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Scotland, Summer 1556

Is loyalty and honour more important than love?

After escaping the clutches of wily Laird Glenorchy Abby Gordon arrives at the MacGregor stronghold of Glen Strae hoping that her friend and ally Iain MacGregor will help her find out what happened to her father. But all is not well with the clan and Iain's sudden appearance initiates a chain of events that plunges the clan into certain disaster and threatens to make Iain an outlaw. As Abby feelings for Iain strengthen while she strives to help reclaim Iain's honour and the clan's, the truth of her father's disappearance begins to unfold. Ultimately, both Iain and Abby find they must choose between honour, loyalty and love.

Filled with breath taking emotional drama, intrigue and romance, the novel takes the reader on an adventure that readers of Diana Gabaldon will adore.

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Anne Smith says

Good read

Historically interspersed story of intrigues of royal courts, romance, and insight to the rugged life that was Scotland. The writing is done well.

Patricia says

Abby, Iain, and Angus are interesting characters and I picked up a few new facts about the three. The group travels to France to look for Abby's father but encounter an old foe and Abby is forced to flee back to Scotland.

This is not a stand alone book and is the second in the Highland Ballad series. Like the first book it is a cliff hanger with many unanswered questions.

No graphic sex or violence

Kathleen says

Happily there will be another novel in the Highland Ballad Series in 2017. It was so very enjoyable, although it is about a very complicated time in Scotland's history, and the sequel may pull the pieces together for me.

Kristin Gleeson's fine Historical Note indicates that Queen Mary was only 14 at this time. I always need a refresher about her years in France and why the Scots were not united behind her when she returns.

This period, when Mary Queen of Scots was 14, was very tumultuous and complex in both countries with England of course trying to intervene. The borders between Scotland and England, called "debatable lands" were always in upheaval, although I think that this was not where we find this part of the series situated.

Religion seems to be becoming a divider and would continue to be between the clans as the years passed. My husband's parents were born and raised in Scotland, and came to the US and married, were Church of Scotland and Catholic and lowland vs. highland Scots. They never discussed either religion and his father was from Huntly the Gordon estate.

Consequently, the relationship between Ian, and Abby the heroine, was frowned upon. Abigail, a Gordon, although raised in France would not be expected to have dealings with certain clans and their followers. I suspect that the next book will have some mention of Huntly Aberdeenshire and I am greatly looking forward to it.

I was not a great fan of Diana Gabaldon but am very much a fan of Kristin Gleeson and her works.

Jean Gill says

Wonderful series! Romance, 16thC Scotland, intrigue...

I was caught up straight away in this sequel. I'm as much in love with the depiction of 16th century Scotland, its lairds and feuds, as with the enigmatic hero, Iain, whose true colours are revealed in this novel. The romantic tension between Iain and Abby kept me turning the pages, hoping they'd be together, and the old practice of handfasting allows for complications that both satisfy and tease the reader.

The author has a light touch with historical background but there is sound research behind French/Scottish politics, the clan warfare and the everyday detail, which is always one of Kristin Gleeson's strengths.

Herself an artist and musician, she writes of Abby and Iain's performances with expert insights, as she does of painting in her Imp/Venice series. The dancing in 'The Mists of Glen Strae' was so vivid that I was taken back to my childhood and lessons in Scottish country dancing. The author distinguishes between the French and Scottish styles of dancing (which French-educated Abby would not know) in scenes that really are history brought to life.

When I was a little girl, my parents held Scottish country dancing parties that I could hear from my bedroom. Thanks to Kristin Gleeson I've learned that the base step I was taught as the 'paddy bar' is actually the 'pas de basque' so I leave this book wiser about my own history. Isn't that exactly what good historical fiction does?

The book delivered some sense of resolution, some surprises, and plenty of motivation to find out what happens next. I can't wait for the next in this series and while I'm waiting, I've seen that there's a new book in this author's Imp series, the most adventurous yet, set in Venice and Africa. So I shall leave the mists of Glen Strae for an excursion to foreign lands!

Lynn says

Throughly enjoyed this 2nd book in the series, it doesn't fail to delight the reader, looking forward to reading the 3rd

B.A. Morton says

I really enjoyed the first in this Highland Ballad Series and this second book, The Mists of Glen Strae, certainly doesn't disappoint as Abby escapes one perilous situation only to find herself plunged into another at the hands of Iain's suspicious family and the dastardly Comte de Damville. Undaunted, she is more than a match for them all as she uses her quick wit to influence their opinion of her. But when Iain's freedom and his clan's survival is threatened the couple must set off to plead his case at the royal court where Abby's enemies are ever present.

The author is adept at creating an authentic historical setting within a robust multi-layered storyline, and main characters Abby Gordon and Iain MacGregor lead the story with great aplomb, adventurous spirit and super chemistry between them.

This thrilling romantic adventure will delight those who appreciate attention to historical detail, believable characters, colourful settings and skilful storytelling.

A wonderful tale. I can't wait for the next in the series.

ChristineStraut says

Rousing intrigue and a little romance

I like the historical aspects of this story. France, Scotland and England contend for power and our characters are right in the middle of it. Spies, daring ladies and loyal minions abound as the plot developed!

Jean says

Not so pleasing , for me , as book 1

Reading along happily until Edinburgh and off to Wikipedia

Why would Mary of Guise be holding court in Edinburgh Castle , cold drafty old Edinburgh Castle , when her sophisticated , then modern palace is just down the road !

A small thing but I had trusted this author to check her details.

I also enjoyed her economic use of words and ability to move her plot along with minimum distractions , then off to Paris and we bog down for pages as Abby parties .

Several questions occur to me which I will not ask as the answer is generally is that it is none of my business , as Abby is usually informed.

No wonder she seems to be threatening a melt down into one of those querulous spunky types .

Elizabeth says

3.5

Marie Birkbeck says

Was decidedly worse than the prequel and I'll not be bothering to purchase the conclusion of a bunch of drivel. Page after page, and in one case, 2 chapters of totally inconsequential blather

ROBIN CONKEL-HANNAN says

Excellent story, well researched

Interesting characters.. Good historical background.. Don't be fooled about three books.. This is a cliffhanger designed to make you buy three instead of one.. Books one and two are incomplete without book three.. On the upside, the story is not filled with graphic sex that detracts from the excellent story being told.. Had this

been in a single volume I would have given it five stars..

Angie Peoples says

Wonderful!

If you love Scottish Highland Historical Romance which also has a dash of romance, action, and suspense in it, then you will love this series and particular book. I can't wait to get to book three as cliff hangers are not my favorite way to end a book but it does make you want to continue. Iain and Abby are incredible main characters and the bond they share is one that all women would want.

Terrie L Winkates says

Great Continuation

Having escaped, Abby has found herself jumping into a new fire. A fire that's a combination of deceit,lust and an eventual visit to the French Court. Hardly having time to breathe she is off in search of her Father.

Susanne Berger says

Book 2 is great

Enjoyed this book very much, great history and fast moving. Kept me engaged and I really enjoyed the character development.

Harrison Reed III says

Can't wait to read the third book in the series. Enjoy Ms Gleeson's writing style.
