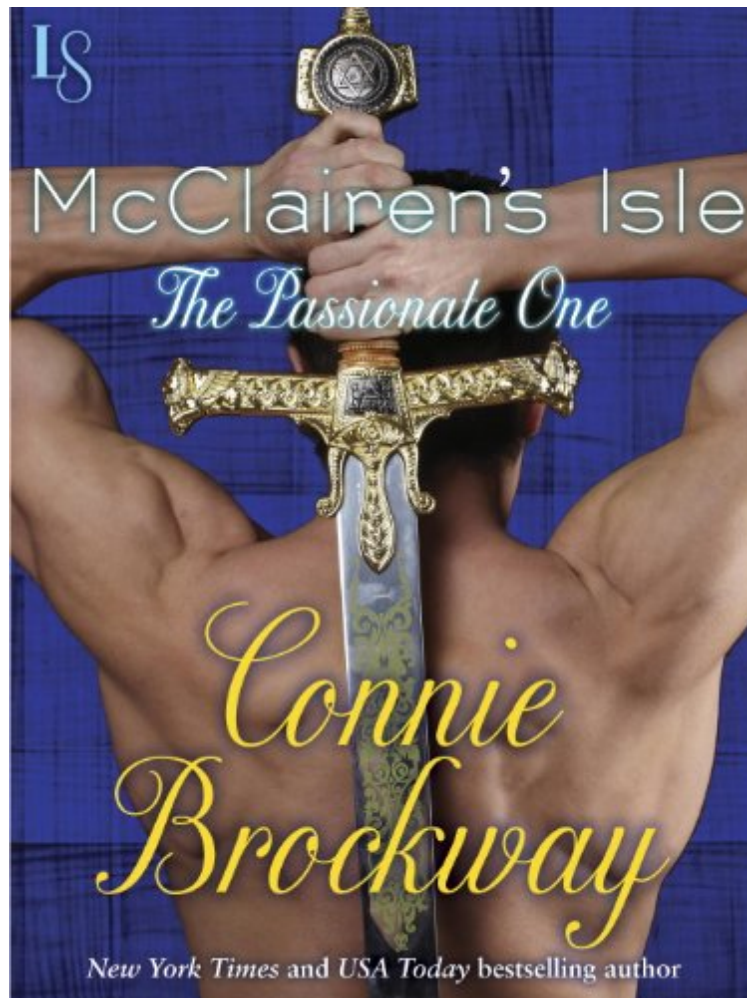


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Von Connie Brockway : McClairen's Isle: The Passionate One before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised McClairen's Isle: The Passionate One:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good read, not too "trashy"Von qbI was looking for some light reading and this book fit the bill. The story of Ash and Rhiannon kept me turning pages. The intimate scenes were well done; a romance not a trashy novel. I still have some questions to be answered by the sequels, which I am looking forward to reading. I'm glad that I discovered Ms. Brockway's work.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A brief review of The Passionate OneVon PennyAs a diehard Connie Brockway fan I was more than a little disappointed with this latest effort. As usual her hero Ash was suitably tortured and smouldery however our heroine Rhiannon seemed rather lacklustre compared to other Brockway heroines eg Desdemona in As You Desire. There seemed little of the soul wrenching connection I associate

with her love stories. In a way this novel came across as much more formulaic with less thought to the rounding out of her characters especially in Rhiannon's case. Here's hoping she is saving herself for the next in the trilogy *The Reckless One*. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A compelling and tortured hero, but a rather feeble heroine. Von Buttercup "The passionate one" is another well written and gripping historical romance by Connie Brockway. Ash Merrick, the passionate one, is trying against all odds to be honorable and do the right thing, while trying to free himself from his "demon" father's clutches and not being subdued by the opinion the world has of him, thanks to his evil sire. He has dedicated his life to accumulating the enormous amount of money needed to free his younger brother from a French gaol, as their father refuses to pay the ransom, even though that requires him to do things that do not agree with his morality. The latest mission his father has sent him on is to bring one Rhiannon Russell to the family's castle in Scotland. Of course nothing turns out as it was supposed to be while the attraction between Ash and Rhiannon grows infinitely. I liked the story and the setting, but I had my problems with the characters. While Ash is well described and, extreme as he is, believable, Rhiannon lacks the strength and passion other female protagonists in Mrs. Brockway's novels have in abundance. She spends the first part of the story (in *Fair Badden*) trying desperately to adapt to what is expected of her by the townspeople and then changes into a headstrong Highland lassie the minute she sets foot outside the county. As a consequence this book does not feature the funny and passionate exchanges between the H and h I have come to love in the author's other books what makes the relationship between Ash and Rhiannon less witty and a lot more carnal. Then again that does work well with the intense Ash, who is all physical power and deeply hidden feelings.

Kurzbeschreibung Connie Brockway begins her magnificent Highland trilogy with the tale of a rogue no woman can resist and a free spirit whose pleasures are strictly forbidden. Restless, daring, proud they are the Merricks: Ashton, the eldest, the passionate one; Raine, his younger brother, the reckless one; and Fia, their sister, the ravishing one. Born of bad blood, they were raised in the Scottish Highlands on lands that belonged to their mothers' kin, the McClaires until their English father seized the ancestral stronghold for his own. Yet all are destined to find loves as wild and glorious as the isle they call home. With a reputation for hell-raising and heartbreaking, Ashton Merrick seemingly cannot be tamed. But family secrets force Ashton to do his ruthless father's bidding which, in this case, means escorting his missing ward, Rhiannon Russell, back to McClaire's Isle. As a young orphan, Rhiannon never once set eyes on her negligent guardian but now that she's grown into a delicate beauty, Ashton suspects his father intends to claim her as his fourth wife. What Ashton can never anticipate is the uncontrollable desire Rhiannon ignites in his own wary heart. From Publishers Weekly Ash is a smoldering, contained (hence his name) Scotsman; Rhiannon is a fiery young Scotswoman whose clan was destroyed by Ash's people when she was a child. Rhiannon's 10 years of safety and freedom from fear in the village of Fair Badden abruptly end a few weeks before her scheduled wedding to Squire Watt's youngest son, Phillip. When cynical Ashton Merrick, the eldest son of a deceased Scottish mother and a dissolute, sadistic English father, arrives in Fair Badden, he is surprised at the uncomplicated kindness he encounters in the village and is even more astonished to realize he's falling in love with Rhiannon. The remnants of Ash's suspicious nature prove ultimately advantageous, however: he is the only one to realize that certain recent "accidents" involving the penniless Rhiannon are actually threats to her life. Unfortunately, whisking her to McClaire's Isle offers no sanctuary, as Ash discovers his father has far more sinister plans for Rhiannon than making her his fourth wife. Skull-dugger, bitter English-Scottish hatreds and harrowing cat-and-mouse pursuits fill the ebb and flow of this 18th-century romance, the first volume of the McClaire's Isle trilogy by veteran romance writer Brockway. (June) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Forced by circumstances beyond his control, Ashton Merrick arrives in Fair Badden to escort Rhiannon Russell back to Wanton's Blush, his despised father Lord Carr's glittering and decadent home, where Rhiannon will either become Carr's new ward or his fourth wife. Unfortunately, Ash never counted on falling in love with Rhiannon, who finds herself caught between her desire for Ash and what she thought was love for her fiancé. An undercurrent of danger ripples through this exquisite romance, set in the 1700s, and Brockway's lush, lyrical writing style is a perfect match for her vivid characters, beautifully atmospheric settings, and sensuous love scenes. Readers will be delighted to learn that McClaire's Isle is the first in a trilogy featuring the Merrick siblings. Brockway (*My Dearest Enemy*, Dell, 1998) lives in Edina, MN. AJC, SM Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.