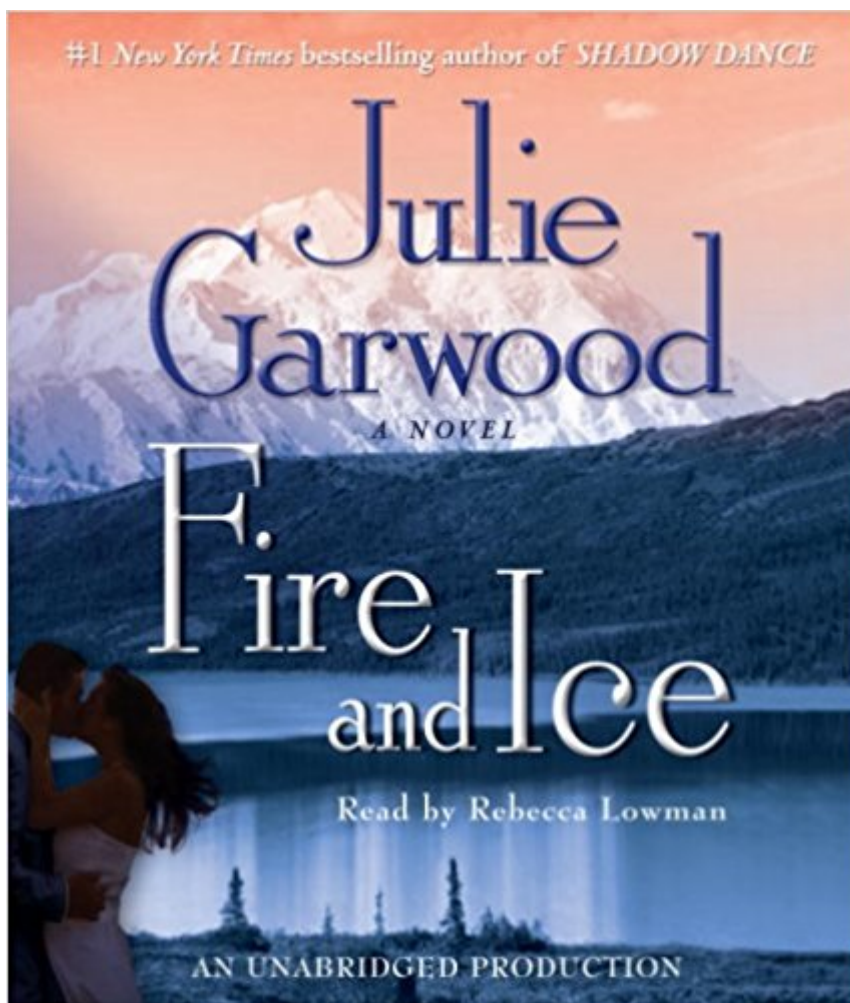




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Synopsis

Sophie Rose, a tough and determined newspaper reporter, is the daughter of Bobby Rose, a suave, charming, and handsome gentleman who also happens to be a notorious big-time thief sought by every law-enforcement agency in the country. When the major Chicago daily where she works insists she write an exposé about her roguish father, Sophie refuses, quits her job, and goes to work at a small newspaper. Far from her onetime high-powered crime beat, she now covers local personalities such as the quirky winner of several area 5K runs whose trademark is goofy red socks. Those red socks "with Sophie's business card neatly tucked inside" are practically all that's found after runner William Harrington's shredded corpse turns up in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, the victim of a mysteriously dramatic death by polar bear. With an unerring nose for a good story, Sophie heads north to Alaska. What she doesn't realize is that her father's infamous reputation has spread even to the far reaches of Prudhoe Bay. Sophie's assigned a bodyguard "Jack MacAlister, a sexy FBI agent who grudgingly takes the assignment while recovering from an on-duty injury. But they will soon be fighting more than growing passion.

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"[Julie] Garwood entices readers with sizzling adventure punctuated with memorable characters. . . . Humor and danger are a winning mix. . . . A genuine Garwood gem!" "Romantic Times" "Julie Garwood has become a trusted brand name in romantic fiction." "People" From the Paperback edition.

Julie Garwood is the author of numerous New York Times bestsellers, including *Shadow Music*, *Shadow Dance*, *Slow Burn*, *Murder List*, *Killjoy*, *Mercy*, *Heartbreaker*, *Ransom*, and *Come the Spring*.

Julie Garwood has a way of putting together sweet, funny and poignant historical romances. *THE BRIDE* is often chosen as one of her best. It has made top 100 lists of all time romances as well.
THE STORY: Jamie Jamison is the youngest daughter of an English Baron who has been ordered to give two of his daughters in marriage to two Scottish highlanders. Jamie and her sisters don't want to marry but when Laird Alec Kincaid comes and claims Jamie as his bride, Jamie is determined to make her marriage work. While Alec intends to take his ordered bride and place her in the insignificant category, Jamie soon bewitches and bedevils Alec who can soon think of nothing else but claiming her.
OPINION: I liked this book quite a bit although I generally prefer books with more angst and conflict. (In fact, I prefer Garwood's own *SAVING GRACE*). I definitely appreciate this book, however. Jamie is spunky and quirky and incredibly stubborn and determined and yet likeable. She is incredibly easy to love and so there is no doubt that Alec is a goner once he meets her. Alec is a strong, sometimes pigheaded hero and yet he always treats Jamie in a honorable fashion even when he is determined not to love her. I consider this more of the softer, gentler humorous historical romances in line with Julia Quinn. I have no complaints about the book and it made me laugh at how helpless Alec is in the face of the sweet determined Jamie.
WORTH MENTIONING: This book is a historical but is more of the flavor and variety historical rather than an in depth historically accurate type. I don't mind that because I read more for the characters than the history lesson, but some might be unhappy.
FINAL DECISION: Anyone who likes men in kilts should give this book a try!
CONNECTED BOOKS: *THE BRIDE* has a connected sequel *THE WEDDING* where Jamie and Alec make a significant appearance.
STAR RATING: I give this book a 4.5 stars because it made me laugh and smile.

This is an excellent medieval Scotland novel. It is one of my three favorite Julie Garwood novels; all three are set in the Scottish Highlands during the Middle Ages. Julie Garwood really brings those times to life. The two main characters are two of my favorites from any book. They are both interesting, strong-willed, strong-minded, courageous, and proud. I love their interactions, and I immensely enjoyed getting to know them as they got to know and love each other. Also, I couldn't help but admire a heroine who could start three feuds in a matter of days without even trying. There are so many hilarious parts in this book that I sometimes reread it when I need to uplift my spirits.

There is only one thing I don't love about this book: It ends.

Julie Garwood really writes smart, witty no nonsense heroines. In a time where the English and Scottish absolutely despise each other. Alec Kincaid Laird of the Kincaids takes on an English bride. He is a strong man who demands respect and is use to getting his way. He is not prepared for Jamie, his Strong headed yet gentle hearted English wife. She defies him at every turn, yet brings a warmth into his life and a feeling of completeness he had never felt before. In his world, wives are for warming your bed and giving you children and he is vowed to protect her at all costs. But never love, it weakens a man. But as he grows to know her he can't help but find a tenderness in his heart for her.

I almost didn't purchase this book due to a negative comment about repetition, and I am so glad I let my own pleasure and enjoyment I've received from Julie Garwood's other awesome books to take precedence. This is a rollicking, laugh out loud, highlander tale of an outspoken English country girl wed to an arrogant Scottish laird. If you don't appreciate sassy sarcasm, look elsewhere. There's sexual content, but I'd say nothing a young adult to a granny's not going to be shocked over...maybe a little titillated. This is a fun, up all night kind of read. Thanks for the laughter and hours of reading entertainment!

It has been a long time since I had so much fun reading a book. There were so many times I was literally in tears from laughing so hard. Loved Jamie's character. She is a beautiful, stubborn, determined, and caring young lady. Loved the battle of will between Jamie and Alex, you could see the sparks flying. It was heartwarming to see how the Kincaid clan learn how to love, respect, protect, and cherish Jamie. The best part of all is the unconditional love that flourish between Jamie and Alex. I know I will read this book again in a few weeks because I couldn't get just couldn't get enough. Now I will read the second book in the series, "The Wedding".

JAMIE and ALEC were a delightful couple. I ENJOYED reading their story very much. It didn't read much like the 12th century though. Fit more like Regency or Victorian which was o.k. with me. I hate those dreary knights in shining chain mail dramas. Was hoping for a wee babe at the end though. Did not suspect who the culprit (killer) turned out to be. Kudos to Julie .

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