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Synopsis

The King's executioner. The future queen. A forbidden love. The King's executioner is feared by all, and rightfully so. He has the power to bring great suffering and with one swing of his double-sided axe a swift death. He is sent to collect the future Queen and deliver her to the King, but from the moment he meets Anin he knows that will prove more difficult than he thought in more ways than one, for someone wants her dead. Anin has no choice but to go with the executioner and wed the High King, though she would prefer not to, especially after meeting Paine. He brings things alive in her that she has been forced to keep hidden and as her secrets begin to surface so do her feelings for the executioner. The couple fights not only to survive insurmountable challenges, but also the attraction and the love that grows between them on their journey to Pictland. Their biggest challenge comes when they finally stand before the infamous King Talon.

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Customer Reviews

I haven't read a historical novel in a long time and I was not disappointed in reading this one. This is my first book by Donna Fletcher and although I will stick with my paranormal and contemporary

novels, I am interested in Wrath and Talon's stories. So I look forward to reading them. There was a lot of action, mystery and angst in this story. Paine did not believe a future for him contained a wife and children. As the executioner, he is feared and alone. Anin showed him a different future and a love that was unbreakable. I felt their relationship was slow and drawn out. There were discrepancies with eye color for the main characters. All in all I enjoyed this story.

I loved this book! Paine has been tasked with retrieving Anin, The King's bride and bringing her back to the Pict stronghold. Anin's mother has bid her daughter to run away because she does not believe she's a fit bride for the king. Anin is a kind and gentle woman who has a special gift that she's kept closely hidden almost all of her life. This gift seems more like a curse to her and only becomes stronger after she meets Paine. Paine and Anin are really attracted to one another but she's destined to be the bride of the king so they try to keep their distance. Once Paine finds out Anin's secret he knows that the king will never wed her and he's worried for her. The journey back to the stronghold becomes perilous when it becomes obvious that someone is trying to kill Anin. When they finally make it back and the king is informed of Anin's gift he surprises them both by joining them in marriage. But someone is still trying to kill Anin and is plotting against the king. Many secrets are revealed and once again it seems like our hero and heroine will not get a HEA. This book is extremely well-written, has a lot of twists and turns, has a lot of action, steamy love scenes and a really soul deep type of love. I would highly recommend this book and I'm looking forward to the rest of the series!

I thought this was a great book. Loved the story and the characters. Both Anin and Paine were strong characters. As was Bog! Very well written. Looking forward to the next two books in the series.

I love this author and I've read almost all of her books. This is a new series, the Pict King series. This is the first book. The King needs a wife and his Executioner's job is to bring his appointed wife to him. The King needs a son and Anin is the daughter of a woman who gave her husband several strong sons so tag she's it. Only her Mother doesn't want that for her daughter so she sends her away. There is a secret involved and the Executioner or Paine will find out what it is and bring Anin to the King. Lots of interesting stuff happening and dissent among the tribes along the way. Great story, great book and great beginning to this series. Cannot wait to read The King's Warrior - book 2.

Yet another wonderful read from this author. I am eagerly awaiting the next installment. (That's really my only complaint- the wait time for the next book). Love all of the characters and they were well developed.

I always enjoy Ms. Fletcher's stories. I love the relationship between Anin and Paine and, because of it, Paine's struggle to be loyal to his King. I enjoy the fact that Ms. Fletcher doesn't separate her hero and heroine but rather keeps them together though out the story. I was somewhat perplexed by the review that said it wasn't fast paced. I found it moved quickly along and especially with all the dangers the two faced in their travel to reach the King. I have never found Ms. Fletcher's stories to be boring. The romance, the action, the love keeps you turning the pages until you reach the end with a huge smile. Hope Ms. Fletcher is almost finished with the King's story. The winter will soon be upon us and I can't wait to curl up in a comfy chair on a snowy day and read the King's story. I have already read The Kings's Warrior, the second in the Pict series, and was not disappointed.

I LOVED this story, it stayed with me for several days after I finished it. This is a book I will read again. Paine and Anin were wonderful together and what an adventure they had! This story had everything . . . ancient times, tribal lore, a long hard journey together which led to forbidden love, people trying to kill them, paranormal elements of magic, and hard won happiness. Bog was wonderful too, what a great and endearing character. And, I thought the book cover was an excellent depiction of Paine. One of the best books I've read this year.

I would give this a 3.5, but since you can't I opted for the 4, since it really wasn't a bad book. it's a little slow paced, mainly because the author kept repeating the female characters thoughts as to why she can't tell the whole truth. (the author did this in the second book too) it feels like she was just trying to fill space with words so kept going over and over it until you just wanted to shout at the character to just tell someone already!! but other than that, I enjoyed the creativity, this is a fantasy book, as in "not our world". and the male character was pretty well written, that's always important. I don't really read too many of the fantasy type books, but this series (2 so far) isn't too far out of the norm, so it was easy to accept. I will probably read the 3rd book when it comes out, just so I can finish it up, but I wouldn't go out of my way to search for this author again, I prefer a little more fast paced books.

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