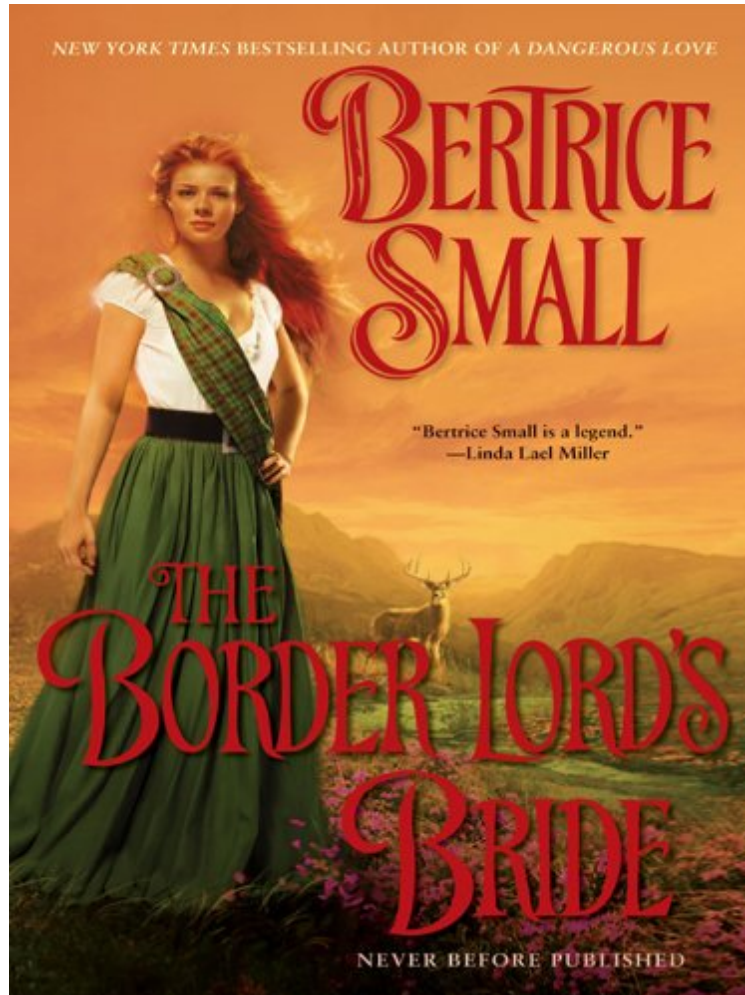


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**Von Bertrice Small : The Border Lord's Bride (Border Chronicles)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Border Lord's Bride (Border Chronicles):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Romance and raiding in the late 1400sVon Helen HancoxThis book begins in 1494 and we meet Ellen MacArthur who lives with her grandfather and who is promised in marriage to a local kinsman. Ellen is described as very small and dainty but with a great intellect and wisdom beyond her 19 years. I found it strange reading a story with the heroine with that name as of course Ellen MacArthur is the famous British yachswoman - somewhat different than this fictional character in the novel. Anyway, when Ellen's safety is threatened by another kinsman, Balcain MacArthur, she is sent to live at court with King James to keep her safe from a kidnap attempt. Upon news of her grandfather's serious illness she returns to Lochearn to discover it was a ruse by Balcain MacArthur to enable him to become the

new laird - and he has killed her grandfather and her fiancé. She has been escorted to Lochearn by Duncan Armstrong, a border lord who happened to be visiting King James and thus accompanied Ellen as a favour to the King, and he helps protect Ellen when she escapes Balgair to return to King James. The King decides Ellen and Duncan would make a good couple and arranges for them to marry. However, Duncan's home is positioned on the border and there is a great deal of raiding between the English and the Scots. When the raids get more personal between Duncan and Sir Roger Colby, Duncan doesn't realise the problems that may be caused by his outwitting Colby - and that his trust in his wife may be tested to the limit. The strange thing about this book was that the story appeared to have finished half way through when our heroine, Ellen MacArthur, finds happiness with her husband Duncan Armstrong. However the story continued, moving more to a politics, border raiding and kidnapping rather than initial highland romance of the first half. The second half was significantly less enjoyable a read, partly because of the unlikely events of the plot and because of the engineered mistrust between Ellen and Duncan that apparently keeps them emotionally apart - but only slightly - for the final quarter of the book. The author's writing style is quite spare with little description of place or people. The romance is a slow-burn one where the hero and heroine gradually recognise each other's strengths and they slowly slide into love. In some ways this is a very realistic depiction of love and was probably the way that true love blossomed in that historical period where matches were made for dynastic or power requirements, rather than emotions. But the second half of the book, once the romance is out of the way, turned into rather more of an earthy series of sex scenes between hero and heroine with very coarse language and with a rather repetitive nature. The romantic element seemed rather lost and it became more about lust and was less enjoyable to read as a result. Scotland in the fifteenth century was a rough place and fortunately the characters in this book didn't approach events with a twenty first century mindset, as so often happens in historical romances. Ellen is aware that her husband's men are raping various English women during their raids and although she clearly doesn't like it, she understands that's how things are, although she appears to consider that if it happened to her then her husband would no longer want to be with her - rather a double standard there! Reading the book with my 21st century mind I found much of this side of the story rather difficult to stomach but it certainly added a little more authenticity, even if the author tried to soften the blow by telling us the women probably enjoyed it. Although the story was good overall and covered an interesting part of English/Scottish history with the Princes in the Tower and other things, somehow her pen didn't quite paint the events and people in enough depth for it to be a truly satisfying read, and the digression in the second half of the book to the kidnapping wasn't very successful in terms of plot and believability. Originally published for *Curling Up With A Good Book*, [...] Helen Hancox 2007

**Kurzbeschreibung** New York Times bestselling author Bertrice Small continues her *Border Chronicles* with this tale of a woman rescued, a man enraptured, and a love unanticipated by the fates. Duncan Armstrong, laird of Duffdour, had sworn never to wed unless it was to a lass he truly loved. But when he needs a favor from King James, Duncan never expects what he's forced to pay in return: the taking of a bride he neither loves nor desires. When Highland heiress Ellen MacArthur's marriage plans are thwarted by a murder attempt, she has no choice but to beg the king for help. The cost for her urgent plea: to surrender her heritage and become a border lord's bride. But the price to be paid for two strangers thrown together by fate is higher than imagined. And more dangerous than the passion and betrayal that could consume them. From the Trade Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly: Small's second *Border Chronicles* novel (after *A Dangerous Love*) opens on the disruption of the Scottish highland home and happiness of pretty, 16-year-old Ellen MacArthur: cousins want her grandfather, Ewan, to change his marriage and inheritance plans, and marry her to rough young Balgair. "Grandsire" Ewan sends Ellen to King James's court to wait out the crisis. Ellen gains the friendship of the king and his aunt, and when word comes that she's to return, she's given border lord Duncan Armstrong, the laird of Duffdour, as an escort home. The two return to find Balgair has murdered her grandfather and fiancé, and plans to make her life miserable in marriage. As a vicious border war and an assassination attempt by the Tudor Henry VII on James's life ensue, the pace is slower than most readers will want, and the sex may be more graphic than some will expect. But Small's vivid characters are worthy of her first-rate plot. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. **Pressestimmen** "Small combines the perfect romance with breathtaking historical detail: a marvelous heroine, a dynamic hero, an exciting and colorful backdrop that seethes with intrigue and passion. She never falters in her ability to give readers a steamy love story and a work of grand historical proportions. The second in the *Border Chronicles* is a must-read!" **RT Book s** "Small's vivid characters are worthy of her first-rate plot." **Publishers Weekly**