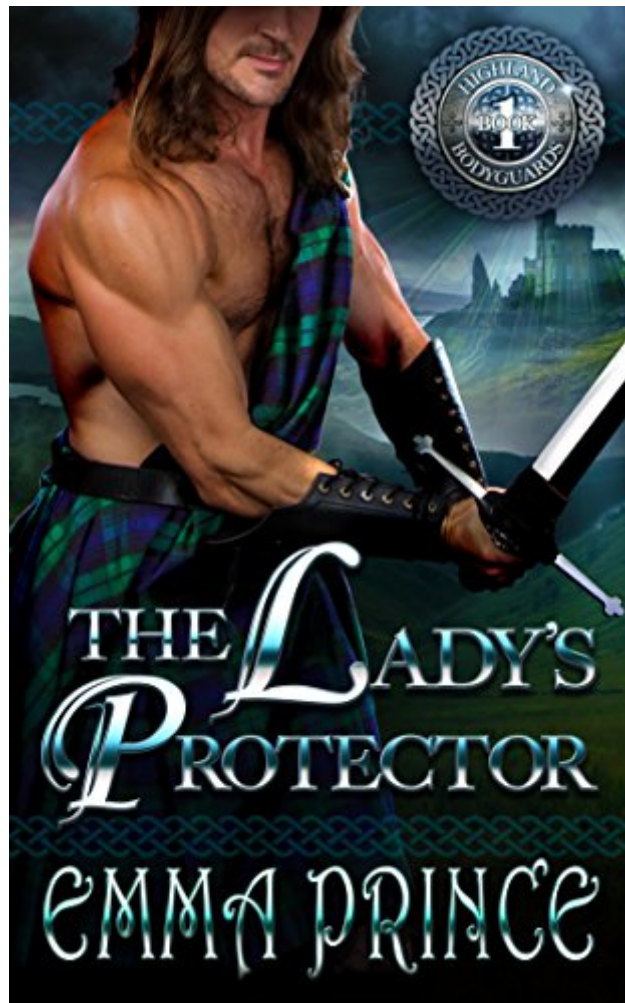




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# The Lady's Protector (Highland Bodyguards, Book 1)



## Synopsis

The Battle of Bannockburn may be over, but the war is far from won. Her Protector Ansel Sutherland is charged with a mission from King Robert the Bruce to protect the illegitimate son of a powerful English Earl. Though Ansel bristles at aiding an Englishman, the nature of the war for Scottish independence is changing, and he is honor-bound to serve as a bodyguard. He arrives in England to fulfill his assignment, only to meet the beautiful but secretive Lady Isolda, who refuses to tell him where his ward is. When a mysterious attacker threatens Isolda's life, Ansel realizes he is the only thing standing between her and deadly peril. His Lady Isolda harbors dark secrets she refuses to reveal to the rugged Highland rogue who arrives at her castle demanding answers. But Ansel's dark eyes cut through all her defenses, threatening to undo her resolve. To protect her past, she cannot submit to the white-hot desire that burns between them. As the threat to her life spirals out of control, she has no choice but to trust Ansel to whisk her to safety deep in the heart of the Highlands. This full-length Scottish historical romance is part of the Highland Bodyguards Series, but also can be enjoyed as a standalone novel. Pick up your copy today!

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I really enjoyed this story. Both the Hero and Heroine were likable, loyal characters. I didn't feel there was any filler or 'fluff' in this story. Every line contributed something to the story. It was a joy to read and I have already downloaded other books by this first time (for me) author.

Book 1 of the series Highland Bodyguards was as great as all Emma Prince's other series I have read. I loved the characters of Ansel and Lady Isolda. Their love story and suspenseful flight to the Highlands and a wonderful ending is , why I love all Emma's books and can't wait for book 2 of the series.

This was very good. It is book 1 in the new series. It is Ansel Sutherland's story with Lady Isolda. It flowed at a really good pace. I don't want to give away any spoilers. The actual description of this story is intriguing enough. I love forward to book 2. Hopefully, it will be out soon.

This book is the first book in a wonderful series about a newly created group of Highlanders -- "The Highland Bodyguard". The Bodyguards have an important assignment -- to protect the powerless against England's covert attempts to eliminate people England deems a threat. These Highlanders are to be assigned to various missions by Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland. The Highlanders are not very thrilled by the assignments, in part, because they are being typically assigned to protect English women and children. In this story, Ansel Sutherland is assigned the job of protecting the illegitimate son of the Earl of Lancaster, a despised Lord who has come to the Bruce attempting on the surface anyway to establish an alliance with the Scots. Ansel sets out for England and the castle of Dunstanburg, near the town of Embleton. Embleton is a newly established town that serves as the home for servants and other workers at the castle, including those masons, carpenters, and others building the castle walls, turrets, and gates. Ansel is surprised and disappointed when he finds the castle is incomplete and largely unprotected. There is no garrison of warriors or other protections. He realizes he has a huge job to do; later taking on the repair and preparations for completing the castle as well as training people to defend the castle. The real challenge he faces lies in the secretive and protective Lady Isolda. She refuses to tell Ansel where the child he is to protect is hidden. Only reluctantly does she later reveal that charge to be protected is her and the Earl of Lancaster's son! Later, after an attempt is made on her life by a hired worker, she shares some information with Ansel. The Earl of Lancaster has his eye on the crown of England. He sees England's Edward II as weak and he, Lancaster sees himself as better suited for the crown.

However, Robert the Bruce, believing the Earl is sincere has assigned Ansel to protect, John, the Earl's son. The story has several twists and turns including a change in how Ansel feels about his assignment, John, and Isolda in particular. Ansel learns, among other things, that the Earl is not to be trusted and that his ambitions make life very difficult for Ansel and the charges he must protect. No, I won't give away all of the plot but this is a story well worth reading. Once I started the book I could not put it down!

The plot is interesting & dialogue between the main characters moves the action well. I wish there had been an epilogue beginning a year later to see how well the characters developed in their new lives. I enjoyed this novel & look forward to reading the others. Sincerely,

"The Lady's Protector (Highland Bodyguards, Book 1)" by Emma Prince is such a great read. The flow of the book is done wonderfully, and this is the first time in a long time that I've found a book of this genre that I truly enjoyed.

Isolde has sent her son away to a separate hiding place due to attempts on his life. Ansel has been summoned by Robert the Bruce to protect the son hoping to cement an alliance with the Earl of Lancaster.

...but I bought the next three books in the series, so you could say that I thought it was pretty fine. I liked the use of actual historical figures. I especially like the historical background Prince gives at the end of her books. This one was particularly interesting.

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