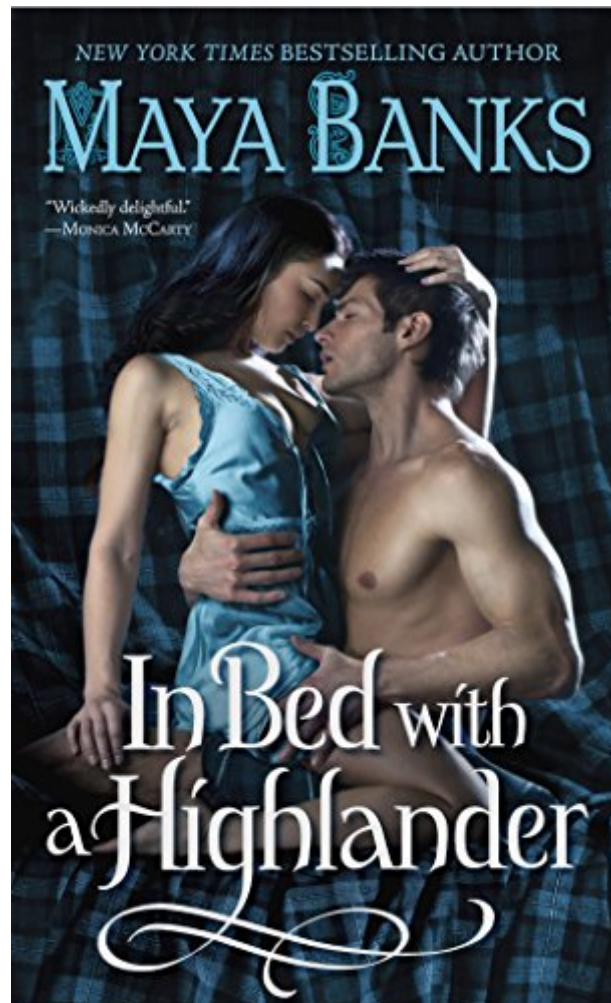




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In Bed With A Highlander (The McCabe Trilogy Book 1)



Synopsis

Maya Banks, the New York Times bestselling author of romance and romantic suspense has captivated readers with her steamy Scottish historical novels, perfect for fans of Julie Garwood. In *Bed with a Highlander* is the start of a beguiling trilogy featuring three unforgettable brothers risking everything to save their clan and their legacy—and to surrender their hearts to love. Ewan McCabe, the eldest, is a warrior determined to vanquish his enemy. Now, with the time ripe for battle, his men are ready and Ewan is poised to take back what is his—until a blue-eyed, raven-haired temptress is thrust upon him. Mairin may be the salvation of Ewan's clan, but for a man who dreams only of revenge, matters of the heart are strange territory to conquer. The illegitimate daughter of the king, Mairin possesses prized property that has made her a pawn—and wary of love. Her worst fears are realized when she is rescued from peril only to be forced into marriage by her charismatic and commanding savior, Ewan McCabe. But her attraction to her ruggedly powerful new husband makes her crave his surprisingly tender touch; her body comes alive under his sensual mastery. And as war draws near, Mairin's strength, spirit, and passion challenge Ewan to conquer his demons—and embrace a love that means more than revenge and land. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I've seen this book pop up a few times on my Status feed so I decided to give it a looksee. I'm really glad I did. So, shoutout to my book-loving friends who reviewed and recommended this little gem! The book features a great heroine, sexy hero, and super effective conflict. I particularly enjoyed the heroine Marin. She's brave, loving, and funny! I was thoroughly entertained by her banter and quick temper. The relationship development between the characters was a treat to experience. Audiobook review: This is a very good story. The plot and pace are perfect. The narrator Kirsten Potter does a fantastic job narrating the story. I'm looking forward to reading the next two books.

I absolutely loved this book! This was one of my favorite Scottish romances that I have read and I am so excited to read the rest of Maya Banks' books. Plot: I loved how this book had a unique plot that I haven't seen in any other novels. I thought the heroine's (Mairin) backstory was so interesting and had the reader guessing along with the characters until all was revealed. The plot moved smoothly and had me attached to the story the entire time. There was a definite mystery aspect running throughout that I really enjoyed. Characters: Mairin: She is such an amazing female lead. She grew up in an abbey thinking she was going to become a nun until suddenly a turn of fate had her being led into a hasty marriage. Mairin was feisty and smart and knew what she did and did not want. I loved how she acted as such a motherly figure to Crispin and was loyal to a fault. She is one of my favorite females that I have read about lately. Ewan: Oh man where do I begin! Ewan was just so darn swoon worthy! He starts off as a bit rough around the edges but quickly you see the caring man inside. I adored how he acted with his son and also the way he respected Mairin. Don't get me wrong these two characters definitely argued but they quickly came back together. I also loved how even when Ewan made a mistake he tried to make up for it and was always thinking of Mairin. Steamy effect: This book has some really steamy scenes (that I loved), but I felt they were done in a way that really flowed with the plot and showed how the two characters were growing together. From the beginning of the book to the end you really see the steamy scenes change as the characters do. Would definitely recommend! Review originally posted on goodreads

Story line was simple and predictable. Everything happened so quickly there was not ever really time to live in the moment. Some chapters were so erratic it didn't make sense. One moment is

serious and the next acting like children giddy and light. No depth, no visuals, no emotion.

I liked it overall. Good back story which makes it interesting. I liked Ewan but Mairin was a bit irritating in places. Their first night together is hilarious. It did have the feel of a contemporary novel in a historical setting (so history buffs, maybe you should pass on this) but I didn't mind that. The romantic element could have been more prominent. A good start to the series. The books get better as the series progresses.

Mairin was whisked into hiding as a child. She is then kidnapped by a ruthless ruler and abused because he wants her money and land. She escapes and finds herself in yet another unwanted circumstance. She must decide between the lesser of two evils. The only problem is, is Ewan really an evil or a man just looking to save his people. I really enjoyed this book. Once again riveting from start to finish.

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Ms. Banks doesn't dissapoint with a wonderful story to start the McCabe Trilogy. Great banter between the characters, good development of the rest of the family. You'll be rooting for these characters. The romantic scenes are tastfully done yet keep their steam!! laughed and I cried and was completely satisfied with the ending while being left eager for the next story. I liked it so much I ordered the unabridged audio version. The narrator, a female, has quite a lovely voice to listen to. I am more than half way through and enjoy her inflections and performance. Now the Scottish brogue is a bit of a cross between a Russian and a Scottish accent but the reading is delightful and that is a very little observation. I have pre-ordered the next two audio books as well. Well done!

Fun romantic highland adventure you will love! I loved the story from the beginning but the character who surprised me the most was young Crispin, he was so adorable i fell immediatley in love with him from the start! It also made me love Ewan alot more, His protectiveness toward Marian from the start made me melt inside and want to keep reading to make sure it happened. I loved Maya's writing in this book, it was soft and strong at the same time. The story is a predictable one, a highland lass who has a lot of wealth is in hiding and she marries a man to save herself from an evil highland laird after her fortune. you will just have to read it to understand why it is so good. Marian is beautiful and strong and she falls inlove with Crispin first and then Ewan slowly after, but it is so well

written it makes total sense. I can't wait to read the next book!

Although the story line in "In Bed with a Highlander" is interesting, if you've ever read the fantastic Scottish novel "Ransom" by Julie Garwood you would find many similarities in this book that have been "borrowed" from Garwood. I probably wouldn't mind if this book was at least half as good as Ransom, but its not. And it seriously needs some editing. For great Highland warrior novels read Garwood's - "Ransom" - "The Prize" - "The Secret" - "The Wedding" and her latest one, "Shadow Music", they'll keep your head buried in your book.

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