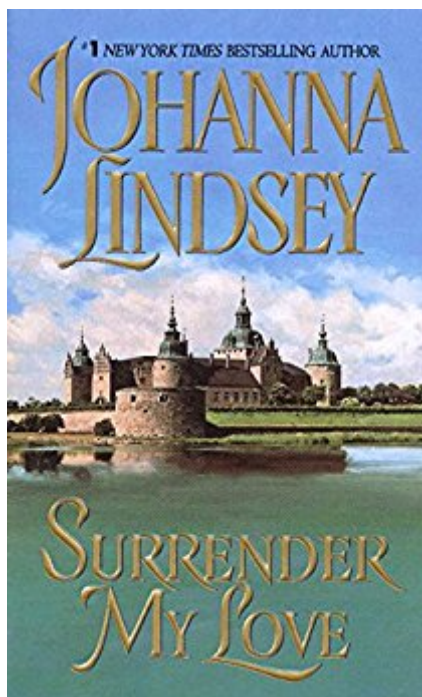


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A Lady's Scorn Wrongly branded a spy, the dark and handsome Viking lord Selig Haardrad suffered greatly in the dungeons of Lady Erika of Gronwood. And as he hung in chains, his magnificent body wracked with pain and fever, one thought sustained him: revenge! A Viking's Vengeance Now Destiny's great wheel has turned--and Selig's exquisite, hone-haired tormentor has been delivered into the Norseman's hands. Now it is Selig who is the master, bound and determined to break the proud spirit of his captive "ice queen" and to conquer her with passion's sword -- never dreaming that his own heart will be vanquished by sensuous desire. . .and victorious love.

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Customer Reviews

The third in a trilogy, "Surrender My Love" lacks in the romance department. The story is about a Viking exacting vengeance on his beautiful Danish tormentor - oh yeah, and then they fall in love in the last 50 or so pages. I have nothing against Selig, the angel-faced Viking hero. I loved him as the twice-blessed baby in "Fires of Winter" and as Kristen's returned-from-the-dead brother in "Hearts Aflame." He is so charming! But in "Surrender My Love," Selig doesn't get much opportunity to use that charm. Instead, he's wounded and beaten so badly in the beginning of the book that the whole story revolves around his pain, slow recovery, and revenge. I for one wished Selig hadn't suffered

yet another wound, as his previous injuries in "Hearts Aflame" were bad enough. But Johanna Lindsey felt the need to hurt poor Selig once more - and screw up his much-anticipated love story in the process. Why?!? Selig is paired up with Erika, a Danish Viking maid - and the girl who had him lashed. So, in Viking tradition, he takes her prisoner (only to fall in love). But, unlike the stories involving his mother and sister, Erika is no spirited vixen of a captive. She's not even witty. She accepts her chains and humiliation without a peep. Again, why does Selig fall in love?!? I can't say this story was terrible. After all, lots of characters from the earlier books returned, so it was a fun family reunion. But, it was bogged down with back-story. Secondary characters like King Alfred and Meghan, who were so alive in the previous books, were carbon cutouts in "Surrender." New characters, like Turgeis the Shadow, were actually intriguing, but so little used, it was sad. Worse, there was no passion or hanky panky until about page 330 - the last 80 or so pages of a 400+ page book.

While this third book in Ms. Lindsey's infamous Viking Trilogy takes a bit longer to pull the reader in than the previous books, it's still a wonderful read. Definitely not one to be missed if you love the Haardrad family. Selig Haardrad has been blessed since the time of his birth when his father defied Viking law and brought him back to life. Now a grown man, Selig is, for lack of a better word, beautiful. With his beauty has come a lifetime of pampering from every woman he's ever come in contact with. All this doting has certainly gone to his head for he believes that all women will succumb to his charms and each of them can be wrapped around his little finger with no work whatsoever on his part. Add this conceit to the already overblown Viking arrogance and you're left with a man who could stand to be taken down a peg or two. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that I dislike Selig -- quite the contrary, actually -- I just feel it wouldn't hurt him to have a woman who didn't immediately give in to his every little whim. While on a mission for his brother-in-law's King, Selig is set upon by thieves who leave him gravely wounded assuming that he's dead. When he's finally able to pull himself together enough to search for help, he happens upon Gronwood castle and the lovely Lady Erika. Falsely branded a spy and sentenced to a lashing, he vows to seek revenge on the first woman who's ever caused him pain. Even though Erika might not have been the heroine I'd had in mind for Selig, I came to accept her and yes, like her very much. While she's not as tough as Brenna, or even as over-the-top as Kristen, she has a gentle grace, a quiet strength and a strong possessive streak (which she'll definitely need with a husband like Selig).

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