

## Desire's Hostage (Viking Lore, Book 3)

This is the FoxTales edition of the book previously published by Samhain Publishing. Other than the cover art and description, the book is the same. Hundreds of years ago, on a wild sea coast, two bold-hearted men met in combat and love... This is the story of Caius, a Christian monk struggling to reconcile his sensual nature with his newfound faith, and of Fenrir, a ferocious Viking raider abandoned by his comrades and left for dead. When Caius takes pity on the wounded man, his brethren are horrified: what kind of wolf has Cai brought into the fold? But only when Cai and Fen join forces can the monastery of Fara be saved from the raiders from the east. And Fara holds a secret worth guarding, a legendary amulet with the power to bind even the might of the Vikings. Fen, his heart divided between old loyalties and a new love, must make a decision which could shatter his own heart and Cai's into the bargain. Will there ever be peace and a future for these brothers of the wild North Sea?

Could you give love a second chance after a betrayal? Viking Elena was the love of my life, my obsession, and my ruin. Sixteen years ago, she betrayed me by marrying my enemy. Now, I discover her betrayal didn't end there; she stole my kid. I'm gonna take away her future, just like she took mine. Elena Viking is the love of my life. I both saved and betrayed him. One look in his eyes and I know he wants to break me. Fight or flight? NB: it includes the prequel novella "Love is Pain".

Sixteen years ago, Elena had to betray Viking in order to save him. Now, he's hungry for revenge against the woman who was once his obsession. As he takes her captive and seeks to break her, a dark desire reignites... Could you give love a second chance after a betrayal? Elena. Viking is the love of my life. I both saved and betrayed him. Now, I'm at his mercy. One look in his eyes and I know he wants to break me. Fight or flight? Viking. Elena was the love of my life, my obsession, and my ruin. Sixteen years ago, she betrayed me by marrying my enemy. Now, I discover her betrayal didn't end there; she stole my kid. I'm gonna take away her future, just like she took mine. Note: - This book contains some traumas. If this offends you, please skip this one in the series. - It can be read as a stand-alone. No cliffhanger. For fans of Monica James, Natasha Knight, Julia Sykes, CD Reiss, Aleatha Romig, Skye Warren, Anna Zaires, Renee Rose, Carrie Ann Ryan, Penelope Ward, Lauren Blakely, Meghan March, Vanessa Vale, Katee Robert. Topics: adult romance, alpha male, romantic suspense, romance series, bad boy romance, emotional read, contemporary romance, inspirational romance, mafia romance, romance audiobook, second chance at love, sexually romantic books, contemporary romance books, revenge romance, steamy romance books, hidden pregnancy romance.

The Battle of Bannockburn may be over, but the war is far from won. Her Protector... Ansel Sutherland is charged with a mission from King Robert the Bruce to protect the illegitimate son of a powerful English Earl. Though Ansel bristles at aiding an Englishman, the nature of the war for Scottish independence is changing, and he is honor-bound to serve as a bodyguard. He arrives in England to fulfill his assignment, only to meet the beautiful but secretive Lady Isolda, who refuses to tell him where his ward is. When a mysterious attacker threatens Isolda's life, Ansel realizes he is the only thing standing between her and deadly peril. His Lady... Lady Isolda harbors dark secrets- secrets she refuses to reveal to the rugged Highland rogue who arrives at her castle demanding answers. But Ansel's dark eyes cut through all her defenses, threatening to undo her resolve. To protect her past, she cannot submit to the white-hot desire that burns between them. As the threat to her life spirals out of control, she has no choice but to trust Ansel to whisk her to safety deep in the heart of the Highlands...

Highlander's Ransom

A Novel

Stolen By The Viking (Mills & Boon Historical) (Sons of Sigurd, Book 1)

Reamde

Deep, Dark & Dangerous

Wulf is an ancient Viking warrior with a useful but extremely aggravating power-amnesia. No one who meets him in person can remember him 5 minutes later. It makes it easy to have one-night stands, but hard to have a meaningful relationship, and without true love he can never regain his soul. When he finally meets Cassandra, the one woman who can remember him, she turns out to be the princess of the cursed race he's sworn to hunt-and forbidden to him. The two of them must face ancient curses, prophecies, and the direct meddling of the Greek gods to find true happiness at last.

In this sexy erotica anthology, three hot authors reel you in with sizzling novellas about alpha heroes who will do anything to get the women they want -- even kidnap them! Bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon presents "Captivated by You," the second sexy story in her series featuring the Bureau of American Defense. Rhea Stevenson is a "BAD" agent who has just been handed her most challenging assignment. She must go undercover as a dominatrix to bring in a deadly terrorist. The only upside is that her fellow agent, "Ace" Krux, whom she has long desired, is her training partner. Almost immediately the roles of master and slave are wonderfully blurred and Rhea and Ace unleash a wealth of hidden desire. From bestselling romance author Melanie George comes "Promise Me Forever," the story of Savannah Harper, who has finally put her breakup with pro-football player Donovan Jerricho behind her. But when Tristan comes home to Mississippi on the eve of Savannah's wedding, he still wants her. And when he carries her off and holds her hostage, Savannah's surprised to find that the desire's deliciously mutual... From Jaid Black comes "Hunter's Right," the fantastical story of Corporal Ronda Tipton of the U.S. Army, whose chopper goes down in the Arctic Circle. The only survivor of the crash, Ronda happens upon a hidden civilization of Vikings -- where she must face the bridal auction block. Only Nikolas Ericsson, the man who found Ronda, can save her by claiming her as his own according to sacred rights. But will she and this primitive brute give in to the sparks made when their worlds collide? Sensual and playful, these three novellas will carry you away!

Beautiful and defiant, Kristen Haardrad meets the hot, longing gaze of Royce, Thane of Wyndhurst, with icy fury - vowing never to be enslaved by the powerful Saxon lord who holds her captive. She is his enemy and his prize - a wild and lusty hellion to be tamed by her dashing conqueror's kiss. But though maddened with desire for the golden-haired Viking temptress, noble Royce, in conscience, cannot force his exquisite prisoner to submit. For only Kristen's willing

surrender can quench the blistering fires that sear his tormented soul - and heal a heart consumed by passion with a soothing balm of rapturous, unconditional love.

What happens when media and politics become forms of entertainment? As our world begins to look more and more like Orwell's 1984, Neil's Postman's essential guide to the modern media is more relevant than ever. "It's unlikely that Trump has ever read Amusing Ourselves to Death, but his ascent would not have surprised Postman. " -CNN Originally published in 1985, Neil Postman ' s groundbreaking polemic about the corrosive effects of television on our politics and public discourse has been hailed as a twenty-first-century book published in the twentieth century. Now, with television joined by more sophisticated electronic media—from the Internet to cell phones to DVDs—it has taken on even greater significance. Amusing Ourselves to Death is a prophetic look at what happens when politics, journalism, education, and even religion become subject to the demands of entertainment. It is also a blueprint for regaining control of our media, so that they can serve our highest goals. “ A brilliant, powerful, and important book. This is an indictment that Postman has laid down and, so far as I can see, an irrefutable one. ” –Jonathan Yardley, The Washington Post

Book World

Mist

Kiss of the Night

A Warrior's Pledge (Highland Bodyguards, Book 3)

A Viking Romance

866 A.D. Ruthless Viking Prince Ivar is determined to avenge his murdered father—even if it means marrying a Saxon princess who will do whatever she can to escape him. Ivar and his men take over the Saxon stronghold of York, England, in the hope of forcing King Aelle to surrender. He holds Princess Aethelthryth, King Aelle's daughter, as a prized hostage---or so he believes. But the "princess" captive, Ella, is a lowly maid who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. She bears a striking resemblance to Princess Aethelthryth who has been spirited away to safety. Ivar's captain, Bronwolf, mistakes her for her mistress. Though he is attracted to Ella, Bronwolf turns her over to Ivar, as is his duty...but the fires of desire have already been kindled between the captain and the maid. Ella continues her pretense of being the true princess in order to protect herself from the brutish Viking prince and his men, but her plan is turned on her when Ivar decides to make her his bride to seal the alliance between their people. When Bronwolf learns her true identity, there is only one thing he can do to save her from Ivar's fury at being duped—he must find a way to get her to safety. Can he protect Ella from the barbaric Prince Ivar, or will it cost both of them their lives? Will Ella consent to his plan and become THE VIKING'S YULETIDE WOMAN?

The fourth of the five Richard Hannay novels by John Buchan. Here we find our hero Richard Hannay living a quiet life in the countryside with a wife and young child but his past comes back to haunt him and he once more must face up to an arch-enemy.

"The Hike just works. It's like early, good Chuck Palahniuk. . . . Magary underhands a twist in at the end that hits you like a sharp jab at the bell. . . . It's just that good." —NPR.org "A page-turner. . . . Inventive, funny. . . . Quietly profound and touching."—BoingBoing From the author of *The Night the Lights Went Out* and *The Postmortal*, a fantasy saga unlike any you've read before, weaving elements of folk tales and video games into a riveting, unforgettable adventure of what a man will endure to return to his family. When Ben, a suburban family man, takes a business trip to rural Pennsylvania, he decides to spend the afternoon before his dinner meeting on a short hike. Once he sets out into the woods behind his hotel, he quickly comes to realize that the path he has chosen cannot be given up easily. With no choice but to move forward, Ben finds himself falling deeper and deeper into a world of man-eating giants, bizarre demons, and colossal insects. On a quest of epic, life-or-death proportions, Ben finds help comes in some of the most unexpected forms, including a profane crustacean and a variety of magical objects, tools, and potions. Desperate to return to his family, Ben is determined to track down the "Producer," the creator of the world in which he is being held hostage and the only one who can free him from the path. At once bitingly funny and emotionally absorbing, Magary's novel is a remarkably unique addition to the contemporary fantasy genre, one that draws as easily from the world of classic folk tales as it does from video games. In *The Hike*, Magary takes readers on a daring odyssey away from our day-to-day grind and transports them into an enthralling world propelled by heart, imagination, and survival.

Destined to be yet another bestseller from the inimitable Johanna Lindsey. Spirited Rowena Belleme must produce an heir - or incur the dangerous wrath of a ruthless stepbrother who stands to forfeit his ill-gotten wealth. And the magnificent Warrick deChaville is the perfect choice to sire her child - though it means imprisoning the handsome knight and forcing him to bend to her amorous whims. Vowing to resist but betrayed by his virility, noble Warrick is intoxicated by Rowena's sapphire eyes and voluptuous beauty. Yet all the while he plans a fitting revenge - eagerly awaiting the time when his sensuous captor becomes his helpless captive. . .and is made to suffer the same rapturous torment and exquisite ecstasy that he himself has endured.

The Lady's Protector

Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business

A Novel About the History of Philosophy

A Time Travel Romance (Enchanted Falls Trilogy, Book 1)

Love is Rage

"The aim of this book is to investigate the taking and giving of hostages in peace processes during the Viking Age and early Middle Ages in Scandinavia and adjacent areas. Scandinavia has been absent in previous research about hostages from the perspectives of legal and social history, which has mostly focused on Antiquity (the Roman Empire), Continental Germanic cultures, such as the Merovingian realm, and Anglo-Saxon England. The examples presented are from confrontations between Scandinavians and other peoples in which the hostage giving and taking was displayed as a ritual act and thus became symbolically important. Hostages were a vital part of the peace processes and used as resources by both sides in the 'areas of communication' within the 'areas of confrontation'. Literary texts as well as runic inscriptions, picture stones, place names, and personal names are used as source material." This work was published by Saint Philip Street Press pursuant to a Creative Commons license permitting commercial use. All rights not granted by the work's license are retained by the author or authors.

When love collides with vengeance, only the strong will survive...Scotland's throne has been stolen by a Pretender King who means to crush all those who oppose him. Four Highlanders refuse to yield. Hell-bent on revenge, they vow to destroy the Pretender and restore Scotland to its

rightful King. Laird Domnall MacAyre is out for blood. He bears a personal vendetta against the murderous traitor who helped the Pretender ascend. But when he tracks the traitor to a remote island keep, he finds the man's sister in his stead. The lass makes Domnall's retribution all the sweeter—in kidnapping her, he can twist the knife even deeper into his enemy's heart. Yet as a passionate bond grows between them, it is Domnall's heart in danger of ruination. Lady Ailsa Murray barely knows her brother, yet he is her only remaining family, and the bonds of blood are not easily broken. So when she is taken by a Highlander dead-set on revenge, she makes a silent pledge to do anything it takes to thwart him. But when it comes to her captor, enemies and lovers are but two edges of the same blade. Will she have the courage to stand against Domnall, or will her heart succumb before she can alter the course of both their fates? If you enjoy enemies-to-lovers, captive romance, and stories of love conquering all, start reading this page-turning, sizzling Scottish historical romance now!

"Stephenson has a once-in-a-generation gift: he makes complex ideas clear, and he makes them funny, heartbreaking, and thrilling." —Time The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Anthem*, Neal Stephenson is continually rocking the literary world with his brazen and brilliant fictional creations—whether he's reimagining the past (*The Baroque Cycle*), inventing the future (*Snow Crash*), or both (*Cryptonomicon*). With *Reamde*, this visionary author whose mind-stretching fiction has been enthusiastically compared to the work of Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, Kurt Vonnegut, and David Foster Wallace—not to mention William Gibson and Michael Crichton—once again blazes new ground with a high-stakes thriller that will enthrall his loyal audience, science and science fiction, and espionage fiction fans equally. The breathtaking tale of a wealthy tech entrepreneur caught in the very real crossfire of his own online fantasy war game, *Reamde* is a new high—and a new world—for the remarkable Neal Stephenson.

She is his hostage... As the daughter of a proud Pict chieftain, Elisead's duty is to make a marriage alliance for the betterment of her people. Yet the forest spirits whisper to her, calling her into the woods to carve in stone the long forgotten markings of the old ways. But when she witnesses a terrifying band of Northmen land on the shores of her village, she senses that her fate lies with the golden leader who entrances her with his dancing emerald eyes and claims her with his forbidden touch. Desire binds them together... Alaric sets sail from the Northlands with the weighty responsibility of making a permanent settlement in Pictland. To build an alliance with a local Pict chieftain, Alaric agrees to exchange hostages—and claims the chieftain's daughter as his leverage. Now, his greatest challenge is to resist Elisead, the auburn-haired beauty who captivates him completely. When the fragile negotiations turn deadly, Alaric must choose between his mission and his desire to protect Elisead from the mysterious forces working against peace between their peoples.

The Three Hostages

The Pirate Prince

The Hostages of the Northmen

a second chance mafia romance

Sophie's World

**Destiny throws her back in time. Can love make her stay? Caroline Sutton doesn't belong here. Not in the Highlands, and certainly not in the fourteenth century. Headstrong Caroline hopes an adventure will ease the pain of her parents' deaths. One minute, she's standing at the edge of a waterfall, daring her two sisters to jump with her. The next, she wakes up on the shores of a Scottish loch--600 years in the past. She's determined to return to her sisters and her own time, but Callum, the rugged Highland Laird who discovers her, has other ideas. When heat flares between them, all Caroline's plans are thrown into jeopardy, but if she gives in to her blazing desire, she may never want to leave the past behind. Laird Callum MacMoran is in a bind. He has inherited a clan feud with no end in sight. When he comes across a strange yet strikingly beautiful woman on enemy lands, he thinks to use her as a bargaining chip to end the bloodshed. Little does he know this odd lass is more than she seems, and falling for her will threaten the peace he has worked so long to build. Torn between responsibility to his clan and his growing feelings for Caroline, can he love her enough to let her go? Or will fate decide their futures for them?**The **Enchanted Falls Trilogy** follows three sisters as they find love after falling through time. Each book can be read as a stand-alone, but the stories are linked. **Book 1--Falling for the Highlander by Emma Prince** **Book 2--Falling for the Knight by Cecelia Mecca** **Book 3--Falling for the Chieftain by Keira Montclair**

**Elzbieta Cherezinska's *The Widow Queen* is the epic story of a Polish queen whose life and name were all but forgotten until now. The bold one, they call her—too bold for most. To her father, the great duke of Poland, Swietoslawa and her two sisters represent three chances for an alliance. Three marriages on which to build his empire. But Swietoslawa refuses to be simply a pawn in her father's schemes; she seeks a throne of her own, with no husband by her side. The gods may grant her wish, but crowns sit heavy, and power is a sword that cuts both ways. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.**

**Taken captive by a rakish pirate and sold into slavery, Willow is plunged into a dangerous game of seduction and power when two rivals vow to possess her. Original.**

**Go back in time, to a distant world where Vikings ruled and dragons soared above, where a man could dream of a Viking Lord or a Dragon King taking him as his mate. In this collection, you will find two complete trilogies and a hot and heavy stand-alone story. A great price for such a dark and salacious collection. This Mega Bundle Contains: *His Fire: The Complete Trilogy* Gay Viking Dragon Shifter Mpreg Romance *Erlendr*, a young Viking warrior, is faced with a choice. Go as a hostage with the powerful and mysterious Dragon King Kolbeinn, or risk the lives of his people. He chooses to submit to the virile**

alpha Dragon King, to return to the King's castle with him, and to serve him in his war...and in his bed. Now, all together as one complete book, the 24,400 word collection of the His Fire series! Follow Kolbeinn, the strong, virile, Dragon King, and Erlendr, the young Viking warrior, as they come together in heat and in battle, mating and fighting for the future of their kingdom! His Treasure, His Desire A Gay Historical Fantasy Dragon Shifter Romance Signor's village lives in the shadow of the mysterious dragon that lives in the mountain...and demands animal sacrifices. They get along well enough, until the dragon demands a human. The brave, bold, and handsome, but lonely Viking warrior Signor volunteers himself, and promises he people that he will either die, or slay the dragon. He has never been able to find a male lover to share his bed, and chooses to sacrifice himself so the rest of his village, those with family ties, can live. But when he arrives at the top of the mountain, instead of facing a dragon and his certain doom, he finds what appears to be a man, who says his name is TTyros. The strong, hot and handsome, dragon shifter subdues Signor and draws him into his cave, for reasons of lust and desire that Signor can only guess at. They are drawn to each other like moths to flame, but will the fires of their burning desires ever be satisfied? The Salt of His Seed: The Complete Trilogy The battle goes sour for a handsome young viking. Leif, a powerful Viking warlord, spares him on the field and claims him as his captive. What the new thrall will soon discover is that the brutal, alpha Viking has taken him not so the thrall can wait on him, but to have a captive to warm his bed and serve his every need. Go back in time, to a world where men were ruthless warriors, and follow the Viking Warlord and Einarr's romantic journey from enemies to lovers...and beyond in this 15,700 word complete collection of the three The Salt of His Seed books!

Brothers of the Wild North Sea

Dark Desires After Dusk

Amusing Ourselves to Death

Tales from the North

Island Flame

*The Vikings are laying siege to Paris. They want the Count's sister, in return they will spare the rest of the city. As houses on the banks of the Seine burn, a debate rages in the Cathedral on the walled island of the city proper. Can the Count really have ambitions to be Emperor of the Franks if he doesn't do everything he can to save his people? Can he call himself a man if he doesn't do everything he can to save his sister? His conscience demands one thing, the state demands another. The Count and the church are relying on the living saint, the blind and crippled Jehan of St. Germain, to enlist the aid of God and resolve the situation for them. But the Vikings have their own gods, and outside their camp, a terrifying brother and sister, priests of Odin, have their own agenda--an agenda of darkness and madness. And in the shadows a wolfman lurks. M. D. Lachlan's stunning epic of mad Gods, Vikings, and the myth of Fenrir, the wolf destined to kill Odin at Ragnarok, is a compelling mix of bloody horror, unlikely heroism, dangerous religion, and breathtaking action. From the Trade Paperback edition.*

*A star in a world of wealth and privilege... Fed up with Hollywood backstabbing, famous movie actress Madalyn Simon decided to escape the spotlight. Her new back-to-basics existence in an Alaskan cabin did take getting used to, but at least she was in control of her own destiny -- or so she thought. While snowmobiling on the frigid coast with her sister, the pair is taken hostage by a band of rough men who want them -- for reasons beyond imagining. A captive in a world of inescapable seductions... They are neo-Vikings from a hidden underworld, in search of women Outsiders to breed for the New Sweden clan. Their sexy leader, Otar, wants only one woman: Madalyn. Overpowered by his masculine strength and unmasked desire, Madalyn must become Otar's wife or face the marriage auction block. Now, in a world beyond dreams and as real as the hot flesh of her enticing warrior-husband, Madalyn discovers the power of an all-consuming passion -- as the fires of revolution threaten all she has come to love...*

*Book One of the Sinclair Brothers Trilogy He was out for revenge. Laird Robert Sinclair would stop at nothing to exact revenge on Lord Raef Warren, the English scoundrel who had brought war to his doorstep and razed his lands and people. Leaving his clan in the Highlands to conduct covert attacks in the Borderlands, Robert lives to be a thorn in Warren's side. So when he finds a beautiful English lass on her way to marry Warren, he whisks her away to the Highlands with a plan to ransom her back to her dastardly fiancé. She would not be controlled. Lady Alwin Hewett had no idea when she left her father's manor to marry a man she'd never met that she would instead be kidnapped by a Highland rogue out for vengeance. But she refuses to be a pawn in any man's game. When she learns that Robert has had them secretly wed, she will stop at nothing to regain her freedom. But her heart may have other plans...*

*"Feels like a blockbuster movie."—Lisa Jewell, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Then She Was Gone "Mackintosh is a pro...the final scene in the book almost made me sick as I read it. I mean that as a compliment of the highest order."—The New York Times You can save hundreds of lives. Or the one that matters most... From New York Times bestselling author Clare Mackintosh comes a claustrophobic thriller set over 20 hours on-board the inaugural nonstop flight from London to Sydney. Mina is trying to focus on her job as a flight attendant, not the problems with her five-year-old daughter back home, or the fissures in her marriage. But the plane has barely taken off when Mina receives a chilling note from an anonymous passenger, someone intent on ensuring the plane never reaches its destination: "The following instructions will save your daughter's life..." Someone needs Mina's assistance and knows exactly how to make her comply. When one passenger is killed and then another, Mina knows she must act. But which lives does she*

*save: Her passengers...or her own daughter and husband who are in grave distress back at home? It's twenty hours to landing. A lot can happen in twenty hours. For fans of the locked-room mystery of One by One and the heart-stopping tension The Last Flight, Hostage is an explosively addictive thriller about one flight attendant and the agonizing decision that will change her life—and the lives of everyone on-board—forever. Praise for Hostage: "A banger of a book with a truly agonizing 'what would you do?'" —Ruth Ware, #1 New York Times bestselling author of One by One "Hypnotically good. Should be a hit, could be a classic..." —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Jack Reacher series "Fiendishly clever." —Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Before She Disappeared "A propulsive read." —Karin Slaughter, New York Times bestselling author of The Silent Wife "A nail-biter of a thriller." —Shari Lapena, New York Times bestselling author of The Couple Next Door*

*Hearts Aflame*

*The Monthly Cumulative Book Index*

*Passion's Ransom*

*Viking Lore*

*Prisoner of My Desire*

Believing herself a lone survivor of a war between the Norse gods that wiped out the world's mythical beings, Valkyrie Mist is attacked by a frost giant in modern-day San Francisco and encounters a disguised elf before the man she believed was her mortal boyfriend reveals himself as the vengeful trickster god, Loki. By the author of Call of the Wolf. Original. 30,000 first printing. Scott Oden's epic novel A Gathering of Ravens is "satisfying...complex...and a pleasure to read" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). To the Danes, he is skraelingr; to the English, he is orcnéas; to the Irish, he is fomoraig. He is Corpse-maker and Life-quencher, the Bringer of Night, the Son of the Wolf and Brother of the Serpent. He is Grimnir, and he is the last of his kind—the last in a long line of monsters who have plagued humanity since the Elder Days. Drawn from his lair by a thirst for vengeance against the Dane who slew his brother, Grimnir emerges into a world that's changed. A new faith has arisen. The Old Ways are dying, and their followers retreating into the shadows; even still, Grimnir's vengeance cannot be denied. Taking a young Christian hostage to be his guide, Grimnir embarks on a journey that takes him from the hinterlands of Denmark, where the wisdom of the ancient dwarves has given way to madness, to the war-torn heart of southern England, where the spirits of the land make violence on one another. And thence to the green shores of Ireland and the Viking stronghold of Dubhlinn, where his enemy awaits. But, unless Grimnir can set aside his hatreds, his dream of retribution will come to nothing. For Dubhlinn is set to be the site of a reckoning—the Old Ways versus the New—and Grimnir, the last of his kind left to plague mankind, must choose: stand with the Christian King of Ireland and see his vengeance done or stand against him and see it slip away? Scott Oden's A Gathering of Ravens is a novel of vengeance, faith, and the power of myth.

Bought for his vengeance But claimed for his bed!

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

The Cumulative Book Index

Highlander's Redemption

A Gathering of Ravens

Ensnared by the Laird (Four Horsemen of the Highlands, Book 1)

A Dark Mafia Romance

*A dangerous mission... Although Colin MacKay is thought a charmer, he hides an old wound behind his quick smile and dancing blue eyes. To ease the pain of a past betrayal, he has devoted his life to the cause for Scottish freedom. When King Robert the Bruce fears his strategic communications have been compromised, he sends Colin on a crucial mission: ferret out the spy and deliver an urgent missive to the King's brother. When Colin discovers that the deceptively enchanting Sabine has been intercepting the King's correspondence, he holds her captive until he can deliver his missive and hand her over to the King's judgement. But detaining the sable-haired beauty proves far more dangerous when lust flares hot between them. A deadly game of seduction... Sabine has known only the life of a thief. Scooped from the streets as an orphan child, she thinks of the man who saved her as a father, though his dark moods and cruel manipulations keep her frightened of being abandoned again. Under his tutelage, she learns that with a suggestive smile or a heart-wrenching tale, she can lower men's guards just long enough to steal their secrets. But when she is sent to seduce a handsome, golden-maned Highlander bearing a message from the Bruce, soon she cannot tell who is playing whom, or if it is a game at all. Colin's searing touch crumbles the walls around her heart, forcing Sabine to realize that her loyalty to her boss may come with a price—her life. When unseen forces threaten to tear their world apart, Sabine and Colin must choose between duty, loyalty, and love to save themselves—and each other.*

*Book Two of the Sinclair Brothers Trilogy He is on a mission... Garrick Sinclair, an expert archer and Robert the Bruce's best mercenary, is sent on a covert operation to the Borderlands by his older brother, Laird Robert Sinclair. He never expects to meet the most beautiful woman he's ever seen—who turns out to be the sister of Raef Warren, his family's mortal enemy. Though he knows he shouldn't want her—and doesn't deserve her—can he resist the passion that ignites between them? She longs for freedom... Jossalyn Warren is desperate to escape her cruel brother and put her healing skills to use, and perhaps the handsome stranger with a dangerous look about him will be her ticket to a new life. She never imagines that she will be spirited away to Robert the Bruce's secret camp in the Highlands, yet more shocking is the lust the dark warrior stirs in her. But can she heal the invisible scars of a man who believes he's no hero?*

*Her Warrior... To forge an alliance between the English and the Scots, Lady Rosamond must marry a Lowland stranger. But when a mysterious attacker threatens the engagement and her life, Robert the Bruce assigns one of his most trusted warriors to protect her. Finn Sutherland's brooding gaze is almost as dark as his heart, yet Rosamond finds herself captivated by her Highland bodyguard. Now she must choose between responsibility and the searing need Finn ignites within her. His Pledge... Finn is honor-bound to swallow his hatred of the English and serve as bodyguard to Lady Rosamond. He never expects his charge to touch his scarred heart with her warmth and kindness. Worse, her honey hair and violet eyes bring him to his knees with lust. When the threat to Rosamond spirals out of control, Finn does the only thing he can think of to protect her—he stands in for her betrothed as a proxy husband. As desire clashes with duty, Finn's pledge will be tested like never before.*

*I think Scandinavian Paganism, to us here, is more interesting than any other. It is, for one thing, the latest it continued in these regions of Europe till the eleventh century eight hundred years ago the Norwegians were still worshipers of Odin. It is interesting also as the creed of our fathers the men whose blood still runs in our veins, whom doubtless we still resemble in so many ways. Strange: they did believe that, while we believe so differently. Let us look a little at this poor Norse creed, for many reasons. We have tolerable means to do it; for there is another point of interest in these Scandinavian mythologies: that they have been preserved so well. Neither is there no use in knowing something about this old Paganism of our fathers. Unconsciously, and combined with higher things, it is in us yet, that old faith withal. To know it consciously brings us into closer and clearer relations with the past, - with our own possessions in the past. For the whole past, as I keep repeating, is the position of the present. The past had always something true, and is a precious possession. In a different time, in a different place, it is always some other true of our common human nature that, has been developing itself.*

The Dial

Fenrir

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Captured and held for ransom by a band of nefarious pirates, Blythe Woolrich, a proper, respectable, and genteelly poor beauty, surprises herself with her passionate response to scandalously handsome pirate captain Raider Prescott's sensual advances. Reissue.

Nothing will stop Cadeon of the Rage Demons from finding the means to atone for the one wrong that haunts him. But once he captures the key to his redemption, the halfling Holly Ashwin, he finds that the woman he thought he could use for his own ends and then forget haunts him as much as his past. Raised as a human, Holly Ashwin never knew that some legends are real until she encounters a brutal demon, who inexplicably guards her like a treasure. Thrust into a sensual new world of myth and power, with him as her protector, she begins to crave the Cade's wicked touch. Yet just when he earns Holly's trust, will Cade be forced to betray the only woman who can sate his wildest needs - and claim his heart?

Dear Reader, It is difficult for an author to choose a favorite from among her own books, especially when she has been lucky enough—as I have—to make a career out of doing what she loves. But some stories are memorable because they mark an important milestone in an author's life, and for me, perhaps none is more special than *Island Flame*—my very first book. I was thrilled when it was published, and now, more than thirty years later, I am just as excited to share it again with you. *Island Flame* is a classic tale of romance on the high seas, featuring two extraordinary characters: the headstrong Lady Catherine Aldley and the legendary pirate Jonathan Hale. I don't have to tell you that their tumultuous escapade sizzles with passion (lots of passion!), but what I hope you will take away most from Cathy and Jonathan is that dreams do come true—in love and in life. Mine did, and I hope yours will too. I look forward to sharing many more adventures together in the future. Enjoy! Karen Robards

When the Frankish sisters Ishild and Odilia are stolen away to the North by savage Norsemen, they must each adapt to survive in such a brutish, unforgiving land, so far from home. *Odilia's Story*: After the attack on her home, Frankish noblewoman Odilia is taken hostage by a Viking warrior with unknown motivations. She has never seen a Viking before, let alone one from the African continent; with his umber-colored skin and black, textured locs, he stands apart from the other Northerners- in more ways than just appearance. When Odilia is saved from becoming the concubine of another Norseman, and dangerous forces require her to hunker down in hiding at Svendsholm, the dark Viking swears his fealty to her. However, having suffered the tragedy of losing his family once before, Torsten has no desire to ever marry; as Odilia withers from the weight of her increasingly unrequited love for her savior, she wonders if she can possibly show Torsten that taking a chance on love- even at the risk of a lifetime of hardship- is worth everything. *Ishild's Story*: During her attempt to flee from the raid on her home, the eldest daughter of Adalbehr of the Franks stumbles across a wounded Norseman; against her better judgement, Ishild saves his life- a mistake that leads to her ultimate capture and subsequent imprisonment in the North. She soon becomes the promised bride of the chieftain, forcing her to remain locked away and isolated from the rest of the village. Having been married once before, to a monster of a man, Ishild would rather die than become a bride again. That is, until a series of odd circumstances lead her to the very same Viking whose life she had saved; willing to repay his debt to his brother's captive, Brandr promises to teach Ishild to fight, so that she may fight her captors and win her freedom. They hold their clandestine meetings beneath the chieftain's own nose, both aware that he could exile them or worse, should they be discovered. When she learns of Brandr's terrible secret, however, Ishild must choose between her romantic feelings for the dishonorable Viking, or her plan to save herself- before it is too late for either of them. Reviews for "*Across the North Sea*" "If you love enemies to lovers, villain romance, and forced proximity then you might need to read this one." -Goodreads reviewer "These are not your typical "r\*pe and pillage" Vikings, they show a great deal of hesitation, guilt and repentance when it comes to the mistreatment of women. A nice Viking love story for those who might enjoy a Viking romance without full on nonconsensual sex." -Goodreads reviewer "This is my first read by Sofia Hahn but it won't be the last. Loved the language and customs of the Viking world thrown in." -Goodreads reviewer "Absolutely loved this story. It was my first Viking romance and I was consistently engaged the whole time. Well written and can't wait for more by this author." -Booksprout reviewer "Overall the story has made me more interested in the era, and I'll be looking out for future historical romances by Sofia Hahn. I recommend this book to all Viking fans and those seeking historical novels in general." -Goodreads reviewer

Author's Notes \*Told in alternating POVs, both sisters' stories are intertwined in a duet throughout the novel; while they are intended to be read straight through and all at once, they can also be read separately by skipping chapters. *Ishild's Story* is told in the even-numbered chapters, while *Odilia's Story* has all of the odd-numbered chapters. \*\*Readers take note: This book contains violence, death, blood, mature scenes, and attempted, on-page assault (including by one of the mains). More or less what you would expect from a Viking/historical romance.

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