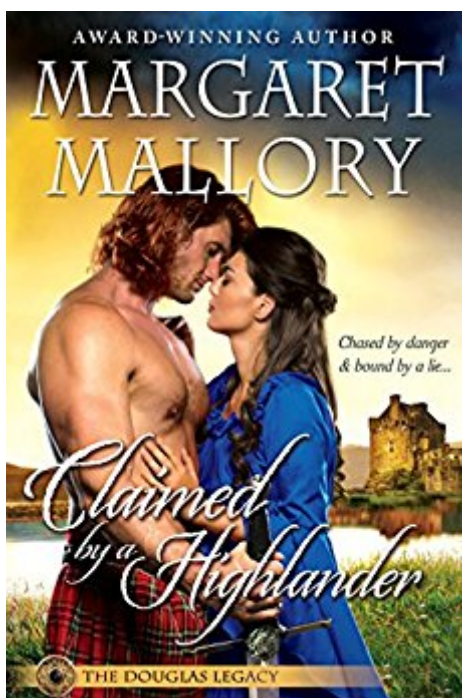


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Synopsis

THE DOUGLAS LEGACYThe Douglas sisters, beauties all, are valuable pawns in their family's bitter struggle to control the Scottish Crown. But when their enemies strike, each Douglas lass will find she's been left to face them alone.

CLAIMED BY A HIGHLANDERLady Sybil Douglas falls from court favorite to royal enemy in swift fashion after her brothers are charged with treason and flee Scotland. When a huge Highland warrior appears claiming they are bound by a marriage contract, she's desperate enough to ride off with him. She'll worry later about how to escape the wedding.

The last thing Rory MacKenzie needs is a pampered Lowlander wife. He traveled to Edinburgh in the hope of dissolving the ill-begotten marriage contract. But now that the Douglas men have abandoned his would-be bride, he's honor-bound to protect her. Sybil and Rory fight scorching passion on their perilous journey to the MacKenzie castle, where murder and intrigue await. When everything is at risk, will they rely on each other and claim their unexpected love before it's too late?

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Customer Reviews

Sybil Douglas has been forced to live a less than acceptable life since her family has spread to the wind in either exile or marriage. Hoping for a miracle and praying for salvation the last thing she needed was a man claiming he had a contractual obligation to marry her. Sybil wanted nothing to do with Rory MacKenzie but at this particular moment in her life he was all she could count on. Rory needed to make a match for himself that would benefit his clan not his heart but one look at Sybil and all thoughts of what he should do vanished with what he was going to do. The travels they were making to get to his home and seal their eternal deal was long and treacherous but Sybil and Rory were going to make it happen even with the devil hounding their every step forward. Sybil knew what was coming after her but Rory was not quite so forthcoming until he discovered the tragedy that had befallen his family and that with the right Laird now gone the wrong one was about to make a play for power. Rory and Sybil fight for their lives, try to control the explosive passion between them to no avail, and prove they have each other's back no matter what. Rory forms his plans to control his clan and with Sybil by his side knows he has a soul mate, or does he. Sybil has been withholding some critical information that when revealed proves she may be more deceptive than dependable and Rory wonders if he is just another pawn in plans for a future that does not include him. Love however tends to give you a clearer view of reality and when the fight becomes fact it is Sybil by his side proving herself to Rory and his clan. Margaret Mallory weaves tales of delight with the perfect combination of romance, story, and characters to carry every reader from page one to the finale.

Finally (FINALLY) a heroine who has wits, is likable (not the typical "sassy female") AND KNOWS HOW TO USE HER SMARTS LIKE A BADASS TO DIFFUSE SITUATIONS AND AID HER HUSBAND! And super kudos to Rory for RESPECTING her intelligence and not just her beauty. I ship their whole relationship. I ship it so hard. **spoiler** The only jarring aspect of their relationship was that she told him several times that they weren't married (the contract was invalid) and he took it as a personal affront, despite knowing that she was intelligent and wouldn't just make something like that up. Then after she explains WHY they weren't married he somehow jumps to the conclusion that she's a user and manipulative (when she had been up-front with him pretty much the whole time). But they made up and thank GOD the author showed that sex isn't a cure all for a misunderstanding and just made it worse. Big love for a badass heroine and her kick ass supportive hubby!

I love historical romances! I've read all of this author's books and liked them. And I liked this one, too. The book series has an interesting premise - 4 beautiful Douglas sisters left to fend for themselves when their brothers get themselves in hot water with Margaret Tudor, queen of Scotland. The heroine of this book, Sybil Douglas, is beautiful and smart and wily. The hero, Rory Mackenzie, is handsome and strong and honorable. Although they had a good camaraderie and banter, I didn't think they had much chemistry. The storyline was intriguing, but there was a lot of back and forth - she deceived him, then she confessed, then he got mad, then they made up, then he deceived her, then he confessed, then she got mad, etc. That went on a bit long for me. I do like this author's writing style, and I did like this book, it was very entertaining. I look forward to the next book in the series - Margaret Douglas' story.

This second book in The Douglas Legacy series is just outstanding. There is so much intrigue and twists and turns that the reader is totally captivated. Loved Sybil's character. She is incredibly intelligent, courageous, outspoken, and willful. Even though her relationship with Rory was rocky at times, they learned to trust each other. Their love story was passionate and stormy, just like Sybil and Rory. Waiting a long time for this second book in the series was worth while!

Claimed by the Highlander is a great story that will keep you engaged and entertained. Sybil is won by her highlander in game, gambled away by her brother... Rory appears years later to collect her. If she were not in need of his protection she most likely would never have gone with him and she certainly didn't intend to stay with the man. There are many twists and turns to their journey and relationship. Give Claimed a read, you will not be disappointed!

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