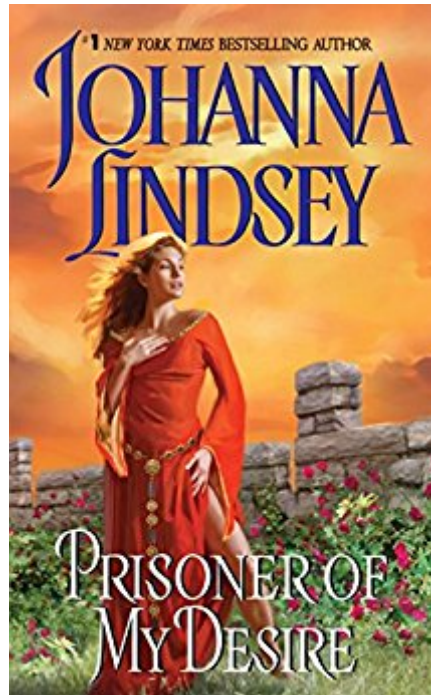




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Destined to be yet another bestseller from the inimitable Johanna Lindsey. Spirited Rowena Belleme must produce an heir - or incur the dangerous wrath of a ruthless stepbrother who stands to forfeit his ill-gotten wealth. And the magnificent Warrick deChaville is the perfect choice to sire her child - though it means imprisoning the handsome knight and forcing him to bend to her amorous whims. Vowing to resist but betrayed by his virility, noble Warrick is intoxicated by Rowena's sapphire eyes and voluptuous beauty. Yet all the while he plans a fitting revenge - eagerly awaiting the time when his sensuous captor becomes his helpless captive. . .and is made to suffer the same rapturous torment and exquisite ecstasy that he himself has endured.

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Customer Reviews

I am not going to address the issue of dubious/non-consent here. If this theme bothers you, skip this book, it contains a lot of it. This is an old skool historical romance with a hero who is pretty nasty to the heroine for the majority of the story (though of course, he has his reasons--or thinks he does). He ends up extremely remorseful and the heroine does make him

suffer :>). This happens to be a theme I enjoy. I've noticed it's making a comeback of late, perhaps ala 50 Shades (which I have not read, though I plan to rent the movie). Anyway, it's well done here and I was more satisfied with the outcome than most of Johanna Lindsey's books (that I've read) and many of its ilk. The pacing was excellent, the emotions intense, the historical setting felt authentic (oh, how I enjoy this time period •ca. 1100), the heroine was neither meek nor stupid •but truly a victim of her own desire, the main characters' (and others) motivations were clear. If you enjoy medieval romances with a captive theme, you're gonna love this one.

Was a very good story couldn't put it down once i started reading it characters were enjoyable started off very well and exciting

Lady Rowena Belleme is caught between a love for her mother and a desire to preserve her own future. Forced by her evil stepbrother Gilbert to marry an old man or else see her mother tortured, Rowena accepts her fate with the dignity and grace of a lady. When her decrepit husband dies on their wedding night, Gilbert is so determined to secure her husband's lands through Rowena that he demands she sleep with a stranger so that she can bear a child and pass it off as her husband's. Rowena is appalled and disgusted, but for her mother's sake she agrees to Gilbert's scheme. Warrick de Chaville is a strong warlord who is spending the night in an inn when he is kidnapped and chained to a bed for Rowena's pleasure. Even though the knight does not believe that a mere woman can force him, he has also sworn to never let a wrong done to him go unpunished. When Rowena does succeed, and gains his child with her deception, Warrick swears that she will be punished for it. He kidnaps her from her husband's keep and decides to make her his prisoner. Only he doesn't expect that he will fall for the beautiful deceiver... Prisoner of My Desire is my second favorite Johanna Lindsey book ever (second only to Love Me Forever). Lady Rowena is a strong heroine who is willing to do whatever is necessary for her family, even if it means sacrificing her own innocence. It isn't as if she wants to sleep with Warrick, but she also cannot have her mother's death on her hands. Likewise, Warrick is a strong warrior who cannot believe that he was raped by a lady. He is so ashamed and degraded by the experience that he is determined to make her feel what he did. To make her treacherous body disobey her commands so that she knows what it feels like to have no choice in the matter. I can understand that its plot devices and techniques may be distasteful to some, but I have no problem with quid pro quo. It's not as though

Warrick straps Rowena down and beats her. He does only what was done to him: uses his body to make her desire him and then takes what she offers. It isn't rape. This is one of the most passionate love stories I've ever read, and regardless of its themes it remains one of my favorites.

This one I have read and reread over time. Its authenticity and perfect characters are a pleasure to experience. Enjoy!

Johanna Lindsey is my all time favorite author and no matter what she writes I find I am swept away into an enchanted world of romance, with lords, ladies, or vikings and other nationalities. It matters not, for she is the queen of romance and they are always such a wonderful escape into another place and time. This one is no exception. From page one you are invested in the story as it unfolds. I felt all the emotions of Rowena and I absolutely wanted Gilbert DEAD. Unfortunately Warrick, who is a wonderful strong hero, is in the end was much more compassionate than I could have been. This is a wonderful renaissance piece about the times of Kings and Queens and warlords and knights. It is one you will like I am sure. My advice if you love romance buy this one. Let yourself go and be transported to a far away place and time. You will enjoy the ride.

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