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#### **Editorial Review**

Review

#### From Booklist:

Built more than 800 years ago, the Masterson bedhas a wonderfully rich history, which museum curator Laurel Whitney lovesrelating to each group she shepherds through Masterson Manor. Today's tour isespecially poignant because the owners of the manor have sold the place. Gathering her last group around her, Laurel tells them about the manyMastersons who have shared the bed: the medieval knight who returned home from the Crusades to find that his wife by proxy was not at all happy to see him, the Elizabethan mercenary who kidnapped the wrong woman only to realize he didnot want to give her up, and the Regency miss who chains her former lover to the bed to keep her smuggler brother safe. Unbeknownst to Laurel, one moreromance will be played out upon that famous bed--this one involving Laurelherself and annoyingly attractive handyman Ned Masterson. Dodd and Brockway'screative collaboration yields four delightfully humorous and delectably sexyromances that exemplify their witty writing and talent for creating compellingcharacters. John Charles Copyright © American LibraryAssociation. All rights reserved

#### From Publishers Weekly:

An 800-year-old bed bears silent witness tocenturies' worth of naughty shenanigans in Once Upon a Pillow, a collaborationbetween veteran romance writers Christina Dodd and Connie Brockway. The epicopens in 13th-century England with a crusading knight and his fast-talking,murderous maiden bride and culminates with a present-day social history gradstudent who gives tours through the medieval manor house where the bed is thestar attraction; she longs to acquire it or at least give it a whirlherself. *Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.* 

From the Author

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From the Inside Flap

Notuntil her kidnapping did Lady Helwin realize how badly security in Trecombe haddisintegrated. Whenshe heard the hoof beats galloping down the beach toward her, she turned -- and smiled.

Anywoman who appreciated masculine beauty would have smiled. The beach stretchedon in a smooth, unbroken line of silver sand and sheer cliffs, the wind blewoff the sea, and Rion Masterson rode like a centaur, black cape and raven hairflying behind him, eyes glittering in the late afternoon sun, pleasure in theexhilarating ride emanating from every line of his fine form. A handsome figure of a man, an adventurer who had gone abroad to seek his fortune -- and failedmiserably.

Now he sought prosperity closer tohome, and Helwin wanted to wish him luck -- sarcastically, of course. She'dobserved the newly returned nobleman as he visited her uncle's house. She'dadmired his grace, his wit,

the skillful way he used his green eyes to temptand seduce - not her, but her cousin Bertilda. She could have told him Bertildamight relish a dalliance with the dangerous lord of Castle Masterson, butBertilda vetted her suitors' finances with the cool eye of a cutpurse.

ButHelwin could tell Rion nothing. She was not permitted to show her face tovisitors. Out of sight, out of mind, had been Uncle Carroll's philosophy aboutHelwin, and except for the occasional careless inquiry from one of her father'sold friends, no one cared about Helwin's fate. Helwin might as well resignherself to living out her life as a lonely spinster in her uncle's household.

Butshe could still enjoy a solitary walk on the beach, and she did thrill to the sight of Rion Masterson riding toward her ... right toward her. Right *at* her.

Shetried to move out of his path.

He swerved as if to follow her.

She waved her arms to callattention to herself.

Helaughed, an open-mouthed, merry laugh that frightened her in its intensity.

Whywas he riding at her so determinedly? Was he the kind of man who found pleasurein running down a helpless woman?

Or had someone -- Uncle Carroll, even Bertilda -- told him she would be here and offered him a reward foreliminating that annoying remembrance of former days?

Helwin caught her breath. Herheart skipped a beat, then leaped into a pounding frenzy. Bertilda. That witchBertilda had insisted Helwin go for a late afternoon walk. She had insistedHelwin wear her purple velvet cape.

Bertildahad set her up.

Helwin fled, swerving to reach theboulders scattered at the bottom of the cliff. If she could make it that far,Rion wouldn't dare ride his precious war horse through the rubble and take achance of laming him. She could make it. Surely she ould make it.

The stallion thundered behind her. She could almost feel its hot breath on her neck. But she was safe ... almost there ... when the horse charged past her. She had only a moment of optimism, ableak hope that Rion would ride on when, with one strong arm below her ribs, hescooped her up.

Sheopened her mouth to scream, but in a single smooth movement, he brought her upand over, flinging her face-down before him on the horse.

"There you are, darling," heshouted. "You put on a good show, but I vow no one saw us. We'll be safe forthe night."

Readers who enjoy Stephanie Laurens and Julia Quinn will enjoy KIDNAPPED!

#### **Users Review**

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