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When Katherine Welles saves the life of a highwayman, she realizes he may be the only avenue of escape from a betrothal to her villainous neighbor. But traveling under the protection of a dashing outlaw—who won't ask directions—is anything but safe. Especially when his searing hot kisses awaken a yearning for something Katherine never knew she wanted.

Nicholas Montford, the exiled Earl of Ashton, returns to England determined to reclaim his family lands. As a highwayman called the Raven, he takes revenge upon the Puritans who thrived while his family suffered. But when he kidnaps heiress Katherine Welles, thoughts of revenge take second place to kissing her soft lips and teasing the mistrust from her eyes. Can he find redemption in the arms of the woman he plans to betray?

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Daisy Sloan says

This review can be seen at [http://romantichistoricallovers.wordpress...](http://romantichistoricallovers.wordpress.com)

Katherine has always been a good and dutiful daughter. With the death of her brother, that leaves her the heiress to the family estate. Her father arranges a match with the neighbor, who Katherine despises. To escape this ill-fated match, Katherine runs off into the night with the highwayman she found wounded and nursed back to health. She's desperately wants to get to London and her cousin. Her cousin will keep her safe, she hopes! Along the way, she falls in love with the highwayman, but does he love her back?

Nicholas Montford has returned to London to reclaim his father's estate. He has a plan to abduct the heiress and extort her safe return when the estate is turned over to her. Imagine his surprise when she wants to run away with him to London. Things just got easier for him, or so he thinks!

The story of Katherine and Nicholas is heart-warming and heart-wrenching at the same time. She's been raised in a Puritan household and has little freedom to do as she chooses. Now she's been promised to a cruel man, who takes every opportunity to terrify and hurt her. What would it be like to be married to this awful man? She takes a huge risk and runs off with a highwayman, the Raven, in order to get to London and her cousin.

On the way to London, Nicholas (who is the Raven), gets to know Katherine and finds himself attracted to the woman whose face lights up with laughter and whose smiles soften her face. In one night, their fates are changed forever. Katherine reaches out to Nicholas as a woman does a man. But what happens when Katherine finds out who he really is and what he's after?

I really enjoyed the story of Katherine and Nicholas. Katherine learning to laugh and enjoy life was a real treat. I also enjoyed watching Katherine and Nicholas fall in love. Of course, nothing is ever as easy as it seems. Nicholas's refusal to confess to Katherine who he really is, creates so many problems. I cried so hard when she finally found out and her heart shattered. No matter how hard I cried though, I had to keep reading to find out if they ever get their HEA. I stayed up until the wee hours of the night finishing this story.

The history of the time period really lent a wonderful backdrop to this story. It really showed what happened to people when they finally returned from exile once Cromwell's rule was over. With Charles now King, they were free to return, but many had nothing to return to. Their property was taken under Cromwell and they had to wait to see if Charles would return it to them. So many lives were changed with the changes in power and not all of the changes were good. Women in that time period did not have a lot of control over their lives. They couldn't choose who they would marry but they could choose who they would NOT marry. But being in the country did not guarantee that option. Women could be forced to do as their guardians bid them and they were stuck.

I really enjoyed this story and read it in one day. I was riveted and could not put it down. Gina Black is a new author for me and I can't wait to read more from her!

Sabrina says

a free nook book that was good - yippee! The story moved and was fun to read. I see that the author wrote a sequel for the 1/2 brother - great idea, but most likely I won't read it.

Tammy Walton Grant says

May 11/11: Inaugural kindle read

January 3-19: I started trying to read this on my laptop. Painful - and not fair to rate a book based on that. I'm going to shelve this one and re-read it once I get my kindle.

Erica says

I usually don't like historical fiction, but this was an exception. I enjoyed it. It was something new and fresh. I thought it was sort of amusing since Katherine didn't know she was actually being kidnapped.

Cora says

I really tried to get through this but I couldn't read anymore about 45% of the way through. It didn't keep my attention and the characters didn't stand out to me. I felt that the plot was too slow and I didn't know where it was going. Because there wasn't any steamy scenes to keep me going at the 45% mark I gave up on it. This might work for someone else but it definitely wasn't my kind of historical romance.

ROMANTIC HISTORICAL REVIEW BLOG says

Reviewed by Lee Anne for Romantic Historical Lovers
[http://romantichistoricallovers.wordp...](http://romantichistoricallovers.wordpress.com)

Kasey says

I love when I come across a free book and it is such a good story. I always enjoy historical romance and this was no exception. Although the time frame is different from the favorites currently for setting. It is the time of restoration in England. The returning of freedom of the English Roman Catholic brought the return of many who had fled to exile. Nicholas was just that an Earl who had been living in exile. On his return he is

trying to keep a promise to his father to get back their family estate. He meets Anna who is of course the daughter of a Protestant family who now owns his family lands. I absolutely enjoyed their story and the process of two such opposite people falling in love. With secrets and fleeing from an arranged marriage it is not an easy road for either of them, but I believed they could have really fallen in love this way. It wasn't instant (neither disliked the other, they didn't really know each other) as they had to get past their different upbringing to the person each is. My only complaint is the end with the Kings involvement seemed a little maybe to easy or off for the story either way it just didn't work as well for me. But it was really a minor thing.

Audrie Bouwmeester says

Menh. It was ok. Light simple entertainment. :)

Tonileg says

I'm in need for a little historical romance fix. England in 1663 is the year that opens this story.

This was a freebie for kindle so I'm reading this with high hopes and optimism for an interesting and well edited book.

This is not the traditional HEA, but I did like that people changed what they thought they wanted for what they really needed. I don't want to give anything big away, but secrets come out it is always just a matter of time. Nicholas 'Nikky' tries to keep too many secrets from Katherine Welles. It seems that everyone has secrets in this story, except the lovely innocent Katherine. She does have a good sense of reading the real personality behind the facades of the men in her life. The neighbor hiding evil sadistic tendencies and the wounded stranger who had a heart of gold, or the stable boy who would be come a friend.

Little note about the hero, Nicolas, he had a distinctive white patch of hair in his brown hair which made it easy to find in the countryside. I liked that the author made the hero have something special about his appearance although it made it difficult to hide from the evil Mr. Finch.

2 stars plus a little more because it was well written and period appropriate.

Daneesha says

i enjoyed this book. my only gripe was that it really didn't take much for the heroine to fall in love with the hero. she saved his life and he took her with him so she could get out of a marriage betrothal.

Amy says

Update: I did finally buy it, but I found it was mostly like any other romance. While it's fun to have a strong man melt, poor Nicholas went through the wringer. I was considering 2 stars, but for a romance it was fun.

Argh, I read the first three chapters that were available on GoodReads, and it's okay but not enough for me to

want to buy it. And the cover bothers me because she has "honey" colored hair, and the model on the cover clearly does not. Why do that? Oh, what to do...

Sonja says

Since getting my Kobo for Christmas I have broadened my reading list.
Stumbled across this book on Smashwords.

From the moment I turned the first page I was hooked!!

Would Katherine Welles be forced to marry against her will to a loathsome character or would she escape and find her true love?

Would Nicholas hold up one too many carriages and lose his head? Would he be a man and ask for directions to London.....

Would recommend for a light hearted romance with a smattering of history thrown in for good measure.

TJ says

While I'm frustrated I can't remember the particulars of this story well enough to compose an in-depth review, (I read it on the airplane at the beginning of a two week vacation.) I do remember I really enjoyed it. The premise of a kidnapping where the heroine is totally unaware she's been kidnapped (she thinks he is just helping her run away from an unsuitable match) was fresh and fun. Still, the light-heartedness never became silly and the author adeptly lead the reader into much more emotional and heart wrenching twists as the book continued. A very satisfying read.

Marilyn says

17th century romance set in Stuart times.

Shauna says

How wonderful to find a romance set in Restoration England. Such an interesting time, and so little used as a setting.
