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When ebon-haired Maren James heard that the notorious Captain Hawk was aboard her British ship searching for illegally impressed American sailors, she couldn't wait for the pirate to be on his way. She was impatient to be back home in New Orleans and this brash buccaneer was slowing her down. But then she saw the self-centered male who strode into her cabin - and the luscious beauty couldn't deny the raging ecstasy that sparked between them. Before she could consider the consequences, she was succumbing to his masterful touch - body, heart and soul!

## **Fortune's Flames Details**

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## From Reader Review Fortune's Flames for online ebook

### Krystina Schuler says

Fun, fast-paced historical romance. Maren is an intelligent, independent woman living in 1814 New Orleans. Orphaned and single, she intends to stay single and self-sufficient. She takes over the family casino and runs it by herself, while fending off the likes of Captain Hawk, the greed of her cousin, and attempting to figure out what really happened to her parents. The novel is full of intrigue, spies, pirates, and murder. A good, guilty-pleasure read.

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### Regan Walker says

Exciting Privateer Adventure in New Orleans during the War of 1812

Set during the War of 1812, this is the story of Maren Jones, an American, sailing on her cousin's ship from England to her home in New Orleans when a privateer by the name of Captain Hawk attacks and boards their ship.

The infamous Captain Hawk is actually Jared Morgan, a patriot from Savannah who is working for President Madison and looking for traitors supporting the British. Maren's cousin, Eric, tells her he is also working for the President, but it seems he is lying to her about many things.

Maren met Jared when she was 15 and was so enthralled, she disguised herself as a lad and followed the handsome young man around the wharf. So, when he captures her ship and then steals a kiss, she does not resist. Jared finds her enchanting, but he is also suspicious of both her cousin and her.

This is a tale has many twists and turns and wartime treachery as well. Maren and Jared come together to solve some mysterious happenings and find a way to be together. Jared is certainly a worthy hero I could not help but love. And Maren, having lost her father and mother, is determined to make it on her own with the gambling club left to her, Lady Luck.

There's a surprise at the end, too!

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### Carrie says

I was never interested in pirates until this book. It was clever, thrilling and worth the read! <3

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### July says

Maren James boards her cousin Eric's ship for home to America from London. But there is a war between the British and America and it makes it very dangerous. Eric has some bad news to tell Maren. That her parents are dead and the shipping business was failing and her father left it to him and he has been making a go of it getting supplies to the blockade. He proceeds to tell her that she must play the part of Mrs Slade while on

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board for her safety.

The more Eric tells her the more things don't sound right but she keeps it to herself. They are overtaken by a privateer that boards to find out what is on board. Eric has told her what to say which has made her think things are not right. When she see the man who is in charge she just about passes out. He is the man she has wanted since she was 15 years old. So she flirts with him, to see if he remembers but Captain Hawk does not. But he will find her months later in New Orleans. And help her solve her mystery.

Captain Hawk is just the man for Maren James. He will help her when all the accidents start coming her way. Captain Hawk is just what her father would have wanted for her.

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### **Libbi says**

I couldn't finish it. Plot was slow, things didn't make sense, and I didn't like any of the characters.

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### **Nessa says**

IT IS AN ENJOYABLE STORY BUT NOTHING THAT WOULD SET YOUR NERVES HIGH OR HAVE YOU JUMPING OFF YOUR COUCH IN JOY. NOTHING INTENSE OR DRAMATIC.

It was basically a love at first sight story and upon reuniting, the lovers get the chance to Stoke the flames of their desires and embrace the love they have for one another. Meanwhile, the villain of the story is the one whereby the mystery surrounds and is the obstacle that stands before the heroine because it is her beloved cousin.

What he did? You will have to find out by reading it. Honestly I just skimmed through the book because halfway done the lovers have already begun their marriage life while trying to uncover who the villain is.

OVERALL it is okay. Not something I would reread again in future.

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### **Landy Jimenez says**

First historical romance novel I read and the one that got me into reading.

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