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Anthology

Highland Gaymes by Carol Lynne

There's more to a man than what's under his kilt.

Shaw Fitzgerald loves touring the United States with his brothers. A fiddle player since an early age, music is the only thing he's ever been passionate about. That is, until he sees Curt Macaula compete for the first time.

As a competitor in the Highland Games, Curt knows how important it is to concentrate on the individual events. Getting distracted while tossing a one hundred and fifty pound pole isn't an option. Away from his events, Curt is free to ogle the very pretty member of the Brothers Fitzgerald band.

Toward the end of the season, Curt knows it's time to make his move. With Shaw being guarded by four macho brothers, it won't be easy, but Curt is determined to win the man of his dreams.

Good Cop, Bad Cop by Jenna Byrnes and Jude Mason

Two hot studs, an evening of scorching sex, a pub, and the gaymes begin...or have they?

Officer Kevin Sands and his lover get off on playing games - role playing games. When one of their escapades goes awry, will someone else pay the price for their fun? Or can the lovers solve a mystery that could mean the end of everything they hold dear?

Elliot's War by Kim Dare

The Welsh and the English. Celts and invaders. Captors and prisoners. Victors and slaves. Let the war games begin!

The woodland war is billed by the university as an important exploration of differing cultural traditions within the British Isles. As far as Elliot understands it, the game involves the local Welsh students and those who invade the university from across the border, waging a war in the woodlands that surround the university.

Elliot's not quite sure how he ended up agreeing to take part in the war game. Nor is he entirely sure how he ended up running through the forest wearing a skimpy toga while being chased by a dozen Celtic warriors - all of them painted a very historically inaccurate shade of blue woad.

For better or worse, Elliot's about to get an education that wasn't advertised in the university prospectus.

Crossed Hearts by Lisabet Sarai

When love is the prize, everyone wins.

For the past six years, Jason Hofstadter has attended the Four States Annual Scrabble Tournament. Jason comes to the Four States for two reasons - to play Scrabble and to get laid. Every year since his first, he has managed to hook up with one of the other players for some sexual fun. This year he has a chance at the grand prize in the tournament. Meanwhile, he figures he has hit the jackpot when he spots handsome, bookish Matt Sawyer, who's competing at the Four States for the first time.

Shy and seemingly innocent, Matt turns out to be full of surprises. First, he jumps Jason in the rest room at Starbucks. Then he reveals that he's into BDSM and encourages Jason to experiment with topping him. Finally, despite his lack of experience with tournament play, Matt ends up competing with Jason in the semi-final round. When Matt throws the game he should have won, Jason is forced to confront his own feelings - about winning, about casual sex, and about Matt.

Rough Riders by Devon Rhodes

Playing by different rules can lead to heartbreak, but changing the game plan can be the tiebreaker.

Luke Briscoe has a good reason to stay in the closet with his team, the Rough Riders. Bitter past experience has taught him to be cautious around athletic teams. But after Mario, his teammate and lover of ten years, leaves him, tired of the secrecy, Luke is forced to confront his fears, especially since the sexy and confident new member of the team, Derek Grimm, has no problem with being out and proud.

Derek has wanted Luke from the first moment he saw him. But he knows the timing is all wrong, and vows to let Luke have the time he needs to recover from his breakup. As time goes on, though, Derek becomes frustrated with Luke's determination to stay in the closet. Derek and Mario are out, and the team is fine with it. Why is Luke still holding back? Derek wonders if any amount of time will ever be enough. Maybe it's time to try a different game plan...

Contact Point by Gwendolyn Cease

When two men who have nothing to lose and come together for one night, they both discover a connection they never thought possible.

Jesse Chandler needed a place to get out of the storm. What he found was a bar catering exclusively to wolf shifters. Cade Reynolds, pack Alpha and bar owner, sees nothing but trouble when the small human wanders into his bar. When Jesse signs up for the pool tournament, Cade decides to let him participate, so he'll lose and leave. Instead, Jesse wins every game he plays until a storm puts the brakes on everything.

Jesse desperately needed to win the tournament prize money, but instead of a nice cosy room, he ends up squatting under a tree for shelter. When Cade invites him home for the night, Jesse has no choice, but to accept. Sit under a tree in the pouring rain or sleep in a house...No one ever said Jesse was a fool.

All Cade wanted was to offer Jesse a place to stay for the night. But one touch from the smaller male made him realise that sleeping wasn't what was on his mind. Cade wanted Jesse, but the wolf wanted to keep Jesse forever.

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Miralinda says

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Agent 99 says

This book was fantastic. There were six stories in all, each one unique. Usually in a book of short stories I only end up liking about half of them. I enjoyed each of the stories in this book. I look forward to reading more from all of the authors!

Tailtiu says

Highland Gaymes by Carol Lynne: **4***

Rough Riders by Devon Rhodes: **3,5***

Contact Point by Gwendolyn Cease: **4***

Elliot's War by Kim Dare: **2***

Crossed Hearts by Lisabet Sarai: **2,5***

Good Cop Bad Cop by Jenna Byrnes & Jude Mason: **2***

Marlobo says

2.5 stars

Highland Gaymes by Carol Lynne - 3 stars

Good Cop, Bad Cop by Jenna Byrnes and Jude Mason - 1.5 stars

Elliot's War by Kim Dare - 2.5 stars

Crossed Hearts by Lisabet Sarai - 2 stars

Rough Riders by Devon Rhodes - 4 stars

Contact Point by Gwendolyn Cease -2.5 stars

Chris says

Overall enjoyable collection of m/m romances, each focused around a game of some sort, such as Highland games, pool, Scrabble, and flag football. Five of the six stories were good or better and one story was kinda meh.

Raevyn says

3.5 stars

I can't say I liked all of the stories, but I enjoyed most of them. My favorites were Highland Games, Elliot's War, and Contact point. However as I have said multiple times in my reviews, the stories left me wanting more. I want to know what happened after 'The End'. This is especially true for the three I really liked.

Overall, it was a good anthology.

Katherine says

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Curt and Shaw have been around each other for a while.
Curt participates at a Highland Games, and Shaw is a singer at Brothers Fitzgerald Band.
They are always traveling and performing.
Shaw knew he was gay, but never took the courage to get out of the closet. Curt is the same.
Shaw didn't lose a game that Curt wa

Nicole says

Enjoyable and Entertaining set of reads.
Recommend.

Finnegan says

Very nice. I really enjoyed the story by Devon Rhodes. This was my first story by this author and I will for sure read more. Gwendolyn Cease also delivered a solid story.

Eyre says

With six separate stories, this anthology has something for everyone--guys in kilts, football players, shifters, and a some D/s plus more. My favorite stories in the anthology were "Highland Games" by Carol Lynne, "Elliot's War" by Kim Dare, and "Rough Riders" by Devon Rhodes. I enjoyed all six, but Lynne's Shaw in his jockstrap and kilt is just too sexy for words. I really *need* a follow-up to "Elliot's War" to see how that relationship progresses, and Devon Rhodes' "Rough Riders" has a character or two about whom I am very curious. All in all, this anthology is well worth the time and money.

Clover says

aside of the last story with the werewolf, all the stories went from meh to yuk. the last story was well written, interesting plot and sweet romance. the others were just average. really disappointed by the anthology.

Serena Yates says

Highland Games by Carol Lynne is about Shaw Fitzgerald, the youngest of four brothers, who tours the country as a fiddle player in the family band. When he sees Curt Macaula compete in the Highland Games he falls in love. Scared of his brothers' sure to be macho reaction, he tries to hide until Curt's seduction leads them both into trouble. Curt on the other hand has admired Shaw for years but is hesitant because none of his co-competitors can find out that he is gay and because he is afraid Shaw's brothers will never accept him.

This is a wonderful story about two men afraid of coming out, each for his own reasons. They slowly realize that the only thing that matters is their love for each other and Carol tells this story with sensitivity and passion. I followed their trials and tribulations with rapt attention. Shaw and Curt are wonderful characters who are written with such clarity that they seem to jump off the pages.

Good Cop, Bad Cop by Jude Mason and Jenna Byrnes is filled with tension and mystery. Two officers, Kevin Sands and his lover Dave, love playing games – sexy role playing games that excite them both. But when one of their adventures turns into a nightmare that threatens their reputation – and their jobs, they're confronted with a real mystery.

This is a story with quite a few twists and turns. The situation the main characters find themselves in is verging on dangerous, the threat quite realistic. Kevin and Dave handling themselves without any definition of limits or safe words made me think of the well-known warning 'don't try this at home' but makes for a very exciting read.

Elliot's War by Kim Dare starts off describing a war game organized by a university to teach students about different cultures within the British Isles. Elliot doesn't really understand how he ended up getting caught. But when Parry, who takes him as his personal prisoner, offers him an education that will fulfil all of Elliot's secret fantasies, the war games are quickly forgotten.

With this story Kim created a sweeping tale that describes Elliot's first hesitant steps into what it means to be submissive – not in his fantasies but in real life. I was fascinated by Elliot's thoughts as his preconceived

notions about dominant men are destroyed by Parry's focus on safe, consensual play. Elliot's emotions, both fears and elation, are so vivid that I couldn't have put the story down even if I'd wanted to.

Crossed Hearts by Lisabet Sarai is about a chance encounter that turns into an experiment with kinky sex – and possibly more. Jason Hofstadter comes to the Four States Annual Scrabble Tournament not just to play scrabble but also to get laid. This year he even has a chance at the grand prize. When he runs into the shy and handsome Matt Sawyer, who's a first-time competitor, he isn't sure what surprises him more: the hot, kinky sex they have or Matt's talent at playing scrabble.

I really liked the setting with two competitive men fighting not only the tournament but jostling for new positions (at least to Jason) in a new relationship. The shy and supposedly submissive Matt ends up taking the lead in letting Jason know what he wants. Jason learns to enjoy the power Matt gives him. I found this variation on the D/s theme to be a fun and fascinating read.

Rough Riders by Devon Rhodes is a moving story about two men who've lost lovers; one because he wasn't able to come out because of a bad experience in his past, the other because his ex-lover wanted to stay in the closet, but ended up being unfaithful. Luke Briscoe is forced to confront his fears when the sexy and confident new member of the team, Derek Grimm, has no problem with being out and proud.

I loved this story about two men struggling with their past. Luke's fears were so well-founded, I had doubts he'd ever be able to get over them. Derek's patience while trying to make Luke understand how much he means to him was heart-warming. And Derek's plan of how to wake Luke up was brilliant. This is an emotional and satisfying read, built around a couple of interesting plot twists that made my heart stop in fear for Luke more than once.

Contact Point by Gwendolyn Cease This is a contemporary story about one man and one werewolf who have nothing to lose, nothing to hope for and didn't expect to find each other. Jesse Chandler just needed a place to get out of the rain but stumbles into a wolf shifter bar. Cade Reynolds, pack Alpha and bar owner, sees nothing but trouble when the small human wanders into his bar. But when he finds Jesse under a tree, hiding from the storm after the bar closes due to bad weather, his instinct to protect takes over and he invites the human home for the night.

This was the first story written by Gwendolyn that I read, but will certainly not be the last. I loved the main characters. These two men, well, one werewolf and one man, are so attracted to each other that they can't stop touching once they start. I liked the fact that Cade was afraid to tell Jesse the truth about his being a shifter, making the otherwise totally dominant man vulnerable. Jesse on the other hand is so adorably desperate for love that it takes him quite a while to believe his luck. Gwendolyn does a great job at describing both men's emotions, I felt with them throughout.

Tami says

Sweet collection of M/M erotica. As with many anthologies, some are better than others, and some would be much better if given the chance to be turned into longer stories, rather than short stories.

Not sure if this is a British thing or not, but it was rather irritating to have learned, leaned, etc all spelled learnt, leant, etc. A few other repeating typos also broke up the flow for me, and I had to keep reminding

myself that it was probably "British English" to get past it.

The last story was my favorite- would love to visit those characters again. Same with the first story- would love to visit them at some point in the future, just to see what happens to them. Could be a short story in the future for the first story, but for the last story, I'd love to see it made into a series of longer works.

Marie says

I must admit that the 4 stars, is only because of the first story. The rest were, in my opinion, just so so and I even skipped 1.

Highland Gaymes by *Carol Lynne*

★★★★★

Good Cop, Bad Cop by *Jenna Byrnes and Jude Mason*

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Elliot's War by *Kim Dare*

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Crossed Hearts by *Lisabet Sarai*

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Rough Riders by *Devon Rhodes*

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Contact Point by *Gwendolyn Cease*

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Trenice says

I like the stories, some much more than others. Therefore, I can only rate Gaymes Anthology as a good read. Keep in mind that, if it were a stand alone story, I would have rated Ms. Lynne's story a 4/5.
