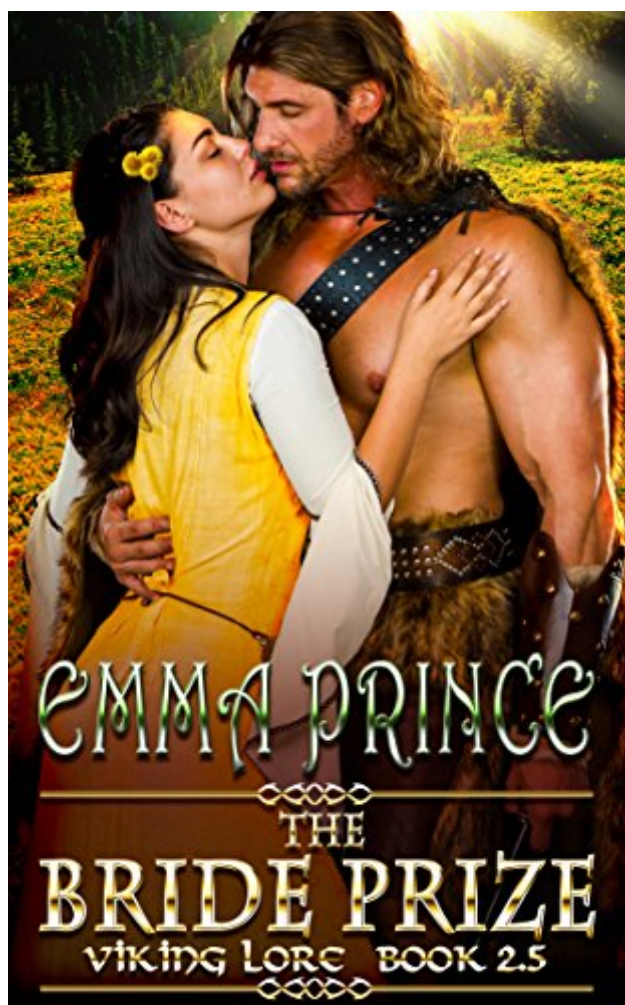


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# The Bride Prize (Viking Lore, Book 2.5)



## Synopsis

With his family lost to illness, Tarr leaves the only home he's ever known with nothing but a dream to sail across the North Sea to the mysterious lands in the west. In order to earn a spot on his Jarl's voyage, he must compete against his fellow Northmen in games of strength and skill. But when he learns that the prize for winning the competition is the hand of the dark-haired beauty he met only days ago, will he be forced to choose between his dreams and his heart? Eyva wants nothing more than to train as a shieldmaiden, but her parents refuse, hoping to yoke her to their Northland farm forever. When they put her up as the bride prize for their village's festivities, she fears she will never escape the fate of a grueling life on her parents' farm. But Tarr's longing gaze and soft kisses just might give her the courage to fight for herself and for their budding love.

\*This is a novella in the Viking Lore series and features all the beloved characters from Enthralled, Shieldmaiden's Revenge, and Desire's Hostage. Although it is meant to take place between Shieldmaiden's Revenge (Book 2) and Desire's Hostage (Book 3), it can be read as a stand-alone novella.\*\*This novella was originally published in the Sirens of the Northern Seas collection in January, 2016.

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A quick tale of "Viking Lore", "The Bride Prize" is a interesting, sweet tale of Viking games, stories and life during this era. The characters are engaging and well developed. The storyline is bit unique, and interesting. There was no danger or intrigue involved. A tale of a young maiden, who wishes to be a Shieldmaiden, but denied that dream by her parents and given as the Bride Prize for the Viking games. A young lad, who wishes for adventure and joining the journey to find new and start a new settlement. A sweet romance, that's sure to capture your interest. An enjoyable read for an afternoon read. Personal buy! Rating: 4 Heat rating: Sweet Reviewed by: April R

This is my first book to read of this author. I happened to read it from Sirens of the Northern Seas collection. I really enjoyed it. Tarr and Evya's short story is well rounded and complete. Tarr competes in some games to draw attention to himself in order to secure a position on a voyage. Evya wants to be a Shield maiden, but her parents instead give her up as part of the prize of the games to benefit themselves. I would have liked a little more heat to this, since we are telling Viking Romance stories, but it still was good. I will have to go back and read some more of her stories.

Eyva wants to train as a Shieldmaiden, but it has been forbidden by her family, instead she is to be offered as the Bride Prize at the Jarl's games. After losing his family to illness, Tarr hopes to gain a position with the Jarl's Captain by winning the Jarl's games, the Bride Prize is of no interest to him and he plans to refuse it, but he can't seem to get Eyva out of his mind. Sweet short tale. Both can't ignore the pull to each other, but are nonetheless resigned to being apart. Luckily some friends help them along. Loved both characters. Great story!

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