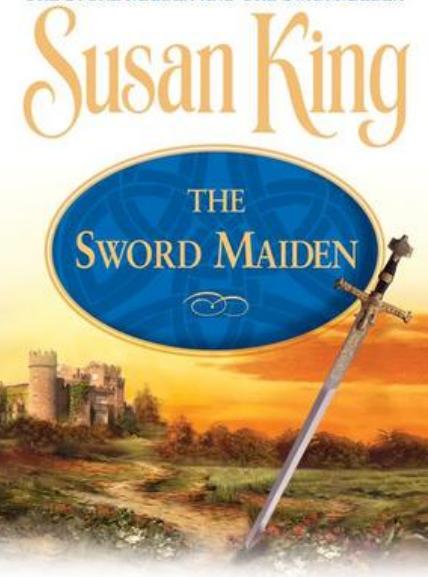


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The heat of battle...

When tragedy strips Eva MacArthur of her heritage and leaves her clan dispossessed, she is desperate to be rid of her power-hungry betrothed and reclaim her island fortress. But to succeed, Eva must turn to the only man who can help her, the only man she ever loved.

The heart of passion...

Blacksmith Lachlann MacKerron, possessor of Joan of Arc's sword, has sworn never to craft another weapon—or abandon his heart to a woman. But once again he's caught in Eva's spell, aroused by her strength, and inspired by the fire that burns between them.

The healing magic of love...

Now they're bound by a common enemy, armed with a love as rich as the Highlands, and empowered by a passion as shining as the legendary sword they wield.

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Val says

I've read other people's reviews and have to say that while I haven't read any of the other two books in the Maiden Trilogy, I absolutely LOVED this one. This is the first Susan King book I read, but I read the Spanish version since I came across that one first, so I cannot answer for differences with the original one.

Still, I found "The Sword Maiden" an entertaining read if you don't take it too seriously. If you're bored at home and want to read a quick but still somewhat exciting book, this is for you.

POSITIVE POINTS:

- BEGINNING. I often have to force myself to read the first chapters of books, since I get bored (yes, THAT quickly!) and abandon a book before even giving it a shot. Well, there's no chance of that happening with this one. The novel goes straight to the point and avoid unnecessary descriptions, it's quite quick paced.
- PERSPECTIVES. The novel fluctuates between Eva and Lachlann's (the main characters) POV, so it's a nice way to see where they both stand and how they feel about situations.
- DIALOGS. There are A LOT of them, as well as a lot of romantic scenes and tension, for those too anxious (Note: If you are among those -as I am- who can't help but sometimes turn some ~~or lots of~~ pages to see if there's any exciting romantic scene between characters, this is also your book cause that's almost never gonna happen to you).
- CHARACTERS & LOVE STORY. Eva and Lachlann are likeable, and deep for the novel. I've seen longer and much more complex novels which you finish and realize you didn't really get to know the characters. The love story is also deep, funny, sweet, and quite realistic (Well, if we consider is a fantasy book with myths, legends, fairy lore and magic swords)

NEGATIVE POINTS:

- ENDING. It is very predictable and sort of lame, as if they ran out of paper and decided to wrap things up quickly. But as I said, if you don't take it too seriously then you'll still finish the book feeling good about it nonetheless. That's the only reason I didn't choose 5 stars instead.
- ACTION. If you are looking for an action-packed novel. This is not for you, either. There are not many thrilling scenes, and the ones that do exist often digress into another romantic one. That's for you to evaluate according to what you like. I didn't mind that.
- BLACKSMITH STUFF. Whatever description I was glad not having at the beginning, well, it's here. There are a lot of details about sword-making and Lachlann working. That was not a major issue for me, but still, since I noticed that many people didn't like this, I have to admit that these descriptions do exist and get a bit boring sometimes.

All in all, I loved it. But again, bear in mind is a short book intended to make you have a good time.

Mary says

The Sword Maiden was the least favorite in the series. It was very repetitive.

Usagi Tsukino says

Awful.

Pinky says

Have read her books many times over a nice read

Michelle says

3 stars

The female lead is strong, but the overall relationships between the main characters were bland and the events were predictable.

Connie L. Zwick says

Loved this book

Susan King is one of my favorite authors. If you like highlander romances these 3 books are very good reads.

An Odd1 says

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As children, they pledged with a kiss, invalidating the proxy. Campbell takes away the sword, breaks it against the wall. The fragment slices fatally into his chest. (hide spoiler)]

Marcella Roderick says

Great read

I enjoy these books that have confirmed history embedded in them it makes it much easier to place yourself in the story with the characters. This is a wonderful book and I look forward to reading the next book in this series.

InésBobadilla says

Hermoso, que lindo conocer a través de un libro el arte de la herrería :)

Kathy Brickert says

Wonderful story

Loved this book! Wonderful characters and an exciting plot made it impossible to put it down! Sure kept my interest! Great read!!
