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If you love Maya Banks, Monica McCarty, and Sabrina Jeffries, don't miss Jennifer Haymore's steamy Highland Knights novels! The series begins with the tale of two estranged lovers who are reunited on one of history's most notorious battlefields.

Lady Claire Campbell last saw her husband four years ago. They had a terrible fight, and Claire lashed out in ways she now regrets. Ever since, the memory of his rugged face and piercing blue eyes has never been far from her mind. When Claire receives word that he's on the Continent, fighting on behalf of the British Crown, she knows she must go to Waterloo to find him—the horrors of the battlefield be damned—and apologize before it's too late, or she will never forgive herself.

A fierce warrior and natural-born leader, Robert Campbell doesn't shrink from danger. Bayonets and cannon shot scarcely raise his pulse. Yet his courage fails him after one glimpse of his beautiful English wife. Even the savage blow to the head he has received is nothing compared to the gouge she made in his soul. As Claire nurses him back to health, Rob finds he's never wanted her more. But he cannot risk another heartbreak—no matter how tempting it is to give in to desire.

Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

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## **From Reader Review A Highlander's Heart for online ebook**

### **Brooke says**

I received this ARC via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. This novella was part of the Scandalous Summer Nights boxed set. This novella is book 1 in The Highland Knights series.

The gist: Claire and Rob have been married for three years, but they've been estranged the last year. He's a soldier and he's been off fighting for England against Napoleon. Claire is determined to reunite with her husband, so she sets off to meet up with him at Waterloo. They are reunited, but rebuilding their marriage isn't quite as easy as either of them hope it will be.

I enjoyed this story immensely!!! Claire and Rob are both GREAT characters! Claire is an English Earl's daughter, but she's not as prim and proper as her station in life would deem prudent. Rob is a Scottish highlander who was awarded a Baronetcy after saving the life a Duke. He was not born into the aristocracy and he's definitely more comfortable with his fellow highlander soldiers than the English gentry. Rob is very much a masculine man who doesn't show or talk about his feelings or emotions. When tragedy struck the couple, Rob didn't react the way Claire thought he should, so she lashed out at him. Rob, being a man and very literal, takes her at her word and walks away from her even though it nearly killed him to do so. When she reappears on the battlefield, he's afraid that she'll crush him again.

When they FINALLY stop and talk about all that had happened to push them apart, my gut was clenching and my heart was breaking for them. That's a feat for any author, as I'm not particularly prone to emotional connections with characters or stories and I don't think it's EVER happened in such a short story. It's not generally in my nature to give a novella more than 3 stars due the shortness of the story, but I HAVE to give this one four because of the quality. I was quickly IN LOVE with both the hero and heroine. The story moved quickly due to its length, but it was chock full of goodness. I will DEFINITELY be reading more of the books in this series and by this author!

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### **Angela says**

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### **Blodeuedd Finland says**

This was an example on a novella that did not really work.

It happened too fast. I had no idea what went wrong between them. It all starts at Waterloo, a married couple are estranged for some reason, I did not care why, I did not really understand why...

The woman was named something, she was dull, the guy was named something, he was a highlander. And he got a new job and they lived happily ever after...and I never understood why.

Meh

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## **Lover of Romance says**

I received a ARC copy in exchange for a honest review

A Highlander's Heart is a sweet romance, and part of the newest series by Jennifer Haymore. This is a novella, and sets the stage for the series. Major Sir Robert Campbell, is a soldier, and has been fighting the french, and when he gets injured he sees the one person he least expects on the battlefield, his wife, Claire. Claire regrets what has happened in the past with Robert, she loves her husband, and after being apart for almost a year, she is determined to find him and show him of her true feelings and hope that he can forgive her for past mistakes. Then when she finds him injured, here is her chance to love him and prove to him of her devotion.

I found this story to be quite charming, its a short book, and normally I am not a huge fan of novella's, but this was one short yet sweet. It was quick moving, and you have no problem getting into it, but we see how even with a short story Jennifer Haymore can satisfy this reader. This romance was about two people that care for each other, but have been separated through mistakes of the past, and I loved having one of the main aspects of the story be about redeeming each other. As you get further into the story, you see portions of their past, and its heartbreaking at times, but this author weaves of tale of forgiveness and what true love can really do...can heal broken wounds and hearts, and this story is also full of another aspect that sets the stage for the upcoming series "Highland Knights". I am excited to see what is in the future with this series and seeing more of Robert and Claire.

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## **Jessica Alcazar says**

There's not a Haymore novel I have read so far that I did not LOVE, and this one did not disappoint AT ALL! I have a weakness for Highlander clan stories and this one was very heart-wrenching AND heartwarming! A do not miss for sure! I first read this story when I read the anthology 'Scandalous Summer Nights' just a month ago, and enjoyed reading it all over again today and loved it just as much! I very quickly fell in love with both the hero and heroine. The story moved quickly due to its length, but it was chock full of goodness. I will DEFINITELY be reading more of the books in this series and by this author! Jennifer Haymore can WRITE kids! You don't wanna miss out!

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## **Dija says**

hero and heroine are married, they're estranged due to a big tragedy in the past (you can make a reasonable guess about the nature of said tragedy just from the synopsis), they're trying to get back together because they still love each other...this story's nothing new, it's been done a hundred times before, but it's very well-written so chances are you'll enjoy it anyway.

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## **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

This is book one in the "Highland Knights" series. This book to me starts mid-story as they have our hero, Major Sir Robert Campell on the battlefield and his wife there looking for him. Our heroine, Lady Claire Campbell has come to find her husband after they had a fight where she asked him to leave her...and he did. They kind of touched on a little how they met, but it wasn't a build up like I like. We don't really find out why they argued until about midway to the end. I like Jennifer Haymore writing and I know when I see her books I will enjoy them! I did enjoy this book but I guess I think I would have given it four stars or more if they had started from the beginning then worked to the end...instead of starting at the middle and filling you in. So if you are like me and like Jennifer Haymore books then I would defiantly consider getting this one to start off her series.

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## **Farrah says**

Sweet, emotional, and utterly delightful, *A Highlander's Heart* was a lovely historical romance about a second chance. I loved this wonderful novella and I enjoyed it from start to finish.

Claire was a great heroine. She knew she had made a mistake when she pushed her husband away and said terrible things to him in anger. So, knowing that the apology wouldn't cut it in a letter, she went after him and found him injured after a battle. And, from then on, she refused to leave his side until she proved her regret and earned a second chance at their marriage. I thought she was a lovely character. She was strong, determined, but humble enough to know when she was in the wrong and seek forgiveness for it. I really liked her character.

Rob was wonderful as well. After they both experienced a tragedy, he hid his emotions, thinking that he needed to be strong for Claire. Unfortunately, it didn't work out as he expected and his marriage fell apart. But, even so, he was still loyal to Claire and, when he got the chance to fix his marriage, he wasn't about to mess it up (at least, not on purpose). He was very sweet, honorable, and just a good man in general. He was adorable and I really liked him as well.

The romance was great. I really liked how it was about a couple who loved each other, but needed to bridge a gap that had opened between them. They got a second chance to get it right and I thought it was sweet how both of them were determined to make it work. And, they definitely had some hot chemistry. I thought they were a perfect couple.

The plot moved quickly and I was totally engaged the entire way through. I really liked the story and the ending was lovely. This was a fantastic first book in the Highland Knight's series and I can't wait to see what happens with the next books.

*A Highlander's Heart* was an absolutely delightful historical romance. This novella was very sweet, emotional, and just lovely overall. Romance lovers, this is a book you won't want to miss.

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

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## **Marisa says**

For being a short story and easy read it sure packed an emotional punch I wasn't expecting. Early on I figured out what Claire's and Rob problems were and thought it would be a relatively cut and dry sort of book. Boy was I wrong!

Claire hunts her man down because she needs to right a wrong and fix her marriage. But she follows him to battle which was unexpected and a little crazy if you ask me. But she had a clock that was ticking and it all comes together in the end.

Rob was just your typical manly man who had absolutely no idea how to handle a woman. Especially his woman. I mean, he was a complete ox head when it came to supporting her emotionally. When he finally "get's it" that's when I was reaching for the box of tissues. It was so unexpected and just written so lovely. Again, not expected in such a short story. I ended *A Highlanders Heart* wishing there was so much more to read.

I received this ARC for my honest and unbiased review.

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## **Kimberly Rocha~ Book Obsessed Chicks says**

There are almost no words to express how much I love this woman's writing. I am always left in awe of Jennifer Haymore and even more-so now that I have read this novella that is filled with so much emotion I feel like I have been through a war.

Lady Claire Campbell told her husband that she hated him and she never wanted to see him again. Heeding his wife's revelation, he is sent to the Continent with the Highland Guard to fight Napoleon's army. Herself in pain, Claire practically tears out Robert's heart and stomps on it when she bids him to leave.

Major Sir Robert Campbell had been a simple Scotsman before he saved Wellington himself and was given a title. He then married Claire, who before this was out of his league socially until given the title. He thought they got on well until a tragedy happens that causes a rift the pair have no idea how to deal with. Rob has the army that calls him and he must obey, his honor insists upon it. When he is injured in battle he awakens on the bloody field to a sight he never thought he would never envision again.

Claire knew that she should never have shouted the words she did to her husband before he went off to a battle he could potentially never return from. The guilt weighs so on her that she takes her sister and a maid on a quest to France, to the battlefield, to find Rob and apologize for her words. When Rob awakens and begins to recover from a terrible blow to his head, he cannot believe Claire has come to him and he can't fathom her intentions. After all that passed between them in the last year, he is wary of Claire since her words seemed so bitter and final.

Upon returning to England, Rob has been given orders by his superiors that have him and his men stumped. Instead of reporting to the War Office, they have been given instructions to appear at the Home Office where they are presented with an offer he and the men find hard to refuse, but it will forever change their lives. Once alone with Claire, Rob and she flip back into the comfort of their missing intimacy only to repeat the pain of the year before.

All Claire wanted was for Rob to care about what she went through, to mourn for the loss that so affected her. When she once again tells him to leave her alone and he does as asked, she feels all is lost. Rob must come to terms with his emotions and those of his wife, who he left so emotionally distraught, he doesn't know how or if they will recover.

Yes, *A HIGHLANDER'S HEART* by Jennifer Haymore is a novella, so eloquent and so complete, it tugs at your very heartstrings and doesn't let go. This story runs the gamut of emotions before being at ease in the end. Both characters are so wounded by a tragedy that no one should ever face. Claire's words hurt her husband more than she could ever understand and when she finally does, getting Rob to actually believe her apology is a journey in itself. Rob's total misunderstanding of Claire's pain and the way they both deal with it, makes this a compelling read, one that I most highly recommend. Jennifer Haymore is one of my favorite authors and I want more from this very talented author.

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### **Angela says**

Rob and Clair are a passionate, emotional couple who are struggling to communicate after a heart-wrenching loss. Being a novella, we don't get to dive into Rob's character too much - something that would make the story better. We only get a little glimpse of his emotional hurt from before the war, but there isn't much time to examine how the war (and Waterloo) change him. This is unfortunate because the book opens with him waking up in the bloody aftermath of the battle.

Clair is a great heroine; passionate, caring, and strong. I love that she leaves the safety of London to make amends with her husband.

I agree with many of the other reviews that this story is good, but would be much better as a full length book.

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### **Jenny says**

This book was so emotional and it totally broke my heart and made me cry. I wish the author had written an epilogue with a cute baby! I can't believe she didn't give them a HEA worthy of them :(

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### **Bubu says**

The problem of novellas, in my opinion, is that there simply isn't much room to delve into a complex problem. I know only a few authors who can pull that off.

The problem Claire and Rob have to overcome is a heartbreaking one. Yet, it isn't mentioned until the last third of the book. It's clear from the beginning that there's an estrangement between them, but I wish the author had revealed the reason earlier so that Claire and Rob had more time to work it out and thus, created a better character development. The way it was executed, however, felt rushed and ultimately shallow.

Furthermore, this novella sets up a new series surrounding a secret group of ex-soldiers who call themselves the Highland Knights which took even more space away from Claire and Rob's story. Pity, really. Claire and Rob's story had so much potential.

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## **Julie says**

A Highlander's Heart by Jennifer Haymore is a 2014 publication.

The war separates a couple who departed under strained circumstances, with harsh words being spoken. But now as the battles rage, Claire begins to fear Rob will be killed and her horrible words will be the last ones they ever speak to one another.

Finally a letter arrives from Rob explaining to her where he will be, and so Claire decides she must make peace with her husband and sets out to meet up with him.

Against the horrible battle of Waterloo, Claire finds Rob alive, but not well. As she begins to nurse him and others back to health, he receives new orders. So, with the now or never moment, Claire begins laying the ground work to save her marriage. But, will it be enough?

I enjoyed this short story that highlights the importance of communication and cautions against making presumptions about how others are really feeling and letting angry words hang in the air without making peace.

The cause of the rift between the couple is not hard to guess at but once the couple begins to open up with each other explaining their misconceptions and misunderstandings, the resentments and hurts begin to give way to healing.

I also think there are times when despite being hurt and angry and feeling more than justified about having those feelings, that making the first move to heal the rift is the right thing to do. If Claire had not swallowed her grief and hurt and let go of her pride, their marriage may have died with no chance at recapturing what they once had.

This brief story is quite emotional and deals with some tough subjects such as depictions of war and loss, but the issues within the marriage were deep and difficult, however, the healing brings out how deeply these two love each other and makes sexy time that much more meaningful. I wish more historical romance authors were not so afraid of making their stories more substantial. Emotions and sentimentality are not things to be afraid of. Light historical romps are great, but stories like these seem too few and far between. 4.5 stars rounded to 5

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## **Zoe says**

This book has 2 great characters. I like Robert and Claire a lot. They are a married couple who have suffered a great loss and fallen out with each other.

The main conflict was a typical "women are from Venus and men are from Mars" misunderstanding. Robert and Claire got married and were passionately in love but Robert was a soldier and often away from home. After a traumatic experience Claire was upset and told Robert to go away, that she never wanted to see him again. So what did Robert do? He went away.

This short story starts when Claire decided that she wanted her husband back. She wanted to apologize before it was too late because Robert was on the continent fighting against Napoleon. She went to the battlefield to find Robert and they travelled back to England together and tried to "fix the marriage".

I think the book has a really great couple. They loved each other, that was evident. They were both hurt and harbored their own pains. Their biggest problem was a misunderstanding, which probably did not warrant a full-length book. I find that to be a pity because I would love to read more about a great couple like Robert and Claire. The plots could have been MUCH better. The book is WAAAYYY too short to properly explore the emotions.

Robert and Claire remind me of Mac and Isabella from Lady Isabella's Scandalous Marriage. I wish the book was longer and the feelings more deeply explored. This book obviously is the first book of a series with all the other "Highland Knights" coming up as heroes in future books. I look forward to all the stories. I just wish Robert and Claire got more page space.

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