I was shocked...and ready to cry for him. Pilar was the perfect woman for him, and slowly but surely brought him into the light. As usual, a really good story, filled with lots of interesting history.

Good to see the rest of the family in this one. I'm so glad that Alanza and Max finally got together, and she could get her scream on, LOL!

Sad to see this family saga end, but I'm hopeful that Ms. Bev will be gifting us with more historical romances, and interesting, lovable characters, soon.

Bookish says

Descended from a long line of pirates, when Pilar Banderas steals adventure-seeking Noah Yates' ship, it's not greed that propels her theft but a desperate effort to protect the beloved women of her family, who are her sole responsibility. Laugh and cheer as Pilar shows arrogant Noah what it really means to be heroic. Bonus: On the gorgeous cover of this romance novel, the heroine is ripping the hero's "bodice." —Katharine Ashe (<https://www.bookish.com/articles/pira...>)

Abi says

A very great historical romance read! Noah and Pilar were such a badass and amazing couple! When Noah called Pilar *Mi pequeno pirata*, my heart fluttered. Despite the issues that Noah and Pilar dealt with, I am happy that it all worked out in the end. I really enjoyed this series and I look forward to reading more from Mrs. Jenkins!

4/5 stars

Shawnette says

Adventure...Action...Romance...History...Noah's tortured soul was finally soothed by Pilar the pirate who

stole his ship and his heart...another success for Mrs. Jenkins...an AMAZING ending to the Destiny Series...looking forward to the next historical romance.

KWinks says

I probably should do a no star review because anyone reading this needs to know 1. romance novels are not my cup of tea 2. this is probably an excellent example of one, and it is MY FAULT for not being able to recognize that.

So, that said, I read this simply because I'm trying to expand my reading by not reading white, male authors. Beverly Jenkins is held up by many fans as a master of her genre, so I picked this one simply because it involved pirates. And....I got through it.

The story came alive for me when I saw how people treated them based simply by the color of their skin. Humans in cattle cars? I wanted to be sick.

Where it failed for me, historically, was in everything else. Nothing is described in detail. I learned NOTHING about the Spanish/Cuban war, ships or gunrunners. I learned nothing about San Francisco in 1887. I mean nothing.

There is a fiercely modern woman (too modern?) and a hero suffering from PTSD (which of course no one understood then). There was many, many happy endings. And a shopping trip. This is fluff I can't get behind in these kinds of novels.

This is a story not about pirates but of a super happy, super successful family. Pull out the sex scenes and it's borderline a children's chapter book.

So, no, I won't be reading anymore romance novels. I've tried, People, I've tried and they just aren't for me.

Tamecia says

I loved this book just as much as the first two books in this series. I'm so sad it's over??.

Layeshia says

Definitely another great read by the wonderful Beverly Jenkins! This story is about the final Yates brother Noah. Noah is a troubled young seamen who meets very Beautiful Cuban girl by the name of Pilar. Pilar and her family are Cuban rebels. That means they do whatever they have to do to survive to the next day if that means steel Rob swindle they'll do it hopefully no one gets hurt in the process. Palaro and her family needed a ship to transport guns to the rebels and the only ship that was available was Noah's ship. Noah underestimated the very small boned Pilar and a sword fight. He ended up tied up and left without his boat. Somehow he made it home to California and of course he could not tell this to his family. I will straighten bear sling to get beat by a woman. They later meet at a party and as they say the rest is history very enjoyable novel as usual you learn a little history when you read any of Beverly Jenkins' stories. And as usual there's always the right mix of romance and erotica. Five star read.
