

Captive Brides The Complete Collection

She is the daughter of his enemy...and the keeper of his heart. Richard de Claiborne, the dark earl of Dunsmore, serves King Edward Plantagenet well. Sworn to obey his king's every order, he nevertheless chafes at the command he wed the daughter of his enemy--a man who slew his father in cold blood. But King Edward wants peace in his lands, and he will stop at nothing to get it. If he has to order his most powerful Marcher lord to marry a Welsh princess, he considers it a small price to pay. Princess Gwenllian is a political pawn. When she's forced to marry the evil Black Hawk de Claiborne, she quakes at his fierceness and brutality. But she does her duty to her father and her people, knowing she will never surrender to her enemy. In the halls of Black Hawk's great keep, Gwen glimpses a man who can be tender and passionate--and who teaches her about breathtaking sensuality and a desire so great it threatens every vow she ever made to keep her heart locked tight. As war once more looms between Wales and England, Gwen realizes a terrible truth: she's in love with the enemy. When long-buried secrets threaten to destroy her fragile happiness, she must make a terrible choice--or watch the man she loves sacrifice his life to save hers...

International bestselling author Fern Michaels fashions a sparkling romance about a beautiful young woman on a quest for vengeance, and the forbidden desire she finds in the arms of a dangerous enemy. . . Boldly commanding a sleek Spanish ship, Sirena Córdez possesses a headstrong and impatient demeanor that inspires both shock and respect from her male crew. But when a band of marauders attacks the vessel, killing her beloved sister, Sirena vows to destroy the man she believes is responsible for the assault. Ruthless and impossibly handsome, Regan van der Rhys will stop at nothing to ensure his company's success in the Spice Islands. Blaming Regan for her family's tragedy, Sirena poses as his demure bride and plots revenge. Yet he stirs her blood as no man has before. Desperate to expose his treachery, the lady captain lures her husband on a fateful journey at sea, where each will fall under an enticing spell of burning passion as the truth is uncovered. . . Praise for Fern Michaels and Her Novels "Heartbreaking, suspenseful, and tender." —Booklist on Return to Sender "A big, rich book in every way. . .I think Fern Michaels has struck oil with this one." —Patricia Matthews on Texas Rich 150,000 Words

Made to marry a sheikh! One passionate night was all it took! Now Lucy is the mother of Sheikh Kahlil's son. If their baby is to inherit the kingdom of Abadan, Kahlil insists that Lucy must marry him! Lucy is all at once appalled by the idea of a temporary marriage to the arrogant Sheikh--yet overwhelmed by the attraction still pulsating between them. She can't deny her desire to share Kahlil's bed again, even if it is only for six months as his bride

The Captive Bride follows the Winslow family as they assist in the building of a great nation. With courage and spirit, Rachel Winslow stands up to the enemies of freedom. Can she face unjust imprisonment--even death--without retreat? Book 2 from the bestselling House of Winslow series.

Kassandra whirled to face the arrogant military man she'd hoped never to see again, remembering all too clearly his kisses that lingered like molten honey on her lips. To admit it was her innocence he'd stolen in a moment of blazing passion would ruin her father's diplomatic career and forever destroy her reputation. Stefan nearly shouted in triumph. He'd searched throughout Vienna for the beguiling tavern wench who had aroused him past endurance, and here she stood like a shimmering goddess. No tavern wench but a lady of the Imperial court! He must have her--he would have her!--if only to safeguard her honor by making her his wife.

Theirs to Tame. Theirs to Train. When the scheming of her father's political enemies makes it impossible to continue hiding the fact that she is an unauthorized third child, twenty-year-old Isabella Bedard is sent to a detainment facility in deep space where she will be prepared for her new life as an alien's bride. Her situation is made far worse after some ill-advised mischief forces the strict warden to ensure that she is sold as quickly as possible, and before she knows it, Isabella is standing naked before two huge, roughly handsome alien men, helpless and utterly on display for their inspection. More disturbing still, the men make it clear that they are buying her not as a bride, but as a pet. Zack and Noah have made a career of taming even the most headstrong of females, and they waste no time in teaching their new pet that her absolute obedience will be expected and even the slightest defiance will earn her a painful, embarrassing bare-bottom spanking, along with far more humiliating punishments if her behavior makes it necessary. Over the coming weeks, Isabella is trained as a pony and as a kitten, and she learns what it means to fully surrender her body to the bold dominance of two men who will not hesitate to claim her in any way they please. But though she cannot deny her helpless arousal at being so thoroughly mastered, can she truly allow herself to fall in love with men who keep her as a pet? Publisher's Note: Taming Their Pet is a stand-alone novel which is the third book in the Captive Brides series. It includes spankings and sexual scenes. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book.

As an unauthorized third child with parents who were more interested in their various criminal enterprises than they were in her, Michelle Carter is used to feeling unloved, but it still hurts when she is brought to another world as a bride for two men who turn out not to even want one. After Roan and Dane lost the woman they loved, they swore there would never be anyone else, and when their closest friend purchases a beautiful human he hopes will become their wife, they reject the match. Though they are cursed to live as outcasts who shift into terrible beasts, they are not heartless, so they offer Michelle a place in their home alongside the other servants. She will have food, shelter, and all she needs, but discipline will be strict and their word will be law. Michelle soon puts Roan and Dane to the test, and when she disobeys them her bottom is bared for a deeply humiliating public spanking. Despite her situation, the punishment leaves her shamefully aroused and longing for her new masters to make her theirs, and as the days pass they find that she has claimed a place in their hearts as well. But when the same enemy who took their first love threatens to tear Roan and Dane away from her, will Michele risk her life to intervene? Publisher's Note: Sold to the Beasts is a stand-alone novel which is the fourth book in the Captive Brides series. It includes spankings and sexual scenes. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book.

Lucy never thought that covering for a coworker would change her life, but that night she would meet Rafi, a wealthy prince from a small country near the Ural Mountains. From the moment they met, Lucy knew Rafi was the man for her. Before long Lucy was pregnant, and Rafi, intending to do the right thing, took her to his home country to marry her. But soon after their marriage, everything changed?Rafi became as cold as ice. Trapped in a loveless marriage in a country where she doesn't know the language or the customs, Lucy is unsure what to do. Will things get better for her, or will she be forever stuck in a cold, loveless marriage?

Every now and then, when all the planets are in proper alignment, fate smiles on one lone warrior. HopeEarth is no

longer able to support human life and trying to scratch out a meager existence is nearly impossible. Hope is reluctantly forced to sign up for the intergalactic brides program. Just as she's getting desperate, she finds a tolerable species willing to purchase her contract. Because nothing is ever that easy, her ship is hit by raiders and Hope can't keep her big mouth shut when their alien captors torment one of the younger women. Jettisoned into space, her one and only chance at survival is in the hands of a Draconian warrior. Larok Larok is a lone sentinel, standing guard for his mother ship. When he comes across a frail human queen, his world tilts out of alignment. Saving her means a nasty death if his vicious Draconian queen finds out he rescued her. Risking his own life is one thing, but risking the life of his entire family and small son is another. Snagging the beautiful human out of harm's way results in battling the Draconian fleet, destroying a planet and stealing a wormhole device that's their only chance at escape. Larok is forced to reach his hand into the dragon's mouth in a desperate attempt to pull victory from the jaws of defeat. He will either die in the battle of a lifetime or be mated to the most attractive human female in the galaxy.

With the sheer strength of his muscular body, Crusader Guy de Warenne overpowered his captors and fled the hell-hole of the Syrian prison. Yet he couldn't leave Damascus without rescuing the lovely violet-eyed "slave girl" who had saved his life by tenderly caring for his battle wounds. She is Leila, a raven-haired English beauty kidnapped in infancy, schooled in medicine by the wealthy physician who adopted her...and trained in the sensual delights of the harem. To Leila, the Crusader is a savage barbarian who ravaged her adopted homeland and ruthlessly carried her away to serve his own purposes. Yet, even in her fury, she is drawn to this man of unexpected tenderness and awakened to a raw, sensual power that will carry them both on a tumultuous journey into adventure, danger, and love.

Journey through history as nine women make their escape from some of life's greatest challenges. West Indies, 1655: Temperance only wanted a better life. Instead, she's sold as an indentured servant. Atlantic Ocean, 1755: Charlotte is deported to the British colonies for her father's crimes. Virginia, 1850: With her life in peril, Lettie seeks escape from slavery. Barbary Coast, 1873: Goldie must pay the cost of her upbringing - or work at her guardian's brothel. Can these captive hearts, and five others, be freed to dream, to dare, to love? Book jacket.

Theirs to Examine. Theirs to Master. After nineteen-year-old Jenny Monroe is caught stealing from the home of a powerful politician, she is sent to a special prison in deep space to be trained for her future role as an alien's bride. Despite the public bare-bottom spanking she receives upon her arrival at the detention center, Jenny remains defiant, and before long she earns herself a trip to the notorious medical wing of the facility. Once there, Jenny quickly discovers that a sore bottom will now be the least of her worries, and soon enough she is naked, restrained, and shamefully on display as three stern, handsome alien doctors examine and correct her in the most humiliating ways imaginable. The doctors are experts in the treatment of naughty young women, and as Jenny is brought ever closer to the edge of a shattering climax only to be denied again and again, she finds herself begging to be taken in any way they please. But will her captors be content to give Jenny up once her punishment is over, or will they decide to make her their own and master her completely? Publisher's Note: Her Alien Doctors is a stand-alone novel which is the second book in the Captive Brides series. It includes spankings and sexual scenes. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book. Winner of a Best Medieval Historical Romance Award from Romantic Times Bride-to-be Anora finds her wedding plans suddenly shattered when she and her identical twin, tomboyish Gwendolyn, are kidnapped and taken aboard a Viking ship. While the handsome captain mistakes Gwendolyn for a boy and appoints her his servant, Anora captures his heart and he vows to have her. To preserve her sister's virtue, Gwendolyn initiates a dangerous game. Will the twins be rescued before Gwendolyn surrenders to her own passion?

Lora Was Falling in Love...With Her Kidnapper! Nothing had prepared Lora Seaton for a man like Luc de la Falaise! Faced with the man's devastating good looks and Gallic charm, Lora found it all too easy to forget that she was Luc's prisoner, a pawn in a game of revenge she didn't understand. And whatever her elaborate plans for escape, she knew that Luc would always hold her heart captive!

Sir Senet has come to steal Lady Katharine's castle away from her. But the only way for him to get it is to marry her. Lady Katherine flatly refuses him and does everything in her power to defy him. But, in time, she feels her emotions begin to change as his sharp eyes and strong, battle-tested body begin to win her over!

Lady Erica had tried to bring peace to her people, so that they could join forces against the Normans. Instead she became captive to the Saxon warrior, Saewulf Brader! Wulf was, in truth, a Norman captain spying on the enemy. Chaste yet fearless Lady Erica wasn't part of his plan. Her beauty was as disarming as it was captivating, but Wulf knew that once she discovered his deception, their fragile bond of trust would be destroyed....

Enjoy a wild ride through Texas history in this collection of nine romances that bring together the lawful, the lawless, and the lonely.

Ronan was a legend among men... and the last thing he needed was a troublesome woman. Yet this fierce Irish warrior took a deathbed oath to protect a chieftain's rebellious daughter. Triona was a hellion of a woman...who would let no man rule her. Raised in the ways of a warrior, she defied Ronan's every command. So he planned to marry her off, to be rid of the wild lass forever. But in the heat of battle--enflamed by her passionate spirit--Ronan decided he wanted this beautiful, impossible woman for himself!

My history is forbidden. My story, dark and twisted. My future decided. I know I don't belong in this decadent world—his world. Money, power, and dark secrets surround me now. I submit to it all to be his perfect obedient wife. They stalk my every move, watching me, judging me. I'm in the same prison just with different guards. But all I care about is him. His eyes, his touch, his hold over me. I'm forever his kept bride, even though they all try to steal me away. Keywords: Dark billionaire romance, mafia romance, romantic suspense, enemies to lovers, contemporary romance, steamy romance, billionaires romance, gothic romance suspense, arranged marriage romance, romantic thriller suspense books, crime boss romance, dark romance series, new adult contemporary romance, dark romance, action adventure romance, dark mafia romance, complete romance series, Alta Hensley,

secret society romance, captive romance, capture and indentured, dominance and submission, captive bride, taken bride
After recklessly following her brother from London to Cairo, beautiful Christina Wakefield is stolen from her bed by an unknown abductor who takes her to his hidden encampment

Spend 12 Victorian era summers with historical women who experience many memorable summertime adventures, including mysteries, festivals, trials, weddings, storms, fairs and romances. "

When Sheikh Khalid Fehr rescues innocent Olivia Morse from the hands of his country's enemies, he guarantees her freedom by announcing she is his betrothed.... Khalid has vouched for Liv with his honor... and this desert king is determined that his new wife will fulfill her marital duties, by his side as his regal queen...and as his captive virgin bride!

When Maddie Fraser's father was killed fighting for Bonnie Prince Charles, the spirited Scottish lass swore to avenge his death. Hooded and disguised, she led a series of daring raids against the forces of the Crown-vowing to love no man until the English invaders were driven from her native soil. Captain Garrett Marshall was entrusted with the capture of the mysterious brigand called "Black Jack." But the sensuous, azure-eyed beauty hidden beneath the bandit's manly garb tested Garrett's loyalty to his King. Inflamed by a desire he could not ignore, the handsome officer would wed his bewitching enemy to save her from the gallows. But first he'd have to quell her hatred...and conquer her heart.

When Bea Sinclair's scapegrace brother begs her help to rescue a maiden from a haunted castle, she seizes the chance for adventure. If only Lord Peter "Tip" Cheriot didn't insist on coming along. How can she maintain a clear head in the face of danger when Tip is so utterly, deliciously distracting? Then an alluring ghost makes Bea a shocking offer, and he won't take no for an answer. Tip Cheriot has loved Bea forever, and he's determined to have her--no matter how scandalous his past. But a cursed specter has claimed Bea as his bride, and Tip must save her from eternal darkness before All Hallows Eve. In the race to capture the heart of one daring lady, it's every man--and ghost--for himself.

The bold Viking warrior Rurik traveled alone on a mission of conquest. But along the way a golden-haired captive inflamed him with longing. He took up his sword to defend her...and then swore to claim her for his own. A beautiful Russian princess betrayed by treachery, Zora spurned the powerful man who held her prisoner-and vowed never to yield. He had been sent as a spy to pave the way for her people's surrender. But his furious hunger for her heated touch-and her aching need for his burning caress-led to a fiery passion that was a greater prize than any kingdom.

As an unauthorized third child, nineteen-year-old Aimee Harrington has spent her life avoiding discovery by government authorities, but her world comes crashing down around her after she is caught stealing a vehicle in an act of petulant rebellion. Within hours of her arrest, she is escorted onto a ship bound for a detention center in the far reaches of the solar system. This facility is no ordinary prison, however. It is a training center for future brides, and once Aimee has been properly prepared, she will be intimately, shamefully examined and then sold to an alien male in need of a mate. Worse still, Aimee's defiant attitude quickly earns her the wrath of the strict warden, and to make an example of her, Aimee is offered as a wife not to a sophisticated gentleman but to three huge, fiercely dominant warriors of the planet Ollorin. Though Ollorin males are considered savages on Earth, Aimee soon realizes that while her new mates will demand her obedience and will not hesitate to spank her soundly if her behavior warrants it, they will also cherish and protect her in a way she has never experienced before. But when the time comes for her men to master her completely, will she find herself begging for more as her beautiful body is claimed hard and thoroughly by all three of them at once? Publisher's Note: Wedded to the Warriors includes spankings and sexual scenes. If such material offends you, please don't buy this book. Also note that this book was previously published under the title Claimed by the Savages. Hauk Valbrand, a Viking warrior, kidnaps Lady Avril de Varennes to save her from an evil kinsman and brings her from Antwerp to his enchanted island, a mist-shrouded land that, like Lady Avril herself, harbors a secret of its own. Original.

[Siren Menage Everlasting: Erotic Historical Menage a Trois Romance, M/F/M, HEA] Gillis MacDougal, cursing at being captured and tossed into his enemy's prison pit, has a newly captured lad dropped on him. Though he can't escape, he will ensure the boy is freed. He then discovers the lad has wit, determination...and breasts. Feisty tomboy Fiona, bastard daughter of Laird Menzies, knows what her captors will do when they discover she's not the heir worth gold. The stranger sharing her dark prison arouses her for the first time in her life. With nothing to lose, she begs him to ensure she does not die a virgin. Fiona helps Gillis escape and they meet with his brother Angus. As they have nothing, they'd wanted to find a wealthy wife, but fall for the penniless, sensual wildcat full of determination and spirit. Gillis handfasts with Fiona to bind her to them before arriving at Inverloch Castle. Laird Cameron, however, has other ideas as to who should marry the attractive young woman... ** A Siren Erotic Romance

On New Year's Eve, she tumbles 700 years back in time--and into the bed of a darkly dangerous knight. Sir Gaston de Varennes wanted a docile bride who would fit into his plans for vengeance and justice, but a trick of time finds him married to a thoroughly modern American lady who turns his castle, his life, and his heart upside down. Will her desperate secret tear them apart after only a few bittersweet weeks of stolen passion-or will they conquer mistrust, treachery, and time itself to discover a love that spans the centuries? Winner of the National Readers Choice Award: Best Historical Romance of the Year "Irresistible, right down to the surprise at the end ... One of the best romances of the year." -The Detroit Free Press "A Desert Isle Keeper. Touching, ingenious ... I love this book. I've read it time after time, and even if I haven't waited quite long enough between readings to forget all the details, I always get drawn back into the story so intensely that I can't put it down. Grade: A (highest rating)." -Ellen Hestand, All About Romance "Moving, riveting, magical. Forever His is destined to become an all-time favorite in medieval and time-travel romances." -The Mediaeval Chronicle A full-length novel of 125,000 words Adult content: explicit love scenes Originally published by Avon Books The Stolen Brides Series: One falls through time and finds herself married to a dark stranger ... one may never reach her royal wedding if she can't resist her rugged protector ... one is abducted by a mysterious swordsman and swept away to a secret island paradise. Three regal brides are about to discover that falling in love with a warrior is the most dangerous adventure of all.

In this hilarious collection of old car stories, Canada's very own "Old Car Detective" Bill Sherk presents 80 of his favourite stories from all 10 provinces, spanning the years from 1925 to 1965. In this book you will meet the man in New Brunswick who chopped the top off his 1927 Whippet sedan in honour of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II; the young fellow from Kingston, Ontario, who thought his 1937 Ford coach looked better with all four fenders taken off; the owner of a 1947 Hudson that burned so much oil he had to wear a snorkel mask while driving it; the father who borrowed his son's hot-rodded '53 Monarch (built only in Canada!) and got pulled over by the police for street racing; and the grandmother who moved from England to Canada and drove her Morris Minor on the wrong side of the road. Behind every old car there's a story waiting to be told, all the way from your grandparents'

Model T Ford to the Mustang you drove in high school. All the stories and photographs in this book are in chronological order from 1925 to 1965, giving you a 40-year journey through Canada's rich automotive heritage and brought to life by the people who owned and drove the cars of yesteryear – and some still do! PART ONE (1925 to 1942) takes you from the middle of the Roaring Twenties to February 1942, when the Second World War brought automobile production to a halt for three long years. PART TWO (1946 to 1965) takes you through the Baby Boom years when cars driven by Canadians went through many exciting changes in styling and engineering. If you have ever owned (or still own) a car that was built between 1925 and 1965, turn to the last page in this book to see how you can send in your story for Bill Sherk's next book.

The Caucasus region of Eurasia, wedged in between the Black and Caspian Seas, encompasses the modern territories of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, as well as the troubled republic of Chechnya in southern Russia. A site of invasion, conquest, and resistance since the onset of historical record, it has earned a reputation for fearsome violence and isolated mountain redoubts closed to outsiders. Over extended efforts to control the Caucasus area, Russians have long mythologized stories of their countrymen taken captive by bands of mountain brigands. In *The Captive and the Gift*, the anthropologist Bruce Grant explores the long relationship between Russia and the Caucasus and the means by which sovereignty has been exercised in this contested area. Taking his lead from Aleksandr Pushkin's 1822 poem "Prisoner of the Caucasus," Grant explores the extraordinary resonances of the themes of violence, captivity, and empire in the Caucasus through mythology, poetry, short stories, ballet, opera, and film. Grant argues that while the recurring Russian captivity narrative reflected a wide range of political positions, it most often and compellingly suggested a vision of Caucasus peoples as thankless, lawless subjects of empire who were unwilling to acknowledge and accept the gifts of civilization and protection extended by Russian leaders. Drawing on years of field and archival research, Grant moves beyond myth and mass culture to suggest how real-life Caucasus practices of exchange, by contrast, aimed to control and diminish rather than unleash and increase violence. The result is a historical anthropology of sovereign forms that underscores how enduring popular narratives and close readings of ritual practices can shed light on the management of pluralism in long-fraught world areas.

A Warrior who has sworn never to love again...A hapless girl, kidnapped and sold at auction...When Need buys Lan'ara, he swears not to love her. But can he keep his promise? Read *The Kindred Warrior's Captive Bride* to find out! Needrix is a Kindred warrior with a tragic past. After losing his pregnant mate during childbirth, he has sworn never to even look at another female again. So he tells himself to ignore the auction going on where a lovely young woman is being sold. But when Need's disgusting crewmate, a three-headed Trollox called Drung, starts bidding on her, he knows he can't abandon her to such a cruel fate. Need buys the hapless girl, swearing he won't fall in love with her and planning to get rid of her as soon as possible. Lan'ara is a graduate of the elite Twyleth Tigg Academy--a finishing school where beautiful young ladies of good breeding are trained to be the wives and concubines of the richest and most influential men in the galaxy. But on graduation night, the school was raided by a band of pirates who stole her away and auctioned her off. Now she finds herself the property of a surly Kindred warrior who has vowed never to touch or love her. He even promises to bring her back to the man who bought her contract in the first place. So her life should be back on track, right? Wrong. Neither Lan'ara or Need knows that she has been injected with the Lust Bacterium, a compound which causes her to need his touch. As her touch cravings grow stronger, Lan'ara finds herself turning to the big Kindred more and more. And Need finds it harder and harder to resist falling for the beautiful female he has rescued. But Drung the Trollox still wants her for his own and has sworn to take her away from Need, no matter what the cost. Will Need and Lan'ara find true love? Or will they be torn apart by evil? You'll have to read...*The Kindred Warrior's Captive Bride* to find out. Author's Note: There is a scene in the first chapter of this book which may upset anyone who has been the victim of past sexual abuse. Please read responsibly! **This is a Plus length novel--over 100K words long**

She may never reach her royal wedding if she can't resist the rugged mercenary assigned to protect her. Disgraced ex-knight Royce Saint-Michel was banished from his homeland because of an impulsive act that cost him all he held dear. Now, he has the chance to reclaim his birthright--if he agrees to protect a princess on a journey that may prove deadly to them both. Royce must escort the lovely Princess Ciara across a war-torn land to her royal wedding... and ensure that she arrives untouched. The two set off alone on a treacherous journey through snowy mountain passes, but forbidden desire soon proves even more dangerous than the assassins on their trail. With the fate of two kingdoms hanging in the balance, will Royce and Ciara do as honor and duty demand... or surrender to the longing in their hearts?

You will take this bride. To have and to hold from this day forward. Till death do you part. This will be your solemn vow. You have no choice. Trapped in a twisted and dark courtship with a secret woman who needs my strength to survive, I will be wed. Walking the thin line between lunacy and reality, I am now the protector of my future captive bride. So, I have no choice but to recite the vows. I take thee. In this arranged matrimony. Until we are parted by death. ****Captive Bride* is a dark psychological thriller. If you dare... join me in the march down the aisle.

In 1461, Alix Givet, the daughter of Queen Margaret's physician, is forced into a loveless marriage with a Northumbrian baron's cruel son. When he unexpectedly dies, she flees over the border into Scotland, and into the mercy of a brooding laird. If she can warm his cold heart, it might provide the everlasting love of her dreams!

Secrets must be kept. Vows never broken. Till death do us part... Unless everything changes. Captive in one life... Kept in another... Taken to now be the wife I am forced to be. I'm hidden away to face a dark reality only a few can survive. But I have a purpose now. I can be the good wife I strive to be. But he still wants me. He will hunt me down. He will find me and take back what was stolen. I will be his wife if he has to fight until the death to make it happen. Keywords: Dark billionaire romance, romantic suspense, enemies to lovers, contemporary romance, steamy romance, billionaires romance, gothic romance suspense, arranged marriage romance, romantic thriller suspense books, dark romance series, new adult contemporary romance, dark romance, action adventure romance, complete romance series, Alta Hensley, captive romance, capture and indentured, dominance and submission, bride, kidnapping, psychological thriller

The Pagan's Prize

What was to be a grand adventure for Melissa MacGregor -- an escape from the wilds of her Scottish home into the whirl of the London social scene -- seems to pale before the promise in the passionate gaze of Lincoln Ross Burnett. Though

they exchange but a few words before parting after a chance encounter on her grandfather's lands, Melissa instantly knows this bold stranger is her destiny, while Lincoln realizes his heart has been claimed forever and he will never be complete until Melissa MacGregor is his bride. But there are serious obstacles impeding the well-smitten Viscount Cambury's pursuit of glorious romance: sixteen of them -- all big and brawny, six named Ian and all named MacFearson. The bane of Lincoln's youth, Melissa's stifling, disapproving uncles are now determined to rob him of his newfound happiness. Yet he is equally resolved to confront the peril -- and to pursue his exquisite obsession all the way to London. . . and to the ends of the earth, if necessary.

Through nine historical romance adventures, readers will journey along with individuals who are ready to stake a claim and plant their dreams on a piece of the great American plains. While fighting land disputes, helping neighbors, and tackling the challenges of nature the homesteaders are placed in the path of other dreamers with whom romance sparks. And God has His hand in orchestrating each unique meeting.

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of Beautiful Tempest and Make Me Love You brings her “mastery of historical romance” (Entertainment Weekly) to 1880s Montana where passions and gold fever run high as an American heiress turns to a rugged mountain man to help her locate her father’s fortune. After a social whirlwind in London, Violet Mitchell is summoned back to Philadelphia only to discover her family living on the edge of financial ruin while their father seeks new wealth in Montana’s gold fields. With the family’s home and social standing at risk, Violet makes a drastic decision. Meanwhile, Montana rancher Morgan Callahan rode away from his family’s cattle farm to make his own fortune. Now as he finishes exploiting a mother lode of silver, a young woman claiming to be his late partner’s daughter turns up wanting to be taken to her father’s mine. Suspecting that the pretty schemer works for the mining outfit that is trying to steal his land, he has no qualms about snatching her and holding her at his camp where she can do no harm. But he underestimated the new thorn in his side. Determined to claim what rightfully belongs to her family, Violet summons up the courage and grit to cope with the hazards and discomforts of an untamed land and the disturbingly masculine stranger who holds her fate in his hands. But an error of judgment brings down a hailstorm of danger that upends her plans and deepens her bond to a man who may turn out to be all she desires. With her signature “strong characters, humor, interesting plots—and, of course—romance” (The Cincinnati Enquirer), Johanna Lindsey crafts another irresistible and adventurous love story.

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