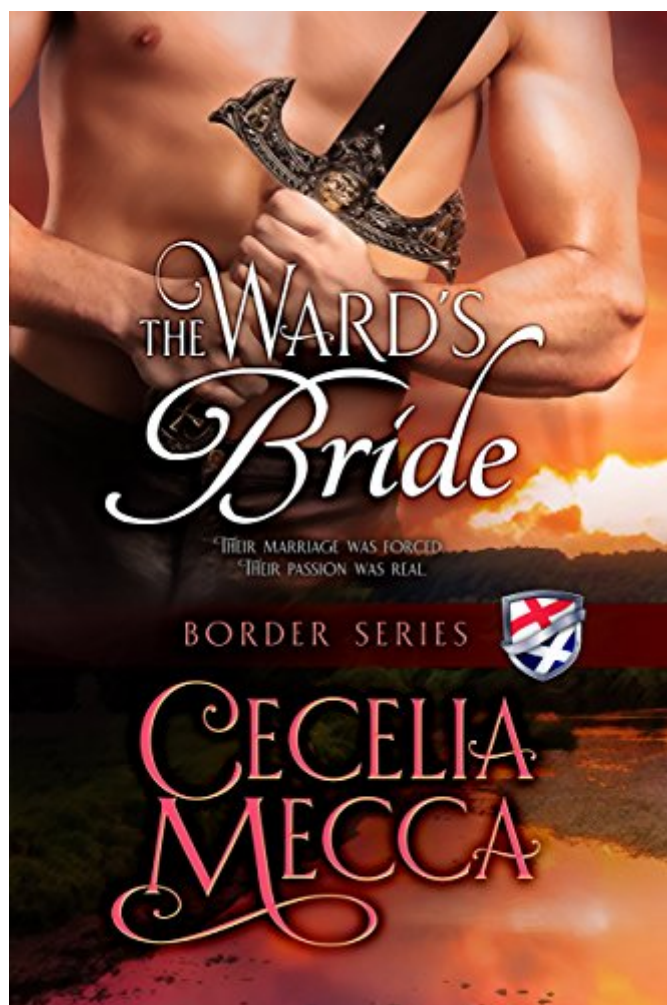




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# The Ward's Bride (Border Series Prequel Novella)



## Synopsis

Their marriage is forced. Their passion is real. The English knight Sir Adam Dayne is offered the ultimate prize by the earl who raised him: lordship of Langford castle. All he must do is accept a betrothal to the Scottish Marcher warden's beautiful daughter, a match made to keep peace at the tumultuous Anglo-Scottish border. Sir Adam relishes the prospect--until he meets the woman he is to wed. The Bride Lady Cora Maxwell hates everything English, including the self-assured new lord who has claimed her hand in marriage. Desperate to return home to Scotland, Cora displays increasingly outrageous behavior in the hopes of dissuading the Englishman from the marriage. But when Adam proposes a unique challenge, Cora is forced to face her greatest fears and the burgeoning desire he has awakened in her. The Ward's Bride is a prequel novella in a historical romance series set in 13th century Northumbria. If you like strong female heroines, alpha male types, and sizzling romance, you'll love the first installment of the Border Series. Transport yourself to the medieval world of The Ward's Bride today!

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## Customer Reviews

The Ward's Bride: Border Series Prequel Novella by Cecelia Mecca is a fantastic Medieval Novella. Prequel to a new series, which promises to be an awesome series. "Border", series. Only a 104 pages of pure deliciousness. Sir Adam Dayne, an English knight, is offered a prize that can't be refused, by the lordship of Langforful castle. All he must do is accept a betrothal to the Scottish Marcher warden's eldest daughter, Lady Cora Maxwell, beautiful and fiesty. Only one problem, she hates everything English, including this sexy, handsome Knight. This match will hopefully, keep the peace on the tumultuous Anglo-Scottish border. Well written with engaging and captivating characters. The storyline is fast paced, intriguing and passionate. I was glued to the pages, instantly. I read it in one setting. I enjoyed the interaction between Adam and Cora, as their attraction intensifies. But, will they be able to hold the peace, find their HEA, and keep the peace between the English and Scottish border. Filled with plenty of action, a secret or two, romance, intrigue and love. Ms. Mecca manages to bring this Novella together for an enticing, captivating and seductively intriguing story. I would recommend "The Ward's Bride" for fans of Medieval romance, Border romance, intrigue, and novellas. Great job, Cecelia Mecca! I can't wait to read more of the "Border" series. Rating: 4.5 Heat rating: Mild Reviewed: April R

An arranged marriage between warring factions. English Knight, Sir Adam Dayne, is offered the prize of Langford Castle by his foster father. All he has to do is marry Lady Cora Maxwell, daughter of the Scot's Marcher Warden's daughter. Cora is not a fan of the English. She has no intention of living in England and longs to return to Scotland. Hoping to discourage Adam's affections, she finds the opposite happens. This was a fun, easy read over the weekend. It follows a well-worn path and fans of the genre won't be disappointed. There were parts of it, however, that I squinted. It seemed to have incredibly romantic notions about that time period and English-Scot relations, but if you're looking for a short escape, I'm sure you'll enjoy this.

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English Knight, Sir Adam Dayne, will wed Scottish Cora Maxwell. She is the daughter of the Scottish Marcher Warden. Neither Adam or Cora finds this forced marriage appealing. Cora hates everything English and plans to dissuade his decision. Cora wants to return home to Scotland to see her family again. She doesn't want to be abandoned in some forlorn keep in Southern England! Even though it was a forced marriage Adam is an honorable man and very protective for those he cares for. He knows he is going to have to court his wife to keep her. Yet will it be enough? A beautifully written novella that I absolutely loved from start to finish. This is my first book by author Cecelia Mecca but definitely won't be the last. I look forward to reading more books from this author. I received a complimentary reader's copy that I voluntarily agreed to do a fair review and blog. All thoughts, ideas and words are my own. *The Ward's Bride* (Border Series Prequel Novella) - .com

Outstanding read!! Although it's stated as a novella, it's still more than 5 hours of reading time and so worth it! I was immediately drawn into this story about an Englishman who was fostered by a family who raised him as their own. He's granted land with a request to take a Scottish bride to promote peace along the border of Scotland and England. What a slow, steamy, simmering love story!! The entire book is centered around the Hero and Heroine. He is bound by honor and has devoted himself to his new wife. Cora, on the other hand, has only one thing in mind: to end this marriage and return to her family in Scotland. The last thing she desires is a loveless marriage like her parents had and especially to an Englishman. She cuts a deal with her new husband to hold off consummating their vows in exchange for getting to know one another for a fortnight, but she's only wishing for time to figure out her exit strategy. This entire book will have you in knots hoping for the best because you'll instantly love the characters. I recommend this read highly. I'd give it 10 stars if they were available.

I have discovered a new-to-me Medieval author and I'm so pleased because Ms. Mecca's writing is delightful. This is her debut novella and I'm already looking forward to reading the stories that follow. Adam, an English knight, is awarded a holding with lands and a daughter to wed to seal a border land peace treaty. Cora, the reluctant, bartered Scottish bride, finds her new life a struggle at first but also finds love amidst the struggle. The story was told so well that it was hard to believe it was a debut and not the writing of a far more experienced author.

This book was boring. I got it because of the good reviews but, it just dragged along and I stopped reading it half way through. It didn't hold my interest at all.

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