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Gravely injured during the massacre at Berwick on Tweed and with no memory of his past, Brother Lazarus was raised by monks until called upon by the Catholic Church to take up arms and protect pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land. As a member of the ill-fated Knights Templar, he is haunted by the horror of battle and the atrocities he witnessed at the hands of the French King, Philip the Fair, in his attempt to destroy the once-sacred order. Aided by a disgruntled French guard, he escaped on the night before his execution and flees to Scotland, but remains a fugitive. King Philip is convinced he also absconded with religious artifacts and a valuable treasure.

Despite his attempt to remain sequestered with the monks who raised him, Lazarus visits Berwick, convinced it holds the key to his identity and past. While there, he prevents a lass from being raped—a Good Samaritan act that has him questioning his vows of celibacy and puts him and anyone around him in danger.

Sheena MacClaran, wrongly accused of being a whore, harbors secrets of her own, but finds herself drawn to the mysterious monk who tends to her injuries and befriends her wee brother. Has she finally found a man she can trust and love, or will demons from his past and a king's wrath catch up with them and tear them apart forever?

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Cathy says

After being injured at the massacre at Berwick and with no memory of who he is or where he came from, Brother Lazarus was saved by the monks, mainly Brother Simon, and lived with them until he went to the Holy Land to take up arms and protect pilgrims traveling there. As a member of the Knights Templar, he has nightmares of the horrors he saw there at the hands of the French King who was trying to destroy the once-sacred order, thinking the Knights had information of treasures the King wanted for himself. Hiding with the monks who raised him Lazarus searches for answers to his past and thinks these answers are in Berwick. On one of his trips there he helps save a woman who is being attacked. He leaves her in the capable hands of Ian Fraser and hurries back to the Abby. He feels bad about leaving her with a stranger and goes back to make sure she is okay. While taking care of her he is afraid he has put her and her son in danger by being in their lives.

Everyone sees Sheena MacClaran as a whore because of the cut on her jaw, which she is not. However, she does have a secret she is keeping close to her heart. She finds herself drawn to the monk who is taking such good care of her and her little brother. Will they have a chance or will all the secrets and unknowns tear them apart?

From the very beginning of this story you are pulled in and can't wait to find out what happens next. There are so many twist and turns that it keeps things a bit exciting. This story is very well put together, has a great plot and a strong hero and heroine. There are several secondary characters that are a great addition. I loved this book and can't wait for the third one in this series!

I received this ARC for an honest review.

Thom Swennes says

Brother Lazarus is a man with no past and a very bleak future. Once a proud member of the Knights Templar, he lost his past and memory during the Longshanks Massacre in 1296. Broken and lost, he was taken in by the monks from Ayton Abbey near the hamlet of Berwick-upon-Tweed. He lives a reclusive life, after having taken the vows of piety, poverty, secrecy, humility, chastity, dedication to prayer, and obedience to the laws of the Catholic Church. Tortured daily by vague shadows of the past, he prays for the answers that constantly elude him.

The year is 1296 and French troops are scouring the Highland towns and villages in search of fugitive knights. With his mortal enemy closing in on him, Lazarus fears for his life and freedom, and the thought of flight rules his brain. When he happens upon a lass being attacked by two drunks, he can't turn away. He is not alone; the young and beautiful Sheena MacLean is also in fear of her life and the safety of her younger brother, Quinn. She fled their home after being brutally raped by the local laird, Roderick Morgan. In a fit of anger, he cut her chin, leaving a scar and a sign to everyone that she is a whore. They flee and try to blend in with the landscape; a feat easier devised than executed.

These two damaged and lost souls find each other and slowly build a relationship of mutual respect and trust that turns into a passion that literally burns from the pages. The reader is treated to a glimpse of a time when

life was cheap, honor was scarce, and love elusive. You go back into time and witness a love story that is both unique and moving. Sub- consciously you root for these three lost and vulnerable souls to find love, peace, happiness, and safety and I think many people will agree that this is a book well worth reading.

marilyn markowski says

Great

Loved the story so very much but did not like how it ended,. You need to read another to find what happens, not good

Joan Osborne says

Enjoyable but

This was a very enjoyable romance but my one complaint is the cliffhanger ending about Sheena's brother. I don't want to give anything away of the story but I dislike when a story that is heading for a happily ever after for all family members ends on a sad note. It also feels like a ploy to get the reader to purchase the next book to find out what happens. The love story itself between Lazarus and Sheena was very good and for that reason I gave it a 4 star rating as they did find their happily ever after together. I just felt it was marred by the cliffhanger at the end.

Linda LaRoque says

Interesting characters, but I was disappointed with the ending.

Sarah Fisher says

I loved this story of Lazarus (James Fraser) and Sheena!! At long last the eldest brother of the clan Fraser has been found...but not without problems. This was an exciting great read. I love all the Fraser books as BJ has done this series justice!! Cannot wait for the next book, they have to get Quinn back!! Great book BJ....

Virginia Sande says

Highland Thriller

Lots of ups and downs in this book and many interesting characters. I would have given it five stars if I didn't have to buy the next book to find out the ending. A real pet peeve of mine.

Hanna says

Could have been 4 or 5 stars with better editing

This was an enjoyable book. However, poor editing ruined it for me. When medieval people say "Okay," for example, an expression that was not used in polite discourse as recently as 60 years ago, I cringe. There were a lot of sentence fragments as well that jarred.

Unrelated to the copyediting issues that would have been avoided with professional editing was another issue: teasers built into the story leading to the next in the series. I understand authors and publishers wanting to hook readers and convince them to buy more books in the series. But as a reader, with so many great stand-alone books by so many great authors, I find these techniques manipulative, and they spoil what was otherwise a good read.

Jan Herman says

Lost and Found

This story dealt with loss in many forms. It was heartwarming how those losses were remedied.. perhaps I will read other books in the series.

Melissa Palmer says

Good but could have been better

The premise and plot were good. The beginning chapters were great! My only complaint is that in later chapters the action was described in conversation, instead of the author showing the actual action. That would have made a good book into a great one.

Sandie Parrish says

Highland Resurrection

This is a fast paced book with Knights Templar wicked French soldiers intent on murder, an attractive young woman and her young brother.

Barbee says

Highland Resurrection (Blades of Honor, Book 2) by BJ Scott

Berwick-upon-Tweed, Scotland, 1318

Lazarus the hero of this story is a monk who never took his vows, but did pledge his allegiance to the holy Knights of Jerusalem. The vows are piety, poverty, secrecy, humility, dedication to prayer, chastity plus dedication to the laws of the Catholic Church. He was found at the young age of 16 summers after Brother Simon, of Ayton Abbey found him as a teenager. He had a broken body piled up with the dead at the Battle of Berwick, which was the first significant battle for the Independence of Scotland.

Since found Lazarus has had no memories of himself, not even his own name! Brother Simon named him Lazarus. He has been more of a father caring for him ever since for these past twenty years. Lazarus escaped from a French Prison living hell two years ago and is now a wanted fugitive and hiding in the Ayton Abbey. He had been brutally beaten and tortured in al French prison as a member of the Knights Templar. Plus forcing him to watch them execute his fellow Knights for fabricated charges of heresy. This was a living hell for Lazardus turning his heart cold as ice living with many demons and nightmares!

“The evil French King who ordered so many deaths of the Knights when Knights who were only sworn to protect the pilgrims only to escort them to the holy land. The French King is now dead but his son now sits on the throne and is his father's Devil's spawn!

The French believe the Knights that escaped made off with church's treasures and artifacts he accuses them of stealing. The King wants to retrieve the Knights that escaped the French prison, being returned to France to be executed! He demands these treasures returned and the missing Knights are still hiding.

Lazarus has no idea where the other Knights are as they all went their separate ways after escape and only left with the clothes on his back. Now he is being hunted by French agents and Robert the Brus never who actually supported never openly the French in the execution of the Knights Templar, but to keep the peace with his country by giving permission to arrest the escaped convicts and returning them to France for execution. This even includes the Scottish Knights!

Lazarus believes The Brus is looking the other way to keep his French alliances peaceful. Lazarus still has many nightmare from prison, especially about a tragedy from one woman who had given him sanctuary. He fears for Brother Simon and the Brothers and is making plans to leave the Abbey as he fears a past tragedy may repeat itself.

The heroine of this story is Sheena MacLean a lass who was brutally raped and marked as whore by the evil spoiled Laird's son Roderick Morgan. He was to be married in a few days, but wanted the beautiful innocent teenage maiden, Sheena, who was only a merchant's daughter.

When Sheena refuses Roderick offer he then brutally rapes her and marks her as a whore. If he can't have her no one else will want her now, so he ruins her from any man wanting her, This puts her life in a downward spiral as her unfeeling father disowns her throws her out since she is ruined and marked a whore. Her step-mother died giving birth that night and she took her brother Quinn and has raised him since birth. Sheena and her brother never stay in one place for long always fearing Roderick will find them one day and force his will again.

Then one day she is spotted by two drunkards who plan on raping her and Sheena fights them off. Lazarus walks by and saves her though he could not escort her home luckily Ian Fraser happens by and agrees to

escort her home, Sheena has been brutally beaten by the brutes her be rapists. Lazarus hears French agents are nearby, looking for him and he is so easy to be spotted in his robes of the brotherhood and ring of the Knights Templar he can't bear to remove.

He knew he had to run but has much guilt not being able to return Sheena or treat her wounds as the Brothers are trained in the healing arts. Lazarus has so much guilt about leaving and running away when Sheena needed him and sets out to find her and see if she has recovered. When he finally discovers Sheena realizing she is extremely terrified of men when she is found!

With this reaction he does not believe she is a woman of ill repute. Believing most likely someone markedly her that way for punishment or torture. Lazarus had found Sheena delirious with fever, broken ribs, sprained ankle, abrasions and near death. He sees they are near starving and set out to heal and care for Sheena and her young brother, Quinn.

Sheena's brother Quinn take to him immediately, but it takes awhile for Sheena but just as she starts to open her heart and trust him he decides to leave and she feels betrayed. Lazarus feels things too even though he is virgin but knows he can't offer her anything. Also fears she will be punished for harboring a fugitive reason he never tells her the truth and keeps her in the dark. Just in case he is caught so she could not be charged not knowing the truth, mBeing a hunted man, is this couple ever able to let their secrets go and open their hearts! Both have had so much sadness and tragedy in their loves and have a hard time trusting others. Quinn like any child wants to a family, will warm your heart as he cling to a father figure.

Will Lazarus true origins and memories ever return? Will the French finally capture him and cart him off to France for execution? How are the Frasers involved in this story? What about Sheena will she be able to share her troubled past with Lazarus and start to trust a man? Will Lazarus ever tell Sheena the truth about his troubled past? Something she has feared for over seven years? Will these two ever get a break and able to find happiness with both having such troubled and tragic bleak pasts?

Readers will have to find out though I don't think we will truly find out until the next installment, Book 3 of 'Blades of Honor series is released. That will be the next book in the series, as the wonderful cliff hanger ending that will just make readers yearn for more!

Ms. Scott does it again with another fast moving, powerful, emotional book that is layered with bits of true history and her signature style fictional romance. I really enjoyed Highland Resurrection and can't wait for the next book to see how this fabulous story resolves and hopefully gets the overdue-delayed HEA this couple definitely deserves!

David Westhead says

Excellent book.

Very good, except for the abrupt ending. Wonderful characters. I love this time period. Very dramatic. It was a very good read.

Galina Sulaiman says**Highland Resurrection**

Book 2 This was a very good book! Lazarus was found by Father Simon after a brutal massacre, as a fifteen year old left for dead with no memory. He becomes a Knight Templar fights in the Holy Land, gets sent to a French prison where he is brutalized. The heroine is the victim of attempted rape he saves. Good book in series.

Amanda says**Not a stand alone book**

You can tell by the voice of the book that there are books before it. It also ends with a cliff hanger lead into the next book.
