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A Highlander's Temptation.

Welfonder, Sue-Ellen (Author)

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Arabella of Kintail sets out to find her own husband when she realizes her father scares away all her suitors, and her first objective is a pilgrimage to the faraway Seal Isles to seek St. Egbert's help on her quest. That crafty meddler Devorgilla and her fox-companion Somerled prod a lusty and impoverished but honorable laird, Darroc the MacConacher, into rescuing Arabella when her ship is rammed by bloodthirsty Vikings; while she recovers from her wounds and enchants his subjects, Darroc must choose between the satisfaction of a long-awaited vengeance on her father and the lure of a forbidden love. Welfonder's return to Kintail and its Highlanders offers another delightfully swashbuckling adventure for hero and heroine alike as she continues to weave magical tales of redemption, love, and loyalty amid the challenges of life in glorious, perilous mid-fourteenth-century Scotland.

— *Lynne Welch*