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Editorial Review

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Set in Scotland during the time of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, *A Year and a Day* features Englishman Lynx de Warenne and Celtic heroine Jane Leslie. Lynx is a powerful yet cynical knight who is delighted to lay claim to Scotland's Dumfries Castle as commanded by the king. In Dumfries, Lynx enjoys his steward, Jock Leslie, and Leslie's enormous family of 10 children and 31 grandchildren. Lynx, at age 30, is desperate for an heir and proposes that he marry the youngest Leslie daughter, despite that she is a commoner and has no interest in marriage. Lynx believes that the Leslies are so fertile that he is willing to marry beneath himself just for the sake of a child. Jane Leslie, a proud Celtic healer, is a sensitive creature who communes with wild animals and paints lodestones. Although Jane has strong wishes to the contrary, the two engage in a handfast: they will be together as husband and wife for a year and day; after that time, they will be able to choose whether to stay together. The love affair that ensues is tempestuous and passionate and pure Virginia Henley!

From Library Journal

An English nobleman who is desperate for a son and a free-spirited, clairvoyant healer who charms animals end up bound by the ancient Scottish handfast for "a year and a day." Despite their initial antipathy, they end up falling in love. The pageantry, politics, and violence of early-14th-century Britain provide the backdrop for this fast-paced story with a dash of mysticism. Historical characters such as Robert the Bruce and Edward Plantaganet add a touch of authenticity. Boldly drawn characters, graphic sex, occasionally unorthodox sexual fantasies, and an emphasis on action rather than character development will please Henley's many fans; but her less-than-polished writing style will not appeal to everyone. Henley (Dream Lover, LJ 10/15/96) lives in Florida and Ontario.

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There are certain expectations when a romance author's book is published in hardcover. With her second, Henley delivers. The story takes place during the same time period as that of the film *Braveheart* and has some of the same characters. King Edward Plantagenet, Robert Bruce, and William Wallace are all here. The focus of the story is Lynx de Warenne, an English knight, and Jane Leslie, an aspiring Celtic priestess. King Edward gives Lynx the care of Dunfries Castle. There he meets Jock Leslie, the apolitical keeper of the castle and the father of 10 children, with Jane being the youngest. Desirous of an heir, Lynx agrees to handfast Jane in the Scottish custom and marry her if she gets pregnant. Both come to this agreement with baggage: he, a mistress; she, her Celtic roots. As with any romance, they eventually work out their problems. However, with Virginia Henley in control, they do it with humor, wit, and lusty encounters. The book should appeal to readers of romance and historical fiction. *Patty Engelmann*

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