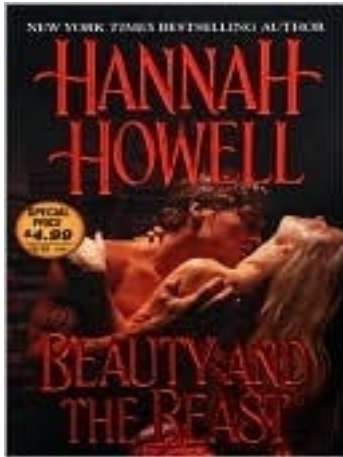

Hannah Howell

Beauty and the Beast



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Description

On the eve of her wedding to the heir of Saiturn Manor, the stunningly beautiful Gytha is shocked to learn that her betrothed, a man she barely knew, is dead. Now she must marry the new heir, Thayer Saiturn, a battle-hardened knight known as the Red Devil

With a face scarred in battle and a heart broken in love, Thayer has no interest in marriage. But not even the Red Devil can break the promise his foster-father made years ago and soon finds himself married to a woman whose exquisite beauty and sweet innocence intrigue him. But can his new bride look beyond his scars to find a hidden passion and undying love locked deep inside him?

Insightful reviews

Aly is so frigging bored: **Main characters:**

Gytha Raouille

Thayer Saiturn, the Red Devil

What I Liked:

-the time period

-the mostly accurate portrayal of the time period

-seeing the life at court

-Gytha's family

-Thayer's son, Bek. He and Roger were the smartest men in the book :D

What I didn't like:

-this will sound bi-polar, but the overlay use of "tis, nay, aye, mayhap, etc" drove me insane! I know I complain a lot when the language is too.. new in one of my historical, but this one had too much. I want balance, not a headache from rolling my eyes

-Thayer's distrust in his wife, after 60% of the book it became a little tedious

-I absolutely hate the names! I have no idea how to pronounce them and I usually read them wrong

Favorite characterGytha, her perseverance and wit made me give such a good rating

My least favorite characterElizabeth(chilly woman)

Favorite sceneI loved when she made him so mad and he shared his emotions and apologized for being an ass.

Favorite quote:

"Have you made Gytha mad again?" Bek asked as his father stepped into his bath.

"Aye, I fear so."

"But you went to win rewards for her."

"True, but I neglected to ask if she wanted those rewards. Can you scrub my back, son?"

Moving to do so, Bek frowned in thought "Is a wife not supposed to be pleased at all her husband does?"

It was not easy, but Thayer swallowed his impulse to laugh. "Bek, I will tell you two things about women. Heed me well, now, for you had best remember them. The first is—never do as I do. I fear your poor father knows very little. If I handled a sword as I do women, I should have been killed in my first battle." He smiled faintly when Bek giggled. "Second—few men are true masters

over their women. In truth, I would eye with suspicion any woman who acts as if that is the truth. Either she lies, or she is so dull-witted or weak-spirited that she will make you a tedious wife.”

“So you do not really mind that Gytha is angry with you.”

“I did not say that.” He grimaced. “T’will depend upon how angry she is and if there is any soothing her.”

Would I recommend the bookes, it’s well written and fast-paced, has action and a little drama thrown in, strong characters and an interesting setting.

Final rating3.8*

Elis Madison: Yeah, I know. The title made me cringe, too. Seems like this theme has been done to death... because it has. Anyway, so here's Howell's version:



Gytha, a famously beautiful young woman, was betrothed at birth to the heir of Saitun Manor. Seems people were croaking all over the place in those days, so rather than betroth her to a particular boy, her father deemed it safer to just betroth her to "the heir" whoever that might end up being. For most of Gytha's life, that was William, a decent, good-looking chap. She only met him a time or two, but she was OK with it.



On the eve of her wedding, her father decided it was time to tell her that William was dead. He'd known for a while but apparently didn't think she needed to be told until just now that, well, she's going to marry ROBERT.



Robert, too, is a decent-looking fellow, but Gytha can't get too excited about him. Seems like he's always cowering and getting smacked around by his jerk of an uncle, whom she can't stand at all.



Imagine Gytha's surprise when she arrives at the altar only to find she's actually marrying...THAYER. Yeah, Thayer was the heir after William but everybody thought he was killed in battle in France until he showed up to attend the wedding.

Now Thayer is a renowned warrior. But his face...

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Well, Gytha doesn't think he's quite that ugly. In fact, she rather likes his eyes. And his bod. And she really wishes he didn't look so bummed about having to marry her.

Thayer's not just bummed. He's appalled. He loved a pretty woman once, and she made a joke of him. Since then, he hasn't bedded a woman he hasn't paid. He just knows this goddess he's honor-bound to marry won't wait a Glasgow minute before she's put horns on him.



Anyway, the game of musical bridegrooms over, the couple goes off to check out Saitun Manor first. And—you guessed it—their party is attacked on the way. They figure out pretty quickly that Robert and his uncle are behind that attack, and after another try, Thayer starts thinking that maybe William's sudden death—and a couple of close calls he (Thayer) had in France might not have been accidents after all.

The story's a bit predictable, and Thayer's hang-ups about his looks start to wear thin after about the eighty-fifth time he angsts over it. Meanwhile, Gytha decides that she can't just friggin' tell the guy she loves him (because THAT would be too easy!), so there's no resolution in sight until fate takes them by the tender parts and forces some confessions.

Three stars.

Pam: I liked the story parts were slow a little too much. The characters were all great. I loved the hero even if his self loathing went on too long. The heroine was incredibly strong and kind.

Kathrynn: i did not take care of both major personality during this one. Thayer was once too hung up on a couple of scars and pink hair! Gytha was once attractive and blonde. (my eyes are rolling here). for almost all of the publication Thayer expected/suspected Gytha of dishonest on him. Gytha had stable morals and enjoyed Thayer, he simply couldn't get his act together...until the end, of course. even if he chanced on her being assaulted, he proposal he used to be witnessing Gytha with a lover. He.Just.Stood.There.

Luu: Bueno, tengo que admitir que me gustó los angeles historia, pero Thayer.... ay ay Thayer, cómo me molestó tanto que a pesar de todo el amor que Gytha le daba, de demostrarle una y mil veces que lo amaba, todavía no le creyera.. Y Robert me dio mucha lástima, no solo porque el tío abusaba de él golpeándolo y torturándolo patológicamente, sino porque todos los demás se burlaban de él. Y las veces que Gytha decía que quería abofetearle, a mi me daba ganas de abofetearla a ella por mala. Aunque me cayó bien, no me pareció cobarde ni de las que se conforman, tiene fuerza sin dejar de ser una mujer de esa época. entretenido, aunque libros de este tipo no son de mis preferidos, si supo gustarme y ganarse su lugar. A demás, se lee rápido y fácil.

Danna Canterino: MAS RESEÑAS EN -----

<http://believeinromance.blogspot.com.ar/> Encontré este libro hace ya un mes más o menos (cuando hice l. a. reseña ^) y l. a. sinopsis me llamó l. a. atención, y por ello comencé a leerlo. No esperaba que el libro esté ambientado en los angeles Edad Media de Inglaterra, ya que nunca he leído un libro de esa época porque verdaderamente es un período de l. a. historia que no me gusta nada, pero a pesar de ello, l. a. historia me gustó mucho. l. a. misma cuenta los angeles historia de woman Gytha, hija legítima de un noble inglés que está comprometida con el barón de los angeles casa de Saitun desde su nacimiento. El presunto novio, William, termina muerto antes de los angeles boda, y el segundo en línea sucesora supuestamente también está muerto, por lo que, los angeles muchacha quedaría para desposarse con el tercer primo en línea de sucesión, Robert. Thayer, el segundo heredero supuestamente muerto, aparece para los angeles boda de su primo William, descubriendo que este murió y que él es el heredero y que él es el nuevo novio de Gytha. El romance, con altibajos, comienza luego de los angeles boda, en dónde l. a. atracción entre los personajes principales es más que palpable.El problema radica en que el tío de Robert, el tercer heredero, trata de asesinar a Thayer para que su sobrino, y él, obtengan el feudo y Robert obtenga lo que en verdad quiere, a Gytha. l. a. historia como se ve es great enredada, pero es muy entretenida, ya que los personajes principales le dan una chispa especial al libro. Thayer es un hombre fuerte y orgulloso, noble y leal, pero lo cierto es que en las relaciones amorosas es muy inseguro. Gytha, por otra parte, es una mujer de carácter fuerte y tenáz, es decidida y valiente. los angeles relación entre ellos dos, es muy cálida y dulce, me gustaron mucho como se fueron encontrando, conociendo y complementándose, mientras los sucesos de l. a. herencia de l. a. Casa de Saitun y demás se iban desarrollando.El ultimate es bastante sorprendente, ya que en un momento creí que había

terminado los angeles historia, pero nuevamente algo sucedió y por ende l. a. historia se extendió. Lo creí innecesario, los angeles verdad, pero cuando terminé el libro y mientras iba leyendo, me terminó de gustar. Conclusión, lo recomiendo. Saludos, Danna.

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