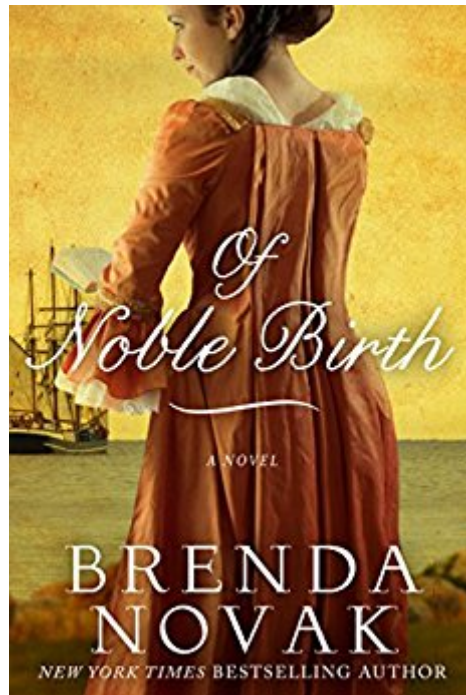




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Synopsis

Furious at his aristocratic father for abandoning him as an infant, Nathaniel Kent spends his days exacting revenge in a most lucrative way. The handsome, blue-eyed pirate captain attacks his father's boats, plundering their cargo and reaping the rewards. When Nathaniel takes a lovely seamstress as his hostage, mistaking her for his spoiled and wealthy half sister, he feels elated over his clever capture. But his sense of triumph disappears as he slowly becomes tormented by his rising passion for the spirited young woman. After years of abuse from her violent stepfather, seamstress Alexandra Cogsworth finally planned her escape. But she never intended to wind up as a hostage on a pirate ship. Determined to ensure her safe passage on the Royal Vengeance, she keeps her true identity secret, playing the part of Nathaniel's blood relation. But as her desire for the charismatic yet dangerous Nathaniel grows, the rising current of their mutual longing could sweep them both away forever. Revised edition: This edition of *Of Noble Birth* includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

Nathaniel is born with 1 arm. His father wanted to kill him as a newborn because of it instead the

maid escapes with him. Then the story moves forward where Nathaniel is older, he became a pirate to bait his father's shipping fleet. He then comes up with a plan to kidnap his half-sister. With some confusion he kidnaps a seamstress instead of his sister. There is an attraction between Alexandra and Nathaniel, she tells him she is not his sister and even though he is attracted to her he does not believe her completely although he has doubts. As they are in his cabin on his ship the space is cramped and she can't help but feel something for him. Because of the attraction she plays hot and cold on being his sister as she feels that she would be safe from the crew if they think she is his sister. When Nathaniel captures Jake the truth comes out. But Alexandra wants a husband and children and Nathaniel does not believe that he can give her that. I admired the fact that she fell in love with him even though he only had one arm and she saw him without a shirt. When I thought the story would be ending I still had 50% of the book left. Then all the twists and turns with his father start. A good book.

Pros: Better than average writing, although "ahold" is not a word in my dictionary. Interesting plot twists among standard "perils of Pauline" events. Final denouement was a surprise to me. Cons: The "almost sex scenes" are more distasteful than erotic. That the hero is attracted to a woman he believes is his half sister is not really the issue because he is horrified by the attraction and fights against it. There are two or three almost sexual assaults. Also in the beginning, Nathaniel is remarkably cruel towards someone he is planning to use merely as a pawn. He seems inconsistent. Perhaps I just like to have my heroes more heroic.

The author draws you in and makes you feel right at home as the picture is painted...commoners and nobles, those forgotten and those whom they wanted to forget. His grace wanted perfection, but actions cause a series of events...all things loved he lost... The things he hated stood tall and triumphed. Awesome read!

While I enjoyed the story of Alexandra and Nathaniel, I must say that after convincing me of the magnetic pull between the two, I was left wanting. I wanted the undeniable attraction to be consummated. It never was. So, if you like some actual steam created by your romance couples, this book will not oblige, other than kissing and breast fondling. The story did hold my interest and the writing was flowed well. There were times when circumstances seemed too contrived for my liking. Also, to have a snitch who is named Rat was too much. But, I did like the main characters. I particularly liked Alexandra who had a strong inner character, was resourceful, and kind to others.

Another great story by Brenda Novak, action, emotion, unique and kept me turning the pages. Believe this was her first 'Historical Romance', I have loved reading them all, 4 to date and all are 5 stars, hope she writes more.

Very tired today due to lack of sleep. Picked this book to read yesterday night and could not put it down. The story line is very interesting. I like that the heroine is not spoiled and the hero is actually not perfect. I also like the fact that the heroine does not just give in to temptation. She actually know what she wants in life and does not settle until she gets what she deserve hence not much 'romance' in the book which is fine with me. Sometimes it is refreshing to find a character stands her ground. The reason for 4 star? well, there are unbelievable moments in the book. And also, I felt that there are secondary characters that are left hanging such as his sister, Lady Anne. Other than that, it is pretty good read.

I have always preferred to read stories set in present time, but am thoroughly enjoying Ms. Novak's historical romances. There is romance but the intrigue makes the book hard to put down

First regency romance I read by Brenda Novak. She just made my top author list. Terrific pacing and character development. This story had engrossed from the first page.

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