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THE LEGEND OF RIVENLOCH IS BORN

When his wife and children die, Viking marauder Brandr has nothing left to live for, so he sails away on one final voyage. A storm at sea leaves him shipwrecked, alone, and barely alive on a foreign coastline. Along the Pictish shore, Avril, a warrior maid and the victim of a Viking berserker, banished from her ancestral home of Rivenloch to a seaside cottage, dreams of the day she'll raise her sword, take back the castle that is rightfully hers, and find her half-Viking daughter a proper father. Discovering a broad-shouldered, fair-haired, broken castaway washed up on her beach among the wreckage of his longship, she takes him captive and binds him in chains. She refuses to be a Viking's victim again...never imagining that soon her fiercest enemy will earn her trust, invade her heart, and enthrall her senses.

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Barbee says

This review is from: The Shipwreck (The Warrior Maids of Rivenloch Novella) (Kindle Edition)

I have been reading books from this author for many years and have enjoyed every single book she has written whether it was under one of her pen names Sarah McKerrigan, Kira Morgan or her real name Glynnis Campbell. I have read every single book she has put out and to my utmost pleasure this lovely novella " The Shipwreck" was no different as it had me captivated from the very first sentence of the book to the very last word in the book.

The story is prequel from Ms. Campbell's previous series The Warrior Maid's of Rivenloch as originally the print books were under her pen name of Sarah McKerrigan which name are under her given name Glynnis Campbell which are available in digital ebook:

Book 1. Lady Danger

Book 2. Captive Heart

Book 3! Knights Prize

I definitely recommend you to read this series after you finish The Shipwreck as each book is truly beautifully written but you can read them alone as well. I personally think it is more fun to read them in the book order, but of course the choice is yours.

This amazing book is about Avril a pict warrior maid of Rivenloch, but her evil brothers send her into exile due to jealousy her being the rightful heir of her ancestral home and fear they will kill her infant daughter and other reasons I won't disclose not wanting to spoil this beautiful story for any of the readers. Avril has gone through many hardships since the death of her father as she was also raped by a viking berserker five years ago where she is raising her half Viking daughter Kimberly who she adores and are living in a small cottage on the seacoast by meager means but she is a survivor. Yet as unlikely that is to happen Avril dreams of getting a husband and storming Rivenloch and retrieving her birth-rite back and exiling or killing her evil brothers.

The hero in this story is Brandr a Viking marauder on his final voyage as he had lost his wife and children and village to illness. Brandr and his men looking to settle on new land, but he and his men get caught in a terrible storm and Brandr is swept up on Avril's beach. Due to Avril's past hurts, fear and hatred she knocks him out chains Brandr up in her cottage and makes him a prisoner. Although she treats all his wounds and feeds him as well. I must say her daughter Kimmy is a definite scene stealer in this book! Kimmy seems to read that Brandr is no threat and had decided to make him her Da and adopt him in a way. I laughed so much, the little girl is such a little precocious rascal I really adored her character in this story. The way she stretches the truth and as much as Avril insists he is not her Da she still calls him her Da although sometimes just a whisper if her Ma is getting too annoyed. Well after all they both have the same coloring oh I really adored so many of Kimmys lines in this book I found so humorous! Of course after Avril opens her heart and puts her prejudice aside and sees Brandr's true character and that not all vikings are alike and just maybe one Viking might make all her dreams come true.

I really loved this beautiful story and as a fan of the Rivenloch Warrior Maiden series I found it so interesting of how the legend of the Warrior Maids of Rivenloch began. I recommend this book to all as "The Shipwreck" totally rocked. I totally loved it!!!

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Wendy Tavenner says

I finally read the book from whence the maidens of Rivenloch started from. A great short read back to the beginning. Arvil was banished from her rights as heir to Rivenloch by her 4 unworthy brothers. While taking care of her daughter she come upon a Viking half dead on the beach. Arvil drags him back to her cottage and leashes him to the wall. Over the next few days she realizes that he Brandr is not like other Vikings who pillage, kill and rape, like what was done to her. Brandr told her he had a wife and children who died in the plague. He understands why she is afraid at first. They finally came to rely on each other and when his brothers find him, he devise a plan to get her heritage back. A great short story that starts it all!!

Tammy Nitschke Sokol says

I loved it!!!

I don't know why someone would say this novel is not good! I don't know what they read, but I felt it was a lovely story. A Strong woman in a time and place where most women were never taught to be warriors. She's the heir chosen to inherit over her brothers by her father. In a horrible battle her father is killed and the keep is taken from her by her brothers. Find out what else happens!!! Well worth reading!!

Eileen says

I liked the story...A bit far-fetched, but what good story isn't?

Nicole Normand says

This is a good read for a rainy night at home while hearing the thunderstorm in the background. I really enjoyed this novella. I laughed at the daughter's antics who had a good strong mind of her own. I was wary of the stranger along with her mother. I wanted to escape as much as the hero. I loved the way the heroine made new decisions about how to look at what happened in her past and be released from it going forward. Clean sex scene. Looking forward to read the trilogy which happens about 200-300 years after this prequel.

Rosemary Hughes says

I read this story as part of "Warriors of Odin" compilation.

I love the way this author uses words and images to seduce the readers mind to a different time and place.

A shipwrecked viking is found and rescued by a Picton lass, who had no empathy towards vikings, due to her

past. They end up with much more than either of them could imagine. A wonderfully told tale.

Sandra R says

Loved this Viking novella ! Beautifully written.

Leigh says

What the heck was that? hahahaha.... Maybe the fault was mine because I did not read the series. This was my first story of The Warrior Maids of Rivenloch. But, boy oh boy... okay... it all ended with sex. Then some 3 or so sentences that marked the epilogue hahahahahaha

Sahar Husseini says

A Fabulous Romance

Avril and Brandr start out as enemies. After all, the Vikings reeked havoc on the land and its people. Can their enmity survive the power of love? Caution: If you start reading Glynnis Campbell's books, you won't want to stop. She weaves a spell that keeps you coming back for more. Don't start reading before you go to bed; you won't want to go to sleep. Don't start reading before you go to work, you will be late. When she says she writes stories to keep you up all night, she means it.

Emma says

Review – Glynnis Campbell – The Shipwreck

Outcast by her brothers and stripped of her home and lands for birthing her “bastard viking spawn”, Avril lives on the coast with her four year old daughter, Kimbery. They live on what they can scavenge from the sea. Theirs is a hard, lonely existence but Avril is coping well and is proud of providing a life for her beloved daughter.

The morning after a violent storm the pair comb the shoreline. Avril hopes to discover part of a broken boat, or useful kelp. Kimbery on the other hand is certain she'll find mermaids treasure. Neither expected their find..

“Mama! It's my da!”

The half dead, wealthy looking, blonde man was undeniable in his viking origins. He was not Kimbery's father but that mattered not to Avril. All viking men were cut from the same cloth. They all raped and pillaged and invaded.

All she could think of was protecting her daughter from this man and any shipmates who came searching for him.

That's how Brandr came to return to consciousness tied up in the small home on the shore.

This tale shows that you can't always judge one man by his countrymen. How Viking and Pict can come together. How they can discover love in the most unlikely of places and put past hurts behind them to create a stronger future.

“As improbable as it seemed, the two of them – captive and captor, mortal enemies – had somehow done much more than find common ground and an uneasy peace. They'd fallen in love.”

H.A. Mims says

Enjoyable overall, if a bit fluffy. My only complaints with this book would be the following:

1.) Aside from names, places, and a smattering of well-established fact, there's not a lot of historical content here. The lack of that makes it lose the authentic feel I was hoping for, because as it is, one would only have to change a few minor details to place the story in virtually any time period or setting. It's a nice effort, but rather short on the research/incorporation of that material.

2.) I felt that the story was left in limbo without a satisfactory climax/conclusion. Being as I was very much looking forward to the reclamation of the heroine's birthright, it was quite a letdown not to be able to experience it as it happened.

Despite that, however, this was a nice bit of escapism.

LadyCalico says

Overall, I enjoyed this little romance. The characters were interesting, and even the child's character was well-drawn, something few authors do well. Something that bothered me was the Pict heroine having a French name, with no explanation, at a time in history when there would have been virtually no interactions between the Picts and Franks--the Norman invasion is still a good 100 years down the pike. It was rather a sketchy story apparently setting some background for the trilogy set many generations later involving the H/h's descendents. Sadly it stopped short and just left to the imagination what would have been for me the best part of the book--I love a good revenge tale.

Chandra says

AUTHOR: Romance, Historical Fiction, Non Fiction. An author that has ventured into Viking territory which authors seldom do. This book has the aaahhhh sigh factor.

GENRE: Vikings; Historical Romance

SETTING: 9th century, off the eastern coast of Pictland

CENTRAL FEMALE CHARACTERS: Avril is Pictish and a survivor. Independent; Intelligent; Honorable. Patient with her daughter Kimberly aka Kimmie and a woman that can wield a sword.

CENTRAL MALE CHARACTER: Brandr, a Northman; a great Story Teller; Sure of himself; Chivalrous and Sly.

SYNOPSIS: One person survives the Viking shipwreck. He is taken captive by a woman living alone with her 5 year old daughter after having been banished from her home.

SEXUAL EXPLICITNESS: (14) breasts; (2) nipples. Don't worry. The adults respected the 5 year old because of their thoughts, not their doing.

WHAT I LIKED: Kimmie is a total complete delight and no matter what, DA is DA! Hilarious

WHAT I DID NOT LIKE: If this book mentions "a man filled with lust" and "sent a shiver through her" one my time, I will shoot myself. This is why I did not give the book 5 stars,

I give this book (FOUR) stars because a really great romance with a little sprite to top it off. This book is on my list of favs and will be a re-read.

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Teshai says

Seriously..why the ass can't I find a washed up man on the beach who falls in love with me and chooses to take care of me even though I don't want him to.

I like this story, love that the little girl insisted on calling him Da. Loved how she stood up to a bunch of Vikings for her daughter.

A berserker and a viking are two different things, people need to understand things like this, especially in the world we live in today.

Patti Ashley says

A wonderful intro to maidens of rivenloch

when I picked this one up I did not realize this was a prequel to a series. It is a wonderful complete story but I am thrilled to see that the characters carry on. April has been bitterly betrayed by every man in her life. Exiled with a daughter, the result of a rape, she has thrived and ends up rescuing a Viking. Of course past history makes her hate Viking deserters but Brandr is no Bessemer and he has given up his raiding to settle down. It is a pleasure to watch them adjust.
