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Captive Of My Desires (Malory Family Series)



Synopsis

Devastated by her mother's death, eighteen-year-old Gabrielle Brooks sets sail from England to a Caribbean island in search of her estranged father. But instead of encountering a distinguished merchant ship's captain, she discovers her father has become a pirate! After spending three wonderful years sailing and treasure hunting with him, Gabrielle is dismayed when her father decides she must return to London to find a proper husband. His old friend James Malory will sponsor her in polite society. In London, Gabrielle is escorted to balls and parties by James Malory's wife, Georgina, and her brother, Drew Anderson, a dashing American sea captain who is visiting. Though drawn to Gabrielle's fiery beauty, Drew, a fun-loving rogue, wants nothing to do with a young woman hunting for a husband. Incensed by Drew's indifference, Gabrielle is determined to win his attentions. But when Drew embroils her in a scandal the night before he's to sail back to America, Gabrielle vows revenge. Enlisting the help of her father's pirate cronies, Gabrielle commandeers Drew's ship and takes him prisoner. But as passion runs high on their sea voyage, it becomes difficult to tell who is truly the captor and who is the captive.

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Customer Reviews

Gabrielle Brooks knows that finding the perfect husband isn't going to be easy. Despite the fact that her father had called in a favor from the influential James Malory, who, along with his wife, Georgina, is sponsoring Gabrielle's debut, it is already midway through the season, and most of the eligible men have been tagged by other marriage-minded misses. And if word got out that Gabrielle

was the daughter of a pirate, she might as well pack her bags and return home a confirmed spinster. In spite of all these drawbacks, Gabrielle does find one man with potential: American sea captain Drew Anderson. But Drew is quite clear about his feelings about marriage and pirates. When Gabrielle unexpectedly needs to return to the Caribbean, she decides to prove exactly how much of a pirate she really is by stealing Drew's ship and taking him captive. Lindsey adds a generous soupcon of swashbuckling action and adventure to the latest captivating addition to her wickedly witty, lusciously sensual Malory series. John CharlesCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Praise for Johanna Lindsey: Deliciously sexy historical romance with a twist." Booklist "She understands a woman's secret fantasies ... Johanna Lindsey creates fairytales that come true." Romantic Times "Lindsey has mastered her craft, she creates fantasy ... you want romance - you got it!" Inside Books "High-quality entertainment ... the charm and appeal of her characters are infectious." Publishers Weekly "I have never been disappointed in her stories...A constant high level of quality." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the first of several that relates to Georgina's brothers. I didn't find them as nearly entertaining as the Malorys but in this one we see a bit of pirates, James and Drew sailing off to the West Indies. The first clues were given in early works as James and Anthony discuss the three worst beatings James was subjected to after he marries George. The third was of course the Anderson brothers, the second one was the beating given by his own family when he abducted Regan when she was 12 and the worst beating is glossed over as one that he experienced in the west indies where about 20 men jumped him and he was thrown unconscious into the water only to be pulled out by Capt. Brooks,a pirate middleman for ransoms and a treasure hunter, and taken home to be revived. Its this last one that finds Capt. Brooks calling in the favor of James to sponsor his daughter Gabrielle in London. .With Gabby in London is fellow pirate Richard Allen, he is the hero of the last book, That Perfect Someone. And a brief mention at the time of Drew and Gabby's first meeting on the docks is made of Boyd and a passenger with children-Katie- who are the hero and heroine of No Choice But Seduction, the next book.. Of course in James's house are George's two brothers Drew and Boyd - most anti pirate type in existence. Drew determines that Gabby is a pirate and the tension soon escalates until she is forced from London under a cloud of scandal caused by Drew and learns at the same time her father has been himself taken for ransom. She steals Drew's ship and the push-pull of romance is in full swing as James discovers both the theft and the disappearance of his

charge and goes off in pursuit. There really isn't much that can happen on a ship that we didn't read about in James's story so it tends to feel repetitious, there is little else of the Malory family other than James, George and her brothers so not much of the James/Anthony interaction that I like. But its a nice read and necessary for the continuation of the story.

This book was one that I both loved and hated at times. Things I loved: Gabrielle the heroine, many scenes with both James Mallory and Georgina (the subjects of my all time favorite Malory novel "Gentle Rogue"), a great adventure of a story and a page turning story. Things I hated: two words the 'hero.' I was so disappointed in Drew's story. Having read the story about Boyd Anderson, which I found sweet and sexy, I was so looking forward to this one and it just fell flat. As a hero, Drew comes off as arrogant, and horrible! Not only does he get drunk and spread a rumor that ensures Gabrielle won't have a chance in making a marriage he is totally unrepentant about it! Then when he takes her virginity (a scene that many are calling rape) and still feels little if any remorse, I was done with him. By the end of the book I was wishing James Malory would have taken him to the pugilist ring and not stopped pummeling until he was bloody from head to toe!! There always has to be an appropriate amount of groveling when a 'hero' acts as this guy does and there was nowhere enough! And I am sorry, the fact that she had Gabrielle's passion for him over ride her good sense no matter how he treated her just annoyed me no end!!!! If I were Gabrielle, I would have thrown him overboard.

CAPTIVE OF MY DESIRES is the eighth book in the Malory Family Series. This book is the first where there is no actual Malory as one of the main characters although the hero, Drew Anderson is familiar to fans of the series as one of the brothers of Georgina Malory. Drew is in London visiting his sister when he meets Gabrielle Brooks who had been sent by her father to England to find a husband. Drew is attracted to Gabrielle but has no intention to marry. I really liked the interaction between Drew and Gabrielle. Gabrielle is strong and determined. She takes her life in her own hands. The two strike sparks of one another. I did believe that this book is slightly weaker than the previous books in the series. I think that there is some assumption today that the reader has some familiarity with the history of these books. I really liked how Gabrielle gets her revenge upon Drew. It is funny and passionate. I did feel that the resolution was a bit rushed and not as emotionally satisfying as the other books in the series. I did like the plot and think it is a good addition to the series. I'd rate this one as a 4.25.

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