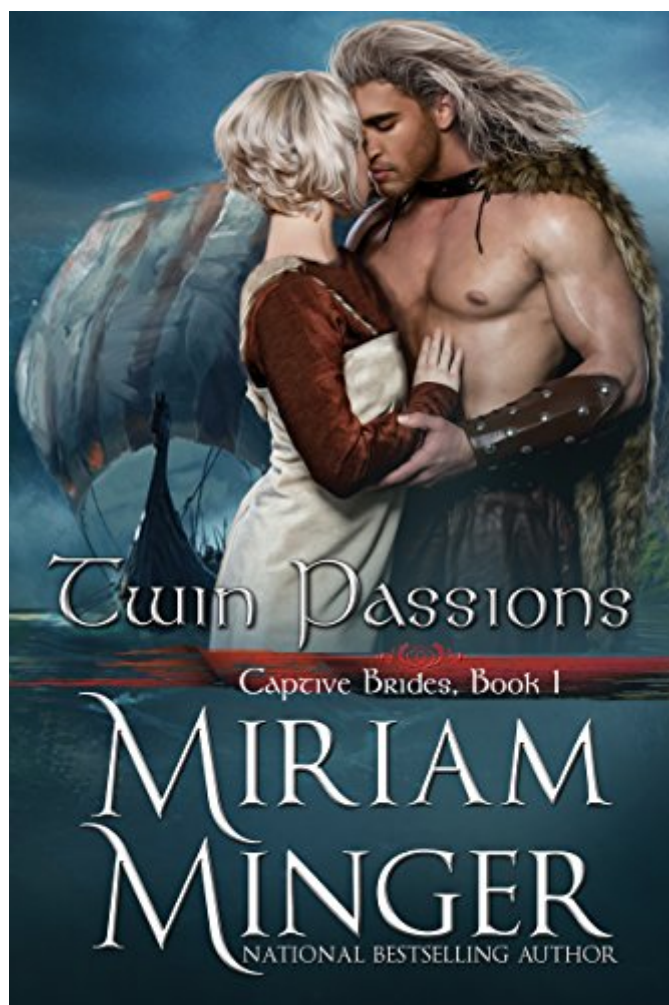


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# Twin Passions (Captive Brides Collection Book 1)



## Synopsis

Bride-to-be Anora finds her wedding plans suddenly shattered when she and her identical twin, tomboyish Gwendolyn, are kidnapped and taken aboard a Viking ship. While the handsome captain mistakes Gwendolyn for a boy and appoints her his servant, Anora captures his heart and he vows to have her. To preserve her sister's maidenhood, Gwendolyn initiates a dangerous game. Will the twins be rescued before Gwendolyn surrenders to her own passion? \*\*Winner of a Best Medieval Historical Romance Award from Romantic Times\*\* "Five stars! A fabulous debut!" -- Romantic Times

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gwendolyn is definitely your typical headstrong, tomboy heroine - which definitely borders on the line between awesome and annoying. She has many redeeming qualities though, protective of her sister, hardworking, and determined. She also makes one of the ultimate sacrifices to save her twin Anora, which is a pro in my book. One of the biggest annoyances in the story was the repeated mistake of leaving un-escorted. In fact, that's what got the twins in to this entire mess to begin with. But does Gwendolyn learn a lesson? NO. She does this again and again, and each time she puts their lives at stake. Otherwise, the characters were interesting (loved Hakon!) and the author paints beautiful pictures with her descriptions. I really liked the details about the different cultures and their daily lives. Minger has definitely put in a lot of effort to this book, and it showed. The ending of the

book was quite happy and everything works out perfectly. I was a bit irritated that the same villains came back. I also didn't like how secrets were revealed. I mean who narrates like that during their sleep? Oh well. Good read, but glad it was free!

Twin Passions by Miriam Minger Godric, the Earl of Cheshire and his wife, Lady Bronwen have twin daughters. Anora is always the proper English lady while Gwendolyn enjoys wearing her trousers and going on the hunts with her father. More like a son. Life was about to change for the young ladies as Anora was about to marry so they agreed to spend one more morning together before the marriage. A morning that turns out quite differently for them. The morning they go from English ladies to Viking slaves. Hakon was the second son and had left his home to go into trading and he did quite well at it. When he gets a message that his brother is ill and he must return to Norge, he goes. When it's discovered that he was disobeyed and two of the men have taken captives while they were stopped in England, he's outraged but cannot return them and one look at the glorious Anora and he don't want to ever let her go. Her 'brother' Garric is quite the spirited young man and much too pretty for a boy. What he doesn't know is that Garric is not a young man and that Anora's twin will stop at nothing to protect her sister and get them home so that she can be reunited with her betrothed. This was definitely a book that I couldn't put down until the last page. Full of adventure and some nasty villains who just wouldn't die. A sister's love so strong that she would put herself in danger or give completely of herself to protect the other. And of course full of Vikings and their unique ways and lifestyle. \*\*Sexual situations

This is the first historical romance I've read that involved Vikings. The research was terrific and Ms. Minger's descriptions left me with the feeling I was there. It was a nice snapshot into the Viking world. The story was intense at times and kept me wanting to read to find out how it would all play out. I really enjoyed the relationship between the girls and the author did a marvelous job of showing how they cared for each other. It would have been a five star if not for a few issues I had with the whole hair cutting thing not making sense. Also, at one point Garric/Gwen got a whipping but was fine that same day? Finally, Gwen had always been referred to as 'she' and 'her' but at one point it changed to 'he', 'him' etc.. and then it was back to the female descriptors which made it confusing. The hot and sexy Hakon was quite the romantic and a good match for Gwen. Without revealing too much, I found it to be a bittersweet HEA ending.

I like to get lost in reading through out my work day and read at night to unwind and relax. I read to

take my mind off of everything as a mini vacation. Twin Passions is the book that does it all. Beautiful descriptions of far away lands and travel made me feel as if I was actually there and one of the characters. The story line caught my attention right away because twin sisters are abducted and begin living their own lives and each other's lives at the exact same time to escape Hakon the man who owns them as slaves. I kept reading just to find out what would happen next in the character's relationships, trials and tribulations. I have never read anything by Miriam Minger. After reading this book I will check out her other books. At times I thought the writing was a bit lengthy because I wanted to find out what would happen next. Otherwise I would have given this book 5 stars instead of 4.

What an amazing tale! This book has everything! A heart pounding series of twists and turns about love, sacrifice and the amazing changes a person could go through was all beautifully illustrated in this story. From the amazing landscapes to the simple human emotions, this book held me captive for hours! I highly recommend this book! If you love history, love and the amazing sides of the human spirit, you will enjoy this as much as I did!

Gotta love the tomboy heroist. I love this story most because I guess the guy was in love with the wrong girl though his attraction was obvious for our tomboy; like when he would stare at her at moments thinking she was a pretty boy. She saves his life, her sister's chastity, and loses her own heart and of course the surprise at the end. This one I'll have to purchase in paperback form. It's a keeper!

Ms. Minger knows how to weave a story that will pull you in from the beginning. Very captivating! It held me spellbound until I finished the book. The Heroine was a little too headstrong and willful, but that's to be expected with Ms. Minger's characters. The development of her characters are always well thought out. And as the plot unfolded in this book I just wanted to shake the hero because he should have been realized that he was being played by twins. I will say the lead characters here, they made me fall deeply in love. As if I was truly in the book living it out. I don't get why it was titled twin passions, because the sis simply played a supporting role. Ms. Minger didn't even scratch the surface of telling her story. I would truly love a follow-up novel to really close out the story. I mean a novella would do. Overall gratifying. Bravo!

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