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Breghan's father has promised her hand in marriage to a neighboring laird with a fierce reputation. Arran is known as the Devil of Jedburgh for his ruthlessness, his skill in battle, and a string of terrible rumors that follow his family. Breghan is a headstrong young woman, with her own ideas of how she wants to spend her future. Ideas that don't have anything to do with a wild beast or a man. She runs away, but only manages to incense her husband to be. Instead of the marriage everyone expected, the two become handfasted for a year and a day. Despite the fact that Breghan drives him crazy, Arran becomes quite taken with her. He uses their time together to become her lover. But he is terribly afraid of getting her pregnant. His father went through wife after wife who died in childbirth and believes Breghan would meet the same fate. It's only a matter of time before these two are truly in love with each other, but Arran cannot see reason. His fears rend him unable to face a future with Breghan, and leaves everyone wondering how the relationship can make it. The story is set on the backdrop of some Scottish royal intrigue. But the real draw is the evolution of our main characters. I have to admit, Arran did get on my nerves from time to time with his overbearing ways, but I tried to remind myself of the time frame in which the book is set. He makes for a pretty sexy hero and it was very gratifying to watch him slowly drop his defenses with Breghan. The direction of the plot is pretty predictable. If the guy's big issue is fear over pregnancy, it's no big leap to guess what's going to happen and how it will all turn out. But I did

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enjoy getting there And I was surprised to find I also liked the little side plot of Arran s brutish friend and Breghan s maid Plus there were kilts And a hint of a brogue 3 1 2 starsARC Provided by NetGalley I received an ARC from the publisher through NetGalley This review does not include any mention of spelling and or grammatical errors.This book seems at first glance simply a historical romance like so many others, yet it appealed to me for two reasons a strong minded, strong willed female MC and an equally stubborn, pigheaded male MC Arran aka the Devil of Jedburgh, Laird of the Kerrs, must marry to produce an heir His search for a wife is not defined by love but by finding a woman strong enough to not die while giving birth He has heard of the McAllen s wife s proclivity to bear lots of strong, strapping sons and assumes that the lone daughter, the last born, will thus also be able to produce his heir without dying in the process Apparently, even the Scots in the middle of the 16th century had an idea of genetics On his ride to fetch his promised bride, he chances upon Breghan who s run off so she won t have to marry Arran since the stories she s heard about him don t paint a pretty picture While she recognizes him, he does not, and she doesn t correct him when he assumes she s a lady s maid Rumors abound about Arran having killed four wives and his own mother, about him being cruel and heartless and in cahoots with the devil Who would want to marry such a man, right Upon learning who Bree really is, Arran insists on a handfasting instead of a marriage, which binds Breghan to him for a year and a day He s half mad with want for her yet refuses to risk impregnating her since she s, in his eyes, too fragile to bear children Obviously, he can t marry her since she won t be able to give him heirs Arrogant, know it all male Check The book progresses much like a typical historical romance, with rather witty, bantering dialogue between the two MCs and a fair amount of intimate encounters as Arran sets about wooing his reluctant wife and simultaneously despising himself for doing so He wants her in his bed but also knows that he can t keep her and mustn t get her pregnant Some of the book deals with the prevention of unwanted pregnancy and the author seems to have spent some time researching this information, as indicated in the afterword Between the amusing banter and the well researched historical facts around the reign of Mary, Queen of

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Scots, this is a very entertaining read At the same time, you can see the characters grow towards each other to finally confess their love There are moments when my heart broke for Arran, for the pain he experienced early in his adulthood that shaped him into the man he is now and the reason why he s so deathly afraid of losing his wife if she were to become pregnant There is a huge breach of trust that Bree commits toward the last third of the book which then fortuitously serves as the breakthrough these two need to get past Arran s fears and end the discussion about Bree s leaving after the handfasting period is over The book is well written, with good forward movement and emotional descriptions of not only the female but also the male character I held my breath, I laughed, I cheered, I feared right along with them Their final scenes made me tear up It s a good author who can evoke those kinds of strong emotions while I m reading A few things I wasn t too happy about the average male height during the 1500s was approx 5 8 For any woman during that time period to produce 12 sons who all stand over 6 , sorry that s research fail I understand that all romance males must be strapping, broad shouldered, hunky specimen but it s not historically accurate the location of the hymen In so many romance books, including this one, the authors write the defloration as the male organ entering the female channel to some extent before breaking the barrier That simply is not correct A quick search on Google will tell you exactly where the hymen is located and half way up isn t it This myth is perpetuated again and again, and it s one of my pet peeves I m sure there is a romantic reason for why it s written this way, but it eludes me Overall, this was a great read for a rainy afternoon or a sunny day at the beach I enjoyed spending time with Arran and Breggan and will be searching out this author for of her work I think you would too. Arran is on his way to claim his bride when he is side tracked by a girl found hiding along the road One of his men stabbed her thinking she was a boar The girl is actually his betrothed who was running away from the pending marriage due to his reputation as the Devil Every choice she makes from then on spirals her fate downward I got so caught up thinking geez shut your mouth Everytime she started, she ended up sticking her foot in her mouth getting into trouble with higher priced consequences I was so frustrated with the both of them that I

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wanted to shake them This story was not the kind of frustrating that took away from the story with the back and forth that just goes no where has an HOA at the end This had a build up of murphey s law choices had a constant roll to the story It was great I cannot wait to read This is my 1st book by Claire Robyns and it was a very good book from start to end This is a read in a day kind of book It was hard to put down I really enjoyed this book and was entertained with their characters as well as their interactions There are many humorous parts that will have you chuckling So I highly recommend this novel, then judge for yourself if you liked it or not Great book to read about Scottish Highlands I would like to thank the publishers and the folks at Net Galley for making this advance copy available to me for review. Probabaly 4 1 2 stars A hot love interest who wears a kilt and talks with a Scottish accent Um, yes, please I ve been reading outside my YA genre lately, and since I love historical fiction, I decided to give historical romance a try The Devil of Jedburgh didn t disappoint I loved that Breghan was a sassy, spunky woman of the 17th century Even though she d heard horrible stories about Arran, she always stood her ground and stood up to him and the patriarchal society she found herself in Their chemistry was red hot from the first moment they met even though he didn t know who she was Of course, her spunk sometimes drove her away from Arran and would have served her a few times to read things between them a little differently Arran s devil reputation was only the product of legends Instead of being a beast, he s a hottie with a sad past in love that leaves him emotionally stunted when it comes to love Sure, he wouldn t mind a roll in the hay with Breghan, but he doesn t want to marry her bc he totally separates marriage and love Plus, he only wants a wife to give him heirs Would totally recommend this to anyone who loves historical romance, and even though I read the eARc, I ll probably buy this one when it comes out Great steamy scenes, historical tidbits interspersed had never heard of handfasting, which is where a man would take a woman for a year as a trial marriage If he liked her, he d marry her, if not, he d send her back to her family , and swoonworthy hero.and a sweet romance Reviewed By BlackTulip for Booked UpThe story takes place in the Scottish Lowlands, in a context of high instability and open rebellion The reign of Mary Queen of Scots

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was marked with murder and scandal, her court was a viper's nest, where betrayal and plot were commonplace and where murder was often the easiest and quickest way to erase obstacles along the way to power. The superb opening scene definitely gives the tone for the rest of this compelling story that keeps you in suspense page after page. Two prominent families, loyal to the Queen made a pledge, one day, Breghan McAllen and Arran Kerr of Ferniehurst would have to marry. In a week's time Breghan will be the wife of the Devil that haunts her nightmares and Arran Kerr has even terrible and frightening names attached to him. Breghan is the only daughter in a family populated with twelve brothers, she was rather spoiled but not to the point of being capricious. She's only young, impulsive, and a bit wild. Their first unexpected encounter is dramatic and explosive and it's only the beginning. Arran has need of sons to inherit the land and responsibility and that's why he wants Breghan, whose mother produced a dozen sons without apparent problem well that's what he thought until he saw Breghan. Breghan had romantic ideas about the man who would love and cherish her but there would be no companionable nights before a fire here, because Arran Kerr is a devil and a beast. Before they met, they both had strong views about their future but now that they have met, it has become much complicated. These are very harsh times where some brutal acts will demand even brutal retribution but thank God there are also some moments of softness. There's a deeply moving paragraph in the middle of the story that says: "Do you believe in love," Arran Breghan asked softly. "Do you believe there can be between a man and woman than practicalities and necessities? Have you ever wondered if there's someone out there who could make your heart beat faster with a mere look, who could take your breath away with a simple caress, who could fill your life with even a handful of memories that grow richer with time instead of fading?" Arran's gaze went over her shoulder, to some point on the blank wall behind her. He was silent so long, Breghan began to hear her own erratic pulse thunder inside her head. Such wistful emotions are a fatal luxury. His gaze came back to rest on her, a cool and calm green. "I would run from such a person rather than seek her out." At this stage of the story he cannot answer her otherwise. A moment later, he gives a silent answer to

Breghan earlier question Do you believe in love, Arran When I look into your eyes, darling, when I hold you in my arms, when I pretend reality can be changed and I m allowed to have my heart s desirethen, yes, I believe in love Claire Robyns delivers a wonderful, exciting, and poignant story with two very likable and strong main characters And despite their doubts, their fears, danger always being present, and a curse that will almost tear them apart they won t be able to stand up to the irresistible force of their passion The author has proven here to be a great storyteller who knows how to balance very skillfully history and fiction I give 5 big stars

The Only Thing Worse Than Being Hand Fasted To The Devil Of Jedburgh Was Falling In Love With Him Raised On Rumors Of The Devil Of Jedburgh, Breghan McAllen Doesn T Want An Arranged Marriage To The Beast The Arrogant Border Laird Is Not The Romantic, Sophisticated Husband Breghan Dreams Of Despite The Heat He Stirs Within Her In Need Of An Heir, Arran Has Finally Agreed To Take A Wife, But When He Sees Breghan S Fragile Beauty, He S Furious He Will Not Risk The Life Of Another Maiden By Getting Her With Child Lust Prompts Him To Offer A Compromise Necessary Precautions, And Hand Fasting For A Year And A Day, After Which Breghan Will Be FreeFor A Chance To Control Her Own Future, Breghan Makes A Deal With The Devil Passion Quickly Turns To Love, But Arran Still Has No Intention Of Keeping The Lass, Or Making Her A Mother He Loves Her Too Much To Lose Her But When A Treasonous Plot Threatens Queen And Country, Breghan Has To Prove Only She Is Woman Enough To Stand By His Side Breghan McAllen s father has promised her hand in marriage to the Laird of Kerrs, Arran He is known as the Devil of Jedburgh, because of rumors of his evilness He s finally looking for a wife in order to get an heir He choose s Breghan thinking she will be someone who can handle giving birth to a large baby When he finally meets Breghan, though, he finds a much tinier woman than he expected He suggests a handfasting instead of a marriage Breghan agrees, looking forward to the freedom to choose her next husband after a year with Arran This one started a little rough for me I found the hero a bit too unforgiving and rough around the edges in the beginning And though Arran doesn t change a whole lot by the end, he grew on me If I were in his circumstances, I might be

grumpy too He did have some great moments of sweetness with Breghan I really enjoyed the historical aspects of this book Robyns integrated Mary, Queen of Scots and the politics and royal drama of that time very well, I thought Definitely recommended to fans of highlander romances.ARC provided by NetGalley. To find this review and others visit Carina PressPublished February 6, 2012ISBN 9781426893162Genre Historical RomanceMay I just say that I loved this novel I didn't feel disappointed at any point during it Claire Robyns weaves a tale that has you unable to put the book down from the start She's created vivid and lively characters that complement each other well.The Blurb Raised on rumours of The Devil of Jedburgh, Breghan McAllen doesn't want an arranged marriage to the beast The arrogant border laird is not the romantic, sophisticated husband Breghan dreams of, despite the heat he stirs within her.In need of an heir, Arran has finally agreed to take a wife, but when he sees Breghan's fragile beauty, he's furious He will not risk the life of another maiden by getting her with child Lust prompts him to offer a compromise necessary precautions, and handfasting for a year and a day, after which Breghan will be free For a chance to control her own future, Breghan makes a deal with the Devil.Passion quickly turns to love, but Arran still has no intention of keeping the lass, or making her a mother He loves her too much to lose her But when a treasonous plot threatens queen and country, Breghan has to prove only she is woman enough to stand by his side.My Take Breghan, right from the beginning you can tell she's independent and full of life and imagination and even when confronted with her biggest fear, being married to the Devil of Jedburgh just one of many names her betrothed has all referring to how evil he is, she takes him on only to find that though he can be infuriating, he really isn't evil and is in fact just what she's been looking for her.Arran, what can I say about him, he's sexy and kind and authoritative and totally alpha without being too overbearing You can truly feel his emotions and love for Bree and see his mind and heart tearing him in two different directions as he realizes that because he doesn't want to hurt her or see her killed, he can't bear to be apart from her either Both are afraid to fall for each other, knowing that eventually they'll have to part ways and I enjoyed the experience of watching these two grow both

individually and as a couple. This story kept you turning the pages and I don't believe I found a dull moment in it at all. If I did, then all the great parts far outweighed the dull parts so much so that they've left my mind. The author has a gift with words and the perfect voice for a historical romance. Normally, I have a hard time reading historicals that take place in Scotland due to the fact that some authors go a little heavy on the accents of their characters to the point of distraction. Ms Robyns did not. She weaved just enough of their accents in so that you could hear the voices in your head and still enjoy the story. The brief side stories of Bree's ladies maids finding their own romances were cute and charming and did not take away from the main storyline at all. I, for one, cannot wait for another story by Ms Robyns. My Rating 4.5 Lattes 3.5 Favorite Lines He wants to dally for a while afore choosing an appropriate wife and I want to earn my freedom. We both win p 71, egalley. Men are convoluted thinkers and the most alpha of them all is Arran. Known as the Devil of Jedburgh he is a vicious fighter who will do whatever it takes to secure his family's hold on its land, Ferniehirst. Even if it means marrying an ugly, stout woman to give birth to his sons. He's even found the perfect woman, Breghan McAllen. Her mother had given birth to 12 sons and one daughter. Too bad for him Breghan plans to be brood mare to no man. There were a few nail biting moments in *The Devil of Jedburgh*. I was concerned with how Breghan would confront the issue between her and Arran. There really was only one way to do so, but it involved Breghan tricking her hero. In reality I hate women who do as Breghan did. Did it affect my enjoyment of the story? Yep. It lowered my opinion of Breghan and even though I know it was necessary to resolve the conflict, I found it a bit distasteful. Before all the conflict began to be resolved I enjoyed every bit of tension. I liked watching the fiery heroine running from a future she wanted no part of and I smiled as she found a way to make peace with the idea of being a woman of her time period. I even teared up when Breghan had issues with her father. The characters are inviting and well written. The setting is vivid. *The Devil of Jedburgh* is a straight up classic Scottish romance. It's love and action rolled into a tale set in my favorite place, the highlands of Scotland. There are political machinations not my favorite plot line, misunderstandings and hints at a possible second book.

set in the same world Overall, it s a nice story Again, my problem is with the sneaky, chick trick the heroine played on the hero to move the story forward toward a happily ever after It is a dirty, underhanded thing to have done. So now that I ve made you want to know what she did it s time for you to go buy the story I don t regret reading it and one day may read it again Scooper Speaks



