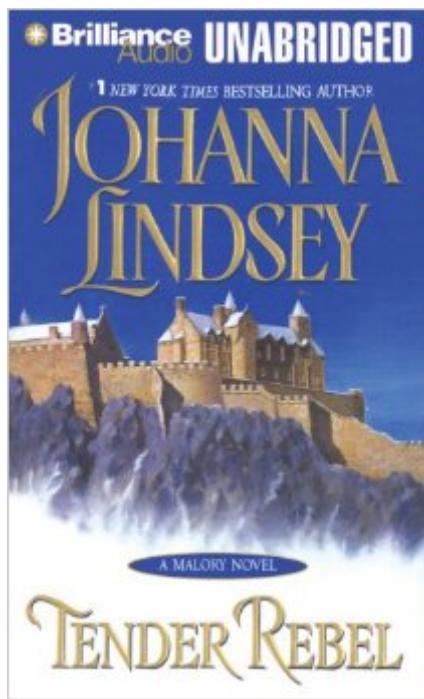


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Tender Rebel (Malory Family Series)



Synopsis

Scottish beauty Roslynn Chadwick needs the safety of marriage to protect her from an unscrupulous cousin and the fortune-hunting scoundrels who covet her wealth. And Anthony Malory is precisely the sort of handsome rogue she's been warned against. A cunning, ruthless, yet irresistible rake, Anthony's sensual blue eyes speak of pleasures beyond her imagining - and Roslynn dearly wishes she dared to surrender to such a man. Believing his passionate promises will surely lead to disaster. But denying her heart may cost the exquisite Highlands lady an unparalleled love hotter than flame and more precious than the rarest jewel.

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Customer Reviews

Anthony of "Tender Rebel" is absolutely delicious. A "connoisseur of women," Anthony is a gorgeous, wonderfully charming rake who spends the entire book trying to win the heroine's love (which he doesn't realize he has). He is one of those characters you could imagine as real: an (extraordinarily handsome) regular guy with wicked wit, a penchant for the gym, and lots of buddies to get drunk and have fun with. He's not a knight scaling castle walls. He's not a prince or swashbuckling pirate. He's not even out for revenge. He's actually the kind of guy you could run into on the street...which makes you oh-so wistful, wanting him for your very own. Anthony first appeared as Regina's adorably angry rakehell uncle in "Love Only Once," stealing the show in the first of the fantastic Malory Family series. "Tender Rebel" is the second of seven books (as of 2004). I love "Tender Rebel," which is bursting with wit, passion, and lovable characters. Both Anthony and

Roslynn are made for each other - the "confirmed bachelor" and Scottish beauty have eyes for no one else. Yet Roslynn, terrified of Anthony's scandalous reputation, refuses to fall in love with him. Too bad for Anthony, who must struggle to win her over. Roslynn has other problems besides having the most desirable man in London lusting after her. The strong-willed heiress must get herself married NOW before her fortune-hunting cousin forces her into matrimony. She agrees to let Anthony advise her on who to marry. Big mistake, since he wants her for himself. Add to the mix Anthony's many family members (especially retired pirate James and his rowdy son Jeremy), a quaint Scottish brogue, and a rather sensual use for a chair, and you have a delightful tale of love and marriage in "Tender Rebel."

Another Johanna Lindsey and another mixed bag. This is the second in the Malory series (see list below for the rest). I read it out of order but that didn't ruin it for me. Actually, I was intrigued enough by the Malory family to order more in the series even though I'm only giving this 3 and 1/2 stars. You could tell from this one there had been a prior story (Reggie and Nick) and there was a clear set up for the next one with James, the "pirate." As always, Lindsey had some fairly good dialog and some funny episodes in this Regency set in England in 1818. But there were some issues. It was fairly typical of what we're offered in the historical romance genre: Boy meets girl and falls in lust (or, falls in love but thinks it's lust); boy and girl argue and girl finds a reason (in this case it was a stretch) to mistrust the boy and they argue some more; boy saves girl and girl and boy come together. If I hadn't thought the reason for the disagreement was a bit unbelievable, and if the girl hadn't come across like a shrew, I might have rated this one higher. Certainly it would have garnered 4 stars. One of the things that bothered me, and it remains to be seen if it continues to do so as I read more: the Malory men are, for the most part, self-admitted rakes who will sleep with any willing woman yet are immune from consequences (save for their many illegitimate children). It's a bit unreal, but oh well, this is romance. The story (in more descriptive terms): Roslynn Chadwick is a Scottish heiress from the Highlands who is being pursued by her cousin Geordie who wants to force her to marry him so, she believes, he can have her wealth. Her grandfather didn't like the man and so left all his money to her.

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