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WHEN HIGHLAND HEARTS COLLIDE...

Arabel Rowland was the laird's daughter, courted by sons of dukes and as wild and untamed as the Highlands around her. Garrick McGuiness was nothing more than a penniless, nameless Scot working in the Rowland stables with nothing to offer but his heart. On the eve when they were to elope, Arabel is forced to make a decision that changes both of their lives—one that drives them apart for a decade.

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SPARKS ARE SURE TO FLY!

Ten years later, Garrick is now Earl of Townsend and surprised to receive word of an inheritance from the Rowlands—and simply stunned to learn that he must share that inheritance with the one woman he hoped never to see again. His plan is to fulfill the will's requirement, take the money, and never return to Scotland again. But when the deadly secret that came between them is revealed, he finds himself experiencing the Highlands—and his feelings toward Arabel—in a way he never did before.

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Under the Covers Book Blog says

And so we go to Scotland and all the beauty and magic that setting usually delivers. I've read a couple of books by Anna Harrington this year, she was one of those great author discoveries I had in 2017. I wasn't sure how to feel about reading a standalone from her though because I tend to do better with historical romance series. But then the premise of this is bound to draw you in and the writing will keep you turning the pages.

Arabel was the laird's daughter and Garrick the stable boy. They loved each other and were supposed to elope until Arabel chose to stay with her family during a trying time and Garrick was given no choice but to disappear from her life. Neither one of them knows the true story about what happened to the other that night. Now ten years later, they're set to inherit a family home ... together. And to claim that inheritance they must live together in it for a period of time.

A MATCH MADE IN HEATHER is the perfect sweet second chance romance. I'm not usually one for novellas but this one delivered everything that I needed to see to believe in their HEA. I was rooting for them and wanted to dive in and uncover those secrets that kept them apart. And, yes, ok, I wanted to throttle them for the lack of communication skills but I mostly overlooked that because it didn't cross over into annoying territory.

If you haven't read this author before, this is a great little standalone taste perfect for the winter months.

*ARC provided by publisher

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Angela says

I previously read this story in an anthology but decided to read it again. Ms. Harrington's books flow well, the characters are well developed and the storytelling is outstanding. Garrick and Arabel's back and forth bantering and double-entendres is a delight to read. Can Garrick forgive and give up his revenge? A second chance at love and worth it.

I received a complimentary copy from the publisher through NetGalley.

Sofia Lazaridou says

A match made in heather is a stand-alone novella by Anna Harrington. It's a second chance romance, but very enjoyable to me which was a surprise. Both, Arabel and Garrick are hang up on some parts of their past which are brought up very often, but in my opinion, it worked out without making this short story heavy because some things needed to be said. The story had a good flow and the pace was the one this novella needed to work out. In this novella, we don't have many characters appearing and it's mainly Arabel and

Garrick. That is not a bad thing though. I liked both of them. I understood their motives and what was driving them to do what they did or why they reacted in a certain way. I wouldn't have minded if this novella was a little bit longer. I enjoyed it very much and I wanted an epilogue a couple of years later, just seeing them together in Highburn with a couple of children being happy and in love.

Melanie says

A Match Made in Heather was a delightful second chance at love story set in the Highlands and I really enjoyed it.

Arabel Rowland and Garrick McGuiness built their dreams in secret for as the laird's daughter and a penniless stablehand, the two were forbidden to be together. On the night they were to elope, tragedy struck Arabel's family and she was forced to choose between her duty and her heart. Her choice drove Arabel and Garrick apart for a decade until they were reunited by a shared inheritance. Garrick intends to fulfill the will's requirement to live at Highburn castle for a month then leave Scotland forever. However, the longer he's around Arabel the more his feelings return and he begins to rethink the future he's laid out for himself.

Arabel has always been the dutiful daughter and has a hard time standing up to her family. She struggles to make her own decisions as her family has strong opinions on what she should be doing. Arabel sees Highburn as a chance to restore her family's name, but she struggles to find a way to tell her family of her plans. Despite her inability to stand up to her family, Arabel is fiercely independent and has a very passionate nature.

Garrick built his life from nothing after he was run out of Scotland. He managed to save up enough money to purchase an officer's position in the military and he was extremely helpful in the war against the French. As a result of his contributions, he was awarded an English earldom for the remainder of his lifetime. In the ten years since he left Scotland, Garrick has been unable to let go of what Arabel's family did to him and sees Highburn as a way to get revenge against the Rowlands so he can finally move on.

When Arabel and Garrick are reunited, their relationship has a bit of a rocky start despite the obvious chemistry they still have. Slowly the truth about everything comes out and the characters begin to work through everything, but there are a number of stumbling blocks along the way. Their physical connection though is never in doubt as the sparks fly whenever these two are together and we get a few sexy scenes in the short book.

Despite its shortness, *A Match Made in Heather* was a thoroughly enjoyable read and I definitely recommend it for anyone looking for a quick romance set in the Highlands.

I received an advance copy of this book from Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Brenda says

Publisher's Description:

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his heart. Fate tore them apart, but now he's back in her life with status, money and a title. Can they let go of past hurts and find love?

My Thoughts:

I read this novella previously as part of the anthology, *Say Yes to the Scot*.

This is a poignant story of second chances that kept me enthralled, this story gets 4.75 of 5 stars for storyline and character development and is the best of the collection in this reader's opinion. I gave it a slightly higher sensual rating of 4 of 5 flames.

The chemistry between the hero and heroine is palpable.

Janet says

Arabel Rowland was the laird's daughter. Garrick McGuiness was nothing more than a penniless, nameless Scot with nothing to offer but his heart. They planned to run away together but she couldn't leave her family as her brother was in difficulty, then Garrick was beaten up & disappeared. Ten years have gone by. Arabel's uncle dies leaving the family home, Castle Highburn jointly to Arabel & an English Earl, Earl of Townsend who is no other than Garrick, given his title & lands as a reward for his endeavours in the army. The terms of the will state they must inhabit Highburn for a month of forfeit their share.

A thoroughly enjoyable novella of misunderstandings, revenge & second chances. The characters are well portrayed, likeable & have plenty of depth. The pace is good & kept me reading. Garrick & Arabel are both clinging to what happened ten years ago & both are reluctant to let go & move on.

My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read

Coral says

This short novella packs a punch from the get go. Two lovers torn apart by circumstances are now forced to live together under the conditions of a will. I'm actually surprised to see a plot set-up like this in a regency romance but the author made it work.

Its an enjoyable and easy read for those who like this type of plot.

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 4/5

ARC received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for a fair review

Questian says

~This book was publish in the anthology "Say Yes to the Scot".~

This is the first time that I will read a book from this author. This was a good story. Revenge was the main

feeling of main hero. During the time period of this story, social standings was more important than love, and at the same time, family loyalty.

As I was reading this story there are some parts that made me cry. They love each other so much that it hurts to read some of the lines in the book. However, the most captivating words that I have read was this:

“The most important families aren’t the ones we’re born into, but the ones we choose”.

Somehow, no matter how much you love the family you are born into, there are times you have to let go especially if they are the ones that causes you pain, and you can never find happiness no matter what you do. Love is a two way street. If you are willing to give it, but love is not returned, it is not called Love anymore. The past may have hurt them, but the her relatives that saw how much pain they caused, made the effort to bring them together.

Love is sweeter the second time around, and it is certainly true on this story.

Monique says

Anna Harrington’ A MATCH MADE IN HEATHER is simply fabulous. Garrick McGuiness and Arabel Rowland were madly in love, they had planned to elope, but family matters intruded; Garrick left, dejected, and Arabel was heartbroken. Ten years later, they are reunited under peculiar circumstances. They had not parted amicably, and time has not healed their wounds.

A MATCH MADE IN HEATHER is a very moving story, and so meticulously crafted that it felt more like a condensed novel than a novella, still nothing was rushed. The characters are fully fleshed out, no detail is neglected, and we get the whole story behind the sorry mess which caused Garrick and Arabel’s grief. Ms. Harrington conveys Scottish pride as I have seldom seen, and there is a wonderful and completely unexpected moment when we feel the ice begin to melt between Garrick and Arabel; it was charming and felt completely genuine. This is a very beautifully written, engrossing grand love story that held me captive throughout. Anna Harrington demonstrates that it’s not the number of pages that really matter in the end, but what they comprise.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

Beverly Laude says

If you love reading Regency romance, you can't go wrong with Anna Harrington's books!

Arabel & Garrick were young lovers, planning to elope because her family would not approve of her marrying beneath her family. On the day they planned to leave, she refuses to go due to a family problem. Garrick is taken by force to the coast in order to get him out of her life and that is where the problems begin.

Fast forward 10 years and our couple meets again when Arabel's uncle dies and leaves half of Highburn Castle to Arabel and half to Garrick. How long will it take our couple to learn the truth and forget the past in

order to have a HEA together?

In the tradition of all Regency romances, this book has misunderstandings, proud and stubborn men and women and meddlesome relatives. Add in some steamy but amazing sex and wonderful writing and you have a thoroughly entertaining book!

Ms. Harrington is a gifted author and if her books do not make you laugh, cry, rage against the circumstances and (finally) cheer, then you don't have a heart! If Regency is your type of book, grab this one and enjoy.

Jan Goodard says

I first read this novella as a part of the Say Yes to the Scot anthology. Anna Harrington's story was definitely worth a second read. The storyline is based on a big misunderstanding that occurred ten years earlier. Garrick and Arabel had planned on eloping. Unfortunately life and her family got in the way. Ten years and lots of time for mutual loathing to grow they are thrown back together. They were co- bequeathed Arabel's family home by her uncle. They must live in the manor house for one month (loosely chaperoned by her aunt). And a lot does happen in that month. As Shakespeare said, "All's well that ends well!" I received an advanced reader copy from the publisher. All opinions are my own.

Isha Coleman says

The appeal of Anna Harrington is the fire that catches the minute her stories begin. A Match Made in Heather is no exception to the rule. At first introduction, Garrick and Arabel set off sparks. Yet social class and heartbreaking twists put an end to their happily ever after. Will fate bestow them a second chance or will pride be their greatest fall? A Match Made in Heather is a page turner. Unpredictably delicious with a little wicked temptation on the side.

Vellum Voyages says

4.5 helms

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What a lovely second chance at love romance! A satisfying novella which has all the love, passion & drama of a full-length romance!

Garrick McGuiness, a penniless stablehand of the powerful Rowland clan of the highlands, falls in love with the laird's lovely daughter Arabel and she with him. Giving her innocence to him at the tender age of 18, both were madly in love with each other and planned to elope one fateful night together. As Garrick goes to collect Arabel, she begs Garrick to give her more time as her family desperately needed her that night and she couldn't leave them. This decision changes both their lives forever and they are forced to forge their own paths for ten long years without each other.

Garrick is now the Earl of Townsend and Arabel is engaged to another, but a surprising joint inheritance of the Rowland's, crumbling estate of Castle Highburn (Arabel's childhood house) has been bestowed upon Garrick and Arabel and they must live in the estate together for a month if they both want Castle Highburn as part of their assets. Arabel is delighted to be able to live in her childhood house again and requests Garrick to forfeit the estate straight away but Garrick finally has a chance to have his revenge against Arabel and her family and doesn't plan on going anywhere till he gets his share of the estate, his money and finally his revenge on the Rowland clan. But Garrick and Arabel don't plan on their old feelings resurfacing and find themselves desperately fighting their love for one another which was never forgotten by either of them.

This has two of my favourite tropes in romance: a) a second chance at love from childhood b) rich girl, poor boy or vice versa and both rolled into one great book! Loved every minute of it and I'm tempted to re-read it again immediately, just so that I can revisit Garrick and Arabel. The love between the two characters is so palpable and honest, I was completely taken in by their heartbreak and their years of separation from one another. There are a few misunderstandings and secrets between the two, so it was a sigh of relief when they were all out in the open and Garrick and Arabel could at long last have their future together.

Anna Harrington does have a modern voice in her historical romances, noticeable but forgivable as the story had a great pace, wonderful characterization and two of my most loved tropes :D

*Thank-you Anna Harrington, Netgalley & Swerve (St. Martin's Press) for the ARC.

Lori D says

Second Chances can happen and in this heartwarming novella, the past catches up with the future. Arabel Rowland the Laird's daughter is in love with Garrick McGuinness, the son of a blacksmith. They plan to elope but Arabel feels she cannot leave her family because her brother is in trouble. Ten years later they are thrown together again and each has inherited one half of Castle Highburn, the estate of Arabel's uncle. Garrick had once saved her uncle's life and this was his way of repaying him. As you can imagine after not seeing each other for all those years and Garrick now holding the title of Earl of Townsend it was almost an explosive situation. At least in emotions of which neither had forgotten their love for each other. But there had been a lot of resentment on Garrick's part that Arabel had chosen her family over him and he wanted revenge. This story gripped me from the beginning and showed how misunderstandings, betrayal and strong love can change the course of a life. But there is always hope and this is a story not to be missed. Well done Anna Harrington! If I were not a fan before (which I was!), I would be now!!

Barbara Rogers says

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Anna Harrington's Regency tales are always well written, well plotted and well-paced. I enjoyed this story of second chances very much.

Ten long years ago Arabel and Garrick were very much in love and they were going to elope. Then, on the

night of the elopement, Arabel tells Garrick that she cannot go because of a family situation that has just developed. Garrick is heartbroken and just doesn't understand why she always chooses her family over him. Then, when she thinks he has left her, she can't forgive him.

I won't tell you a lot about the story itself because the synopsis tells you that – and since it is a novella, if I tell you too much, you won't enjoy the book. There are huge misunderstandings in this story and you wonder how they can get past them. Given what happened to him, I would have thought Garrick would be the one unable to forgive, but it was Arabel who kept clinging to her hurt and anger. Frankly, she got on my last nerve but finally came around so they got their HEA.

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