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Come The Morning (Graham Clan Book 1)



Synopsis

A battle of wills is ignited when a Viking's daughter is forced to marry a Scottish warrior knight. During a bloody borderland skirmish, thirteen-year-old Waryk de Graham wields his slain father's sword and vanquishes the Norman enemy. Ten years later, with King Henry I dead and the English succession in chaos, Waryk, the newly knighted Laird Lion, is once again fighting for his Scottish homeland—this time against Normans and Vikings alike. But it is for the heart of one extraordinary woman that the great warrior will wage his fiercest battle. The daughter of a Gaelic noblewoman and a Viking warlord, proud, independent Lady Mellyora MacAdin of Blue Isle is a formidable swordswoman who yields to no man. When Scotland's King David decrees that she marry the war-scarred knight Waryk in order to keep the Viking island secure for his kingdom, she defiantly rebels. *Come the Morning* is the first novel in Heather Graham's medieval Scottish series that introduces the Graham clan, Gaelic-speaking Lowlanders who fight with their Highland brethren for the country they love. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Heather Graham, including rare photos from the author's personal collection. *Come the Morning* is the 1st book in the Graham Clan series, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

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Customer Reviews

Out of all of Miss Drake's books, this one has to be my favorite! I love this book so much, I'm not even sure how many times I've reread it in the past years, and I couldn't put it down the first time I read it. In a way, the story IS kind of typical. You've got the strong arrogant knight and the stubborn rebellious maiden who are forced to get married over duty. I found the book to be really fast paced. As with all of Shannon Drake's books, there's a lot of battle scenes involved so if u like a lot of that "brave and handsome knights in battle" stuff, this one's the one for you. I really liked the heroine even though I hear a lot of complaints about how immature, bratty, and childish she was. I can actually understand how she must have felt living in an age where woman were considered weak and were powerless. She had such an exceptionally strong will to be free to rule her father's lands that it made her seem bratty. The key to the book is that she didn't hate her husband for who he was, but absolutely despised the idea that she had been COMMANDED to marry him. Throw this heroine in with a mature but arrogant and fiery hero and you've got a really fun and entertaining read. I love their first encounter when the heroine tries to escape her fate of marriage by fleeing the King's castle. I've read so many books where the two main characters are clawing each other in the throat one minute and then sleeping with each other in the next, totally forgetting the fact that they're suppose to be hating each other. I can say that this one's definitely different. You see a slow but gradual change in how the two characters feel toward each other...no jumping around. I felt that their personalities were more true and it made them seem more realistic.

This was a terrific story. Realistic battles, several great characters, drama, romance, excitement, and triumph. Waryk de Graham is a young fledgling warrior. He enters his very first battle at his father's side. When he awakens from an injury to his head, he finds his father lying dead beside him. The rest of his family lies dead as well. He is the last of the Graham name. Filled with rage, he pulls himself from the ground, grabs his father's sword, and runs to attack his enemies in surprise. He manages to kill most of them, as King David arrives with troops to help. David sees that Waryk has the potential to be a great champion. He knights Waryk there on the battle field. Waryk is now Sir Waryk de Graham, Laird Lion. He pledges his life to David's service, determined at the same time to use his father's sword to bring down the rest of his enemies. Years later, with his father's sword in hand, Waryk has earned his king's respect. King David decides to reward Waryk by giving him a vast estate, complete with a beautiful heiress for his bride. Mellyora MacAdin is the daughter of a former Viking warlord. Her father, Laird Adin, had long ago changed his ways and become one of King David's loyal lairds. However, he raises his daughter in the Viking tradition of teaching

women to battle along with their men. Mellyora is a woman who can handle a sword against men who would attack her, her home, or her people. When Laird Adin dies suddenly, his daughter travels to David's court in hopes of keeping her father's land, known as Blue Isle. David has already decided that Mellyora will marry Waryk, making certain that her Viking relatives can not seize the property. Mellyora escapes from the king's castle.

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