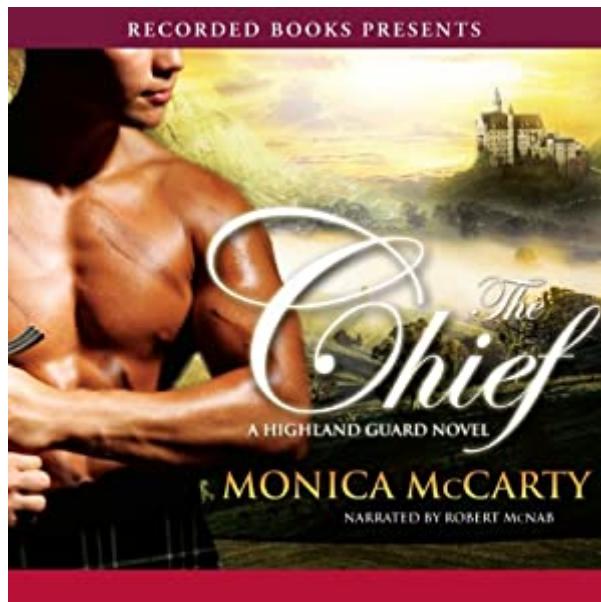


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# The Chief



## Synopsis

Best-selling author Monica McCarty transports listeners to the 14th-century Scottish highlands in this dazzling novel. Warrior Tor MacLeod is picked by Robert the Bruce to lead the fight against English rule. Despite Tor's rigid disposition and devotion to his craft, his new bride is determined to warm his heart.

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## Customer Reviews

Good premise for a series of books. For me personally I would have preferred more info on training and the warfare aspects of the time period. Frankly, the graphic sex description gets old fast. Way too much of this manuscript is about the mutual admiration of each other's physical attributes. It is sad to me that what could be a great story is just filler between the sex scenes ...

4 Death Before Surrender Stars...I don't usually read historical romance, but i saw that this one was been liked a lot so decided to try it. I am glad i did that.Tor McLeod is one alpha/possessive/protective/warrior male who is so stubborn i wanted to smack him sometimes, but he managed to melt me so many times i forgave him for everything."He gave her a hard look, his blue eyes glacial. "Ael can't let it. But just because I don't show emotion doesn't mean I am incapable of feeling."Two days."He shot her an angry glare. "You are never to be ill again."He crossed his arms, looking very chiefly. "Ael won't permit it."Christina is a woman who desires her knight in shining armor, like the rest of us, and hopes her new husband is that. She quickly realizes that is not the

case and starts seeing the reality. What surprised me most was, how women were considered so weak, to the point that the fact that she was able to read was so shocking, blew my mind. And to think, that was actually the case not that long ago. Overall, I liked this book very much, it's about war, about love, about happiness, about redemption.

This book is a huge step back in time for me. I have been reading contemporary books for so long, it was difficult to switch gears. The last historical romances I read were set in the 1800s and I found them to be light and fun. This book was very well written and obviously thoroughly researched. The descriptive history was very intriguing and I can imagine that anyone having actual ties to these families would find the information extremely interesting. For me, the very casual reader of "romance" novels, the historical descriptions could have been eliminated. I felt like I really needed to draw out a graph of the feuding families and men. That being said, if I decide to read the entire series, I think I could easily figure it out. This book has many characters and I can see how the relationships and ties need several books to fully comprehend. Tor and Christina. They were the heart of the story I could wrap myself around. I actually loved Tor's rough nature and adored Christina's ability to bring down the walls around Tor's heart. Tor was the ultimate warrior--physically and emotionally, while Christina, the perfect woman for him--demure and innocent looking without fear of standing up to him when needed. Tor, the protector, softened by the love of a woman. The two together lit up the pages with their passion. Seriously intense and Hot! While I haven't decided if I will continue with this era, I will definitely look at this author's other novels for one set in more recent times (even the 1700/1800s feels more comfortable to me), she is obviously extremely talented.

This is one of my favorite Highlander series I have read. The research and historical accuracy that McCarty works into the narrative is impressive and engaging. The characters are compelling and I love how with such a large group of characters, not one of them is the same nor are they "cookie-cutter" in character. The series is a must read!

Just finished reading Monica McCarty *The Chief*. *The Chief* is part of Ms. McCarty's Highland Guard series and is the first book in the series. Each book in the series has their own happy ending. The premise: Our heroine, Christina Fraser, is a young woman who believes in Knights in shining armor and true love and passionate kisses. An innocent girl who reads story of the Knight Lancelot and his saving of ladies in distress. A romantic at heart she lives with a sickly sister who dreams of

becoming a nun and a father who beats the both of them with little provocation. She is forced, by her father, to put a powerful Highland warlord in a compromising position in which he will have to marry her. Tor MacLeod has no intention of being drawn into Scotland's war against the English. Dedicated to his clan, the fiercely independent chief answers to no one—especially not to his alluring new bride, bartered to him in a bid to secure his command of the deadliest fighting force the world has ever seen. The treacherous chit who made her way to Tor's bed may have won his hand, but she will never claim his heart. Although her husband's reputation is as fierce as his manner. This is an incredible read. It is the very best in a romance novel, great story, strong characters the reader likes and becomes interested in and passion the can at times set the very pages smoking. I strongly recommend this book.

Just finished my first reread and it confirmed my 3 star rating. This is, in my opinion, just a so-so romance where the hero and heroine just instantly fall in love and without having spend hardly any time together end up living happily ever after. BUT...The more important aspect of this book is that it is the beginning of a fabulous series of Highland romances. I think the other can be understood very well without having read this one. So if you don't like this book, don't give up on the series. And if you do like it, chances are you'll be blown out of your mind by the next ones.

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