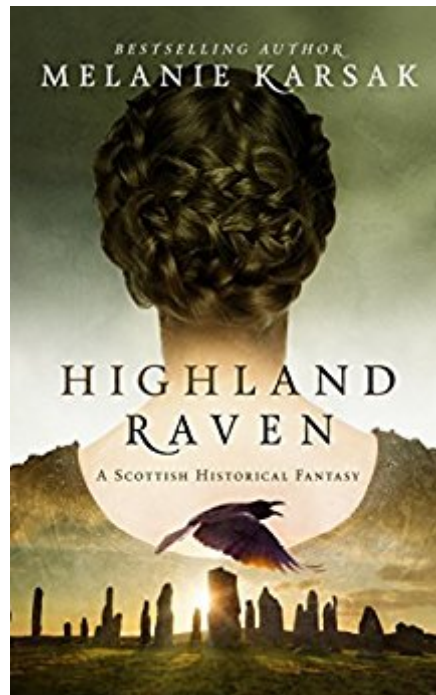




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Customer Reviews

I love Celtic fantasy and retellings. This author as done a fabulous job. Can't wait to read the next installment. This is very different than Susan Fraser Kings 'Lady Macbeth' (which I also thoroughly enjoyed). Love the Shakesperian and Arthurian references. Highly recommend.

Romance is the name of the game in this book. This book delivers what we all want more romance and excitement in our life. Overall I am very well pleased with this book and the excitement it has brought me. This book had me unwilling to put it down until I turned the last page as I was so enthralled with the plot. The author of this book knows how to deliver the good in this romance novel. Would I recommend this book to other people? Yes I would including friends. I absolutely think this is great book. All opinions are my own and they are not influenced by anyone but myself. If this review helped you at all please vote yes below.

Karsak did a great job creating back story for one of Shakespeare's greatest female characters. I was totally intrigued by the world she established when the girl who will become Lady Macbeth is growing up and entering young adulthood. If you know Shakespeare's play, you'll enjoy this novel even more. I never thought I would feel sympathy for Lady Macbeth, but Karsak has done that. I can't wait for the next book in the series.

If you enjoy historical fantasy, and appreciate Shakespeare... even if you don't... this is a great novel that captures realistically a world of witches and fairies, warrior women and barbaric men, and a woman exploring a life she had no idea existed. I'm excited to see Lady Macbeth in a light I'm not sure Shakespeare would have bothered with but that offers a back story to one of literature's most tragic females. Sultry scenes sneak up on you, but don't overwhelm the story itself. I'm anxious for the rest of the promising series.

Any fan of Mists of Avalon will enjoy this read. Although not as philosophical in its dealing with religions (yet?), I can't wait to read the next book in the series. I love retelling of stories where the "wicked" are fleshed out and made multi-dimensional. Best impulse buy in years....

I enjoyed the book although it was a fast read. Immediately went into the second. Enjoyed the lore of the old and mystic. Found myself hoping there will be more than two books and the second is longer. Hated to see it end.

It was ok.

OK but I didn't expect so much fantasy. I expected more info on Lady Macbeth.

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