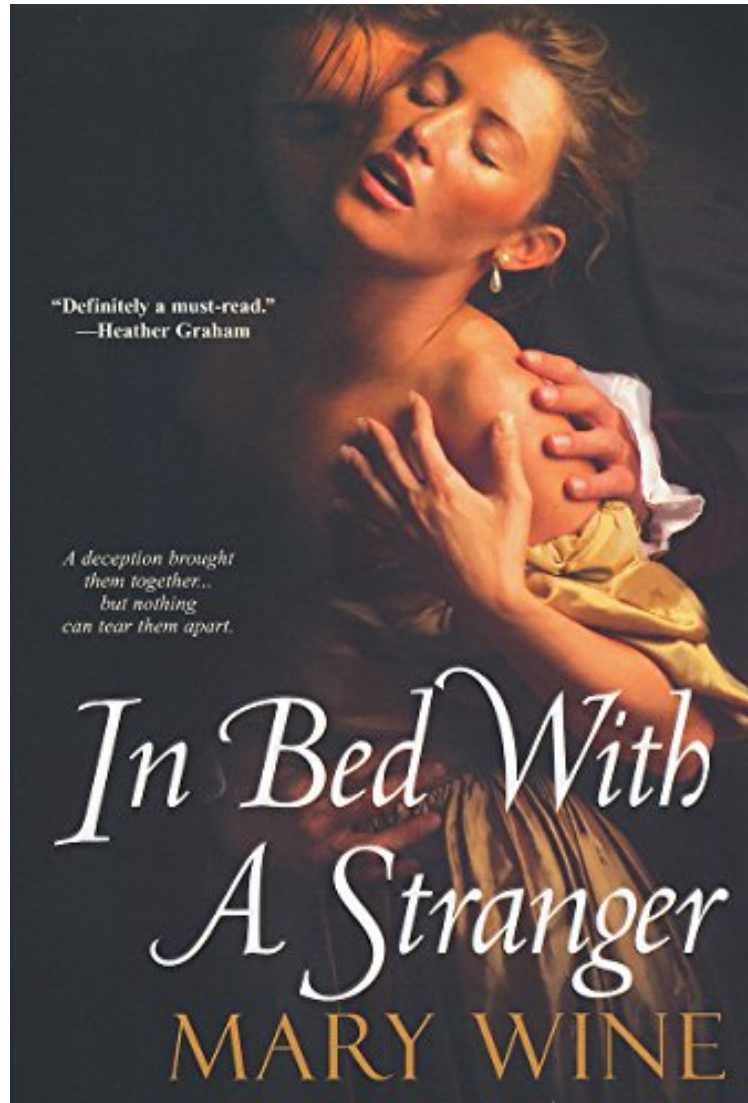


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Von Mary Wine : In Bed With A Stranger before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In Bed With A Stranger:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A high-quality historic / erotic romanceVon S. FischerBrodict McJames is the lord of a Scottish clan close to the English border in the late 16th century, shortly before the two countries will be united under King James of Scotland. In this situation, he feels that it would be good for his clan if he married an English heiress who will bring with her land from the English side of the border as well as much-needed money. He doesn't really like English ladies because he feels

they are superficial and arrogant, but he's willing to make this sacrifice for his clan. The Earl of Warwick has only one legitimate child because his wife was so afraid of childbirth after the birth of her daughter that she refused to share his bed ever again. He has a lover and several children by her, but as bastards they can't inherit and will never be more than servants in his castle. What makes things worse is that he is rarely at home and when he's at court, his castle is ruled by his wife, who hates his mistress and children. So when he arranges a marriage between his legitimate daughter and a 'primitive' Scotsman, his wife sees only one way to spare her daughter an unwanted marriage (and the risks of childbirth): She blackmails his oldest illegitimate daughter, Anne: If Anne doesn't pretend to be the heiress, she will harm her mother and siblings. Anne sees no other choice and agrees. But when she and Brodick meet and marry, they both find that they can respect and after a while even love their partner. But she doesn't want to risk telling the truth to her husband and her secretive behavior makes it difficult for him to trust her. When Anne's life is at risk and Brodick finds out the truth, will he decide to stand by the bride who lied to him and will cost him the alliance, land and money he arranged the marriage for? This is an intense romance with a lot of erotic tension, interesting and likeable main characters, and a well-researched historic background. I enjoyed it a lot but found the intrigue and that Anne didn't confess the truth to Brodick a bit contrived and thus not always convincing. As a result, the novel is very good but not quite 5 stars. I'd still recommend it and would say it's a lot better than most books in this genre. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Formulaic Scottish historical Von Helen Hancox About a third of the way into this book it looked like it was going to become unspeakably tedious - the heroine, Anne Copper, has been sent instead of her half-sister to marry a Scottish Earl and has to maintain the fiction that she is actually Mary Stanford in order to keep her family safe (yep, not very convincing). Of course, if she sleeps with her 'husband' she'll end up a courtesan or worse so tries to keep Brodick from consummating the union made by proxy previously. I had a nasty feeling the rest of the book would be filled with more and more outlandish ways in which Anne tries to keep Brodick from her bed and nearly gave up in disgust. However, the story did actually move on and improved in the second half. Anne knows that Brodick needed to marry the daughter of the Earl of Warwickshire, not the Earl's illegitimate offspring, and therefore if Brodick finds out who she is there will be big trouble. But this is a romance and in the world of romance, important things such as social position don't matter in the face of true love. Phew. The book ended up as an OK read, nothing more. The back cover has a quote from Heather Graham who says "definitely a must-read", with which I disagree. The characterisation was patchy, particularly with regard to Brodick who seemed very indistinct; the 'baddies', Anne's half-sister and her mother, were comedy baddies. Anne herself varied from forthright and bold to a mousy woman hiding away in her room for a month. Some vignettes of life as it was then were interesting, particularly with regard to the situation of women used as bargaining pieces in power struggles, but the overall historical setting wasn't convincing. This is a read for those who aren't so desperate for a well-constructed story but who more enjoy reading about relationships - sometimes in reasonable detail. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book Helen Hancox 2010

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