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## Clarice says

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## Torre says

So this book I am sure I wont be able to read as the h is the kings whore. I don't do mistresses or whores, and although I realize she probably had no choice in the matter the author did.

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## Kim says

### Love a good Highlander romance

This was a wonderful addition to The Stolen Bride Series. Eliza Knight does a wonderful job of suspense, romance & intrigue. I can honestly say I have enjoyed them all.

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## April says

The Highlander's Triumph by Eliza Knight is an interesting Medieval Romance, set in 1298 Highlands, Scotland. #5 in "The Stolen Bride" series, but it can be read as a stand alone.

"He was a warrior fighting for Scottish freedom. She was his enemy's mistress."

Laird Brandon Sinclair is a brawn highlander, who has sworn his life to the Scottish cause and his fealty to Robert the Bruce. Lady Mariana, is a French lady, who was given to King Edward as his mistress. She was sent to a village to draw the Bruce's men into a trap. All she wants is to escape the tyrannical King Edward, but she's left in a burning village, where Brandon and his men find her. Was she sent to spy by Longshanks?

Brandon and Mariana are a complex but intriguing couple. An English King's mistress and a Scottish warrior, will they find love and a HEA?

Slow at times, but generally a good Scottish Romance, although, "The Highlander's Triumph" was not my favorite of this series, I found I was invested in the story, the plot and the characters.

With danger around every corner, sparks flying between Brandon and Mariana, treachery, and more, this story does have much to recommend it to readers.

I have been waiting patiently for "The Highlander's Sin", which is next on my list to read. "The Stolen Bride" series is a complicated, compelling and intriguing series. I would recommend reading Brandon and

Mariana's story! A good Scottish Romance!  
I received a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.  
Rating: 4  
Heat rating: Hot  
Reviewed by: AprilR

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### **Jayne dArcy says**

This was a good story but it was a tough one to get through because it did not hold my attention as well as the others. I was growing tired of the saga of Ross and was just wishing that by this time they would just hurry up, catch him, and be done with it. As it was, I think Ross' end was dealt with as an afterthought. He was mentioned in all of the books so there should have been more than a 'well he's dead - let's get married' sort of ending.

Still, the story concerns Brandon and Mariana and their romance is one that makes the book. They are drawn together rather haphazardly it seems, and Mariana does not want to get involved with Brandon as much as her heart wants her to. She has a duty to perform yet the more time she spends with Brandon and the other Scotsmen she does not want to go back to King Edward. It also turns out that in returning she may be facing a brutal death at the hands of a cruel king.

There is subtle commentary that reminds the reader that women were no more thought of than the sheep or cattle that men owned. Noble women had dowries or property that could make a man rich. Women were there only for pleasure and to bear the 'heir and spare'. Mariana is a fallen noble woman trained specifically to pleasure men. She is prettier than 'just a maid' and therefore she becomes desired by a king whose favour she dare not fall out of.

In a world where virginity is a commodity that increases a woman's worth Mariana does not have that value. She is used goods. She has been mistress to a king who is the Scots enemy. Hardly a creature to be desired. Brandon sees first Mariana's beauty but then he sees beneath that to the substance of a woman that attracts him. Strongly. He wants to deny the attraction he feels since he believes his desires must bow down in favour of what his laird wants.

It doesn't work that way.

Thankfully, Laird Wallace knows that a man will be caught in love's snare. He does not mind, and he is even willing to encourage Cupid's folly as long as the warrior so thus ensnared is still his to wield at the enemy.

Ross is incidental and truly there ought not to be much thought given to him, but I do like it when a bit more is given to even a bad character when his end arrives.

What makes this a 5-star rating despite my hesitance and wish for Ross is that the story of Brandon and Mariana was worth Ross' intrusion.

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### **Rumpusparable says**

Pretty cute, and again nice to have something other than the virgin-bride standard. The sex scenes were a bit annoying, I actually started just skipping passed them, but the story over all was entertaining.

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### **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

In this action, adventure, historical romance we get a history lesson, a romance, a heroine with backbone, strength, courage, something worth fighting for and a hero that would do what it took to take part in his countrymen's freedom from the tyrant king Longshanks. This medieval romance gives more with each new additional romance added to its series. The was something different in this romance between Lady Marian and Laird Brandon Sinclair.

I followed their romance from the meeting to the very end with enjoyment. I found that with this addition to the series. You really did not need to have the previous books under your reading belt to follow along with what was going on. Women will do what they feel best for them when they have been used and abused and so willingly sacrificed to the so-called enemy. I am certain Longshanks was not quite expecting the little surprise that he got.

Eliza gave a new Laird with his own strength, convictions, determination and the highlander protective streak that I love so much. The passion levels were a bit out there than with the other reads of this series. I attribute that to the fact that Lady Mariana was used by the king for his own purposes. She had her innocence stripped from her long ago. The danger. The passion. The secrets. This adventure was brought to life and delivered a good read.

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### **Kimberly says**

Awesome audiobook!

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### **Tracy Emro says**

I liked this book much more than I thought I would. I am not usually a fan of mistresses as heroines - but this story was wonderful

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### **Helen White says**

#### **The Highlander's Triumph**

Brandon and Mariana's story. Book 5 in the STolen Bride Series. These two met after the Ross had burned a village and left her to either live or die. Mariana was Longshank's mistress. He had sent her with a message for The Ross, the highlander who turned on the Scots and supported the English during the war. Mariana is just a high class whore. She has had so many men that she does whatever the English King tells to. She will stay with any man he orders her to have sex with. Brandon falls in love with her even knowing what she is. You can read this book to learn what is between she and Brandon. I am not fond of this book. As much as I

love reading Eliza Knight books I just cannot recommend this as a good read. I just had to make myself pick up this book and read to the ending. The fact that she has had so many men is beyond my beliefs.

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### **Barbara Literski says**

#### **Spy?**

Another great book about the Sutherland's and their cousins. This story is about Brandon Sinclair who is fighting for Robert the Bruce against King Edward. Brandon meets a lady that is trying to get out of a burning village. She has secrets she can't reveal. This is a story that anyone that enjoys this genre will enjoy

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### **Kay says**

Good read. A little steamier than I like but still enjoyed the character development, the intrigue of the story line and historical times. Will read others in series since they were loaned to me.

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### **Tegs says**

There were some good stories in this series. This one wasn't one of them. Skimmed through most if it.

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### **Callixta says**

Les romances Highlanders se portent très bien et l'on ne compte plus les auteures qui se lancent dans ce genre. Eliza Knight fait partie de celles qui sont moins connues mais font un très bon travail.

Honnêtement, son roman devrait très bien marché. Elle a la connaissance historique qu'il faut. Ce roman se situe ainsi dans une série qui se situe à l'époque de Robert de Bruce et du fameux Wallace incarné au cinéma par Mel Gibson. A cette époque, la lutte entre l'Angleterre et l'Ecosse bat son plein. Les temps sont difficiles et la méfiance partout. Le contexte historique est très bien maîtrisée par l'auteure qui s'est inspiré de lieux et de personnages réels. Son héros est un compagnon de Robert de Bruce qui va tomber sur une belle inconnue lors d'une opération de secours dans un village incendié. A moitié asphyxiée, Mariana est en bien mauvaise posture. Cette jeune Française, maîtresse du roi d'Angleterre depuis ses quinze ans est en grand danger au milieu des Highlanders. Mais Brandon va immédiatement remarquer cette belle jeune femme et s'instaurer son protecteur.

On ne peut rien reprocher à Eliza Knight qui raconte une histoire sensuelle et bien menée qui va tourner autour de la véritable identité de Mariana et de sa capacité à convaincre qu'elle n'est pas là pour espionner. C'est bien fait, crédible, touchant même car la jeune femme est une victime depuis son plus jeune âge. Vendue sans pitié par ses parents, elle a appris à se protéger seule et est très démunie face à Brandon qui lui fait ressentir des choses qu'elle n'a pas l'habitude de connaître.

Il y ajuste quelques passages un peu lents qui ralentissent l'action surtout dans la première partie, quelques

problèmes de cohérence entre une Marina très autonome parfois et totalement dépendante des hommes à d'autres. C'est dommage car l'ensemble était prometteur et l'auteure est à l'aise dans ce contexte.

Cela reste toutefois une auteure intéressante, à suivre surtout si l'on est passionné d'Ecosse médiévale.

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### **Meg - A Bookish Affair says**

"The Highlander's Triumph" is the story of Mariana, the mistress to the King of England, who is sent to Scotland to tell off the rebels and ends up finding love with one of them instead. Highlanders win every single time! This book is the fifth in The Stolen Brides series by Eliza Knight. You can jump right into this book if you wish (it's definitely a stand alone book) but if you plan on reading the other books, read the other ones first or else you will know what happens to some of the other characters in the series.

Oh, Brandon and Mariana, how I loved you so! This book is filled with a really hot romance and a lot of action! I really liked the story between them. Mariana is the mistress to the King and when she is sent on this super dangerous journey to Scotland, she does not even blink. You have to appreciate that kind of bravery. Also, as a King's mistress, she is not nearly as shy as some of the other heroines in this book... so much hotness! Brandon makes for a really fantastic hero. I loved reading about him. He is trying hard to fight for his country and is not afraid to stand up for what he really believes in, which is definitely an admirable quality.

That being said, there is also a lot of great historical detail. I loved being able to see what was going on in Scotland at the time. The historical detail really added a lot to this book. This book is probably my favorite in the series so far. It had a really nice balance between the love story and also what was going on in Scotland at the time.

This was a great historical romance!

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