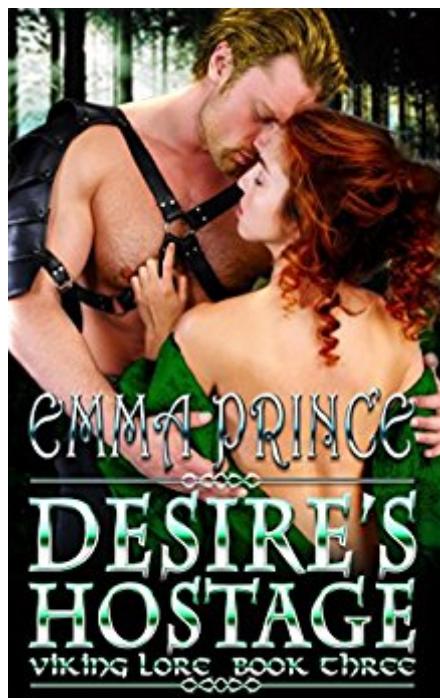


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# Desire's Hostage (Viking Lore, Book 3)



## Synopsis

She is his hostage. As the daughter of a proud Pict chieftain, Elisead's duty is to make a marriage alliance for the betterment of her people. Yet the forest spirits whisper to her, calling her into the woods to carve in stone the long forgotten markings of the old ways. But when she witnesses a terrifying band of Northmen land on the shores of her village, she senses that her fate lies with the golden leader who entrances her with his dancing emerald eyes and claims her with his forbidden touch. Desire binds them together. Alaric sets sail from the Northlands with the weighty responsibility of making a permanent settlement in Pictland. To build an alliance with a local Pict chieftain, Alaric agrees to exchange hostages and claims the chieftain's daughter as his leverage. Now, his greatest challenge is to resist Elisead, the auburn-haired beauty who captivates him completely. When the fragile negotiations turn deadly, Alaric must choose between his mission and his desire to protect Elisead from the mysterious forces working against peace between their peoples. This full-length Viking historical romance is part of the Viking Lore Series, but also can be enjoyed as a standalone novel. Pick up your copy today!

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Alaric was selected by his Jarl to go in search of land on which they can form a new settlement for their people, and he lands in Pictland near a people who have had an unfavorable run-in with some Northmen already. Alaric is tasked with persuading the Picts to allow them to settle near them and join forces against any future enemies, and while these negotiations are taking place they have traded hostages to show good faith, Alaric taking the Pict Chieftain's daughter, Elisead, but not all would see the negotiations good forward and they are plagued by incidents of sabotage in their efforts to move forward. Great mystery element to this story! I wasn't quite sure until near the end who was behind the attempts at sabotage. I loved the glimpses of both Viking and Pict culture in this story, and their contrast to each other. The mystical "old ways" air that surrounded Elisead fit in so well with the Vikings, and I thought that was a very intriguing aspect of her character. Alaric was such a non-judgmental, protective companion to Elisead, and I really liked the way he made her an equal and a partner. Great story! Note: This book was provided to me by the author for an honest review.

I love Emma Prince's writing because there is so much story. Always lots of build-up to the characters falling in love so that when they finally do, it is so much more special. I have read all of her books so far, and I have loved each one. Anyone who enjoys romance novels should give her books a chance.

Great end to the Viking Lore trilogy! I loved Alaric's story and his little forest spirit Elisead. It's especially wonderful when a story has a little bit of pict magic thrown in. Elisead is a misunderstood red haired beauty who runs through the forests and carves what stones speak to her. When Alaric first meets her he is entranced, but there are many obstacles to overcome if he is to act on his feelings. This story is filled with action, adventure, betrayal and suspense. The beloved characters from the first two novels are also part of the tale. I thoroughly enjoyed all three of these entertaining books and would highly recommend them.

Overall enjoyable read with well thoughtout characters.

Thanks enjoyed this whole Viking series a great read recommend it to all. Love your history lessons Emma. Keep up the good work .

As is usually the case with Emma Prince, this was a very well written and engrossing novel. I look forward to more from this fine author!

Just finished Desire's Hostage the 3rd. book in the series and it was just as good as the first 2 I couldn't put it down and read it in 1 Day. It is a wonderful Love story between 2 cultures Alaric the Viking and Elisead the Pict Maiden. I love the way Emma Prince explains a lot about the History of the place and times at the end of the book, It makes it so much more real I hope she will write some more books about the Vikings. I have also read all her other Books and series and she is one of my favored historical writers.

I was a little skeptical, initially, about the Viking Lore Series, but I should have known better, loving this author's books as I do. Desire's Hostage is spectacular!! I actually started with this book first, and needless to say, have since read every book in this fabulous series. Alaric and Elisead's story is absolutely captivating. Ms. Prince had me from the first page. This book is a beautiful love story, interspersed with strong characters, history, and such interesting insights into the Viking/Pict world. Just delightful, and beautifully written. This book is a must read!!! Treat yourself! It's like enjoying your favorite dessert, feeling wonderful and satisfied! ENJOY!!

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