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Samantha Stewart explores the ruins of Carraig Castle and falls through an ancient time portal. Stunned and disoriented, she finds herself captured and fighting for her life in medieval Scotland.

With a swipe of his sword, John Ravenwood saves her life. Samantha falls in love with her rescuer. Trapped in the thirteenth century, she marries him.

But a frightening prophecy threatens their happiness. Samantha must choose between John and the life of her unborn child, a choice that will seal her destiny.

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Sadie Forsythe says

This book was a big fat raspberry for me. I mean, the whole thing is one giant anachronism. American girl from 1986 finds herself in 1291 Scotland and easily gets on with life. What? She learns to say, 'aye' instead of 'OK' and no one notices she's not local? Um...in 1291, Scotland spoke Gaelic or Pictish and even those who spoke English, it would be OLD English. She would not be able to communicate with these people. Someone is said to have died of a massive stroke....um....did the medical establishment of 1291 (or the healer) know what a stroke was? And the whole thing hinges on someone being raped (and I'll get to my problem with that in a moment), but as unpleasant as it may seem, the rape of a non-aristocrat by an aristocrat would not have been considered all that grievous at the time. Quite simply, the whole book is based on 21st century mores, placed on 13th century characters. It doesn't work.

Now, I'll admit up front that rape in books is a hot button for me. I don't have any problem with it in general, but I think it is FAR FAR too frequently and easily used, so I'm critical of it when it pops up in a story. And as is so often the case, I thought this book used it to sensationalize how bad, bad, bad the baddies must be. They're bad....they rape women, they MUST be bad. See? And while one woman, who had to endure years of incestuous rape, does show some trauma from it, the main character is almost raped twice, the second time violently and ten minutes later is turned on and fantasizing about being taken hard by a second man (the hero). Um....no!

There is insta-love/lust. There are endless declarations of romantic love. The sex is redundant. The writing is often painfully purple, especially around the too frequent sex scenes. Problems popped up and were resolved with no build-up or tension. The 20th century 20-year-old speaks, even in her internal narrative, like a 40-year-old medieval scholar. And I do not consider the little bit of a rushed ending the epilogue gives us to be happy.

So, all in all, while the writing is ok, if stiff, this book did not work for me.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

"The Strange Tale of Samantha Ravenwood" by Connie C. Scharon is book five in the "Highland Legends" series. It is the story of Samantha Stewart and John Ravenwood.

Samantha is in Scotland with her Professor exploring the ruins of Carraig Castle when she falls through a time portal. Samantha finds herself in Medieval times. There she is taken by a evil man that plans to rape Samantha, but between her and his sister she escapes. When he comes after her she is found by John who saves her and takes Samantha back to his home. There they start to find they are attracted to one another and Samantha starts to tell him where she is from. Will he believe her and can their love last through time?

The cover on this book doesn't show how good this book is...so take that into consideration and don't miss out on this book.

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Maree Repa says

The Mysterious Disappearance of Samantha Stewart

Five Amazing Stars

I was so absolutely thrilled to receive this next amazing fifth series, Highland Legends. Written by the wonderful loved author, Corinne Scharon. This mysterious romantic time travel adventure set in the thirteen century from when Samantha Stewart visited Scotland.

Whilst visiting searching through Carraig Castle on holiday in Scotland. Samantha who always had her bag she carried full with all her necessities, pens, lollies, music and notes pads. Whilst she had an older teacher in assistance. This Castle is known for it many mysteries of the most legendary place in Scotland for the Earl of Craig, John Ravenwood. It is surely a place of yesteryear. After he moved her to Scotland, many more clansmen spent the warmer months here.

As they made their way around the castle itself discovering each room on so many floors all with their many towers and chambers inside seeing all. Especially after the fact I just got away from my rueful evil old boyfriend named Cliff. Dumping him was the best thing I ever did. I just so needed to get away and finally be safe for once. So lucky I never forgot to bring a torch with me made it so much easy and safer to get around too.

Coming down a hallway and entering a doorway with a lid noise erupting I suddenly noticed I was locked. As I proceeded through opening up to a great room holding many portraits from the leaders of this castle. Discovering myself now clothed in their wears and seeing old scars from my younger years and being hugged by the gorgeous Earl himself whilst I fell away never able to get back now. Plunging into the deepest dark eating me up!

Such a glorious and a total masterpiece this book was. I thoroughly adored this wonderful fabulous tale. Such a beautiful historical sexual romance. I adored all its most endearing characters and too good to put down even once!!

* I recommend this book to everyone!!

Jeri says

Historical romance with a time travel element. Well written, with a few really good twists and turns to make the story interesting. If you like Scottish stories, romance with a few steamy sex parts, then this book is for you. Enjoy! I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Born To Read says

I liked this book from the first page!

It's an historical romance set in the 13th century when Samantha travels in time by accident.

She meets John Ravenwood, who is the perfect hero. They meet in a very extreme situation and he saves her. So, obviously, Samatha is attracted to him immediately.

But every action has consequences and they will have to face them.

This book offers a very interesting historical background of Scotland.

Alliances, betrayals, revenge, predictions and even a prophesy to fulfill. All that makes this book really entertaining plot.

Although I must say that maybe the epilogue should have been a little bit longer. I would have loved if I had known what happens there more detailed.

It's my first book by Connie C. Scharon, but it's an author I will have in mind for future readings.

I received a free copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Meghan Lloyd says

I love time travel romance, and this book is no exception! Connie Scharon did a wonderful job describing the scenery, people, and history of the time period. I felt like I was truly there. John and Samantha's love was somewhat "insta-love", but it still rang true in the end.

Samantha is working with a group of architects at an ancient castle when she falls into a hidden body of water within the castle. When she wakes, she is in another century. She's taken captive by an evil man, but she is soon rescued by John Ravenwood. They fall in love, but they have to fight to find happiness in such a violent world.

There are some trigger warnings that should be noted about this book - there is a scene of rape and incest, and there are descriptions of other rape/incest occurrences in the past. It doesn't overwhelm the story, but it is frequently brought up throughout the book and hard to avoid. If these things greatly bother you, I would not recommend this book.

Otherwise I really enjoyed the story and characters. It definitely makes me want to read Fire Angel, which is referenced at the end of the book.

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Vickie Fisher says

After reading Fire Angel, I could not wait to read Samantha Ravenwood's story. Her story starts in 1986 while exploring the ruins of Carraig Castle; Samantha falls and finds herself in 1291 Scotland. Through a time travel, the majority of the story takes place in medieval Scotland. If you love Scottish historical romances, The Strange Tale of Samantha Ravenwood will not disappoint. The hero John Ravenwood will surely steal your heart; he rides in on his black horse saving Samantha from death. This book has it all, love,

murder, kidnap, betrayal, loyalty, loss and the evil laird. Connie Scharon has once again created a page-turner with characters who jump off the page and become real. Fate has brought Samantha and John together; will it allow them to remain together?

Dianna Peck says

Absolutely loved this book! Very well written. Ms Scharons best so far. I hoped this series continues

I can't wait to read more books in this series. I couldn't put this book down. Loved the way the book is written as a journal of the main character. I would like to see a book about the twins, Samantha's grand kids. Please this series going! I highly recommend this series to all who enjoy Highlanders romantic stories. Ms Scharon makes the readers feel like they are there in Scotland in the 13th century. She blends the time travel so seamlessly! Where's that portal, I want to go through it.

Barbara Leuthe says

Absolutely loved this book ,loved the time travel back to Scotland.samantha and John had such a great story.Rathor was such a scary character .You felt so bad for Gwen especially when you learned her father knew and approved what happened .I cannot wait to read Gabriels story and all the preceding books in this series.I have found a new favorite author thanks to goodreads!!!I received this book free as part of goodreads giveaways.
