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It's tough being a woman in a man's profession, especially for Abby Kerr, the unexpected chieftess of Clan Kerr. Loathe to marry but in need of a strong arm, Abby wishes for a Scots warrior and gets . . . Duncan, the historical reenactment hobbyist.

Wall Street Impresario Duncan MacHarg isn't bad with a fencing foil, but he's no Highlander. When a misdirected spell plucks him from the 21st century, he lands in 1705 Scotland at the feet of the fiercest woman he's ever laid eyes on...

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Katie says

This was actually a pretty decent novel. It's not what I really thought it be, which is both a good and bad thing is. It was a good thing, because the plot was a unique one that I hadn't really read before. It was pretty different in this aspect. However, it was also a bad thing, because I thought that it'd be a better read than it really was. It got pretty boring in some places and then it started to pick back up again. It was a lot like stop and go, which isn't how I want to read a novel.

Duncan likes nothing better than a good battle. A good battle reenactment that is. He's always on Scotland's side and is proud of it. Which is to be expected when one has been raised in Scotland. However, Duncan now lives in America and is currently working as a business financier. He only goes back to Scotland to visit his grandfather every once in a while and that's the way he likes it. What he doesn't like is being transported back in time and coming face-to-face with Abigail Kerr. Abby is currently the Chief of clan Kerr and she's only holding on to the title by a thread. To keep her title she's going to have to marry a man that's not of her own choosing, and even then she still really wouldn't be the chief at all. However, that's currently the least of her concerns. Currently her clan is going bankrupt and the English are trying to start a war that is unnecessary. But what Abby really needs is a strong-armed to help her out in any way that he can. Instead, she gets Duncan. Which is a huge shock to her considering that he can't even hold up a sword properly. To make things even worse, Abby can't get rid of him until he's completed his duty as her strong arm. A duty that even Duncan himself isn't sure that he can achieve. Which he surely wants to do, because he wants to go home badly. But things seem to get even more complicated when Duncan starts to fall for Abby. Now he not only wants to help her, but he wants to stay with her too.

This novel would be considered a pure romance novel through and through. It has all of the right aspects for it and the plot of this novel proves that as well. The only thing that sets it apart from other romance novels is that this novel is based in the past. Medieval Scotland that is. It's a romance story that can only happen in the past, not the present. And it's a plot that we really don't see that often. At least not in this kind of mixture. Making this a unique novel that's for sure. So as for my recommendation on this novel it's at least a good one. This novel isn't what I'd call a must-read, but it's at least an interesting one. So if you're into novels that like to mix things up a bit, then this is the novel for you.

*Read on December 5th, 2016

Jonel Boyko says

I don't remember the last time that I laughed so hard and so often while reading a novel. Cready has definitely written a fun and eventful novel. She develops this world in such a way that readers can easily picture the events in question. She also tells a very intricate story that takes into account the time period in question, while writing with creative liberty that makes the story so original.

I loved these characters. They were such a ridiculously fun bunch to get to know. The larger than life personalities combined with the clash of times in a wonderful whirlwind of miscommunication and assumptions. I thoroughly enjoyed the numerous strong, opinionated characters that we came to know

throughout. This was all topped off with a formidable couple who took centre stage. Their similar outlooks on life but very different backgrounds melded together into something fantastic. Heck, I even enjoyed the love triangle Cready developed, something which I generally find tedious. Cready presents it in such a manner that it really adds to the plot of the story.

This novel encompasses a bit of everything. The time travel was very believable, the story entertaining, and the romance sizzled. It is definitely a great introduction to Cready's new series.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Samantha says

This was a hard book for me to get into. I'd start and put it down for long periods. I was close to chalking it up as a DNF, but was stuck without anything else one day. The plot did pick up about half way through and almost all of the loose ends were tied up in the last chapter.

Dianne says

Be careful what or who you wish for, you may just get more than you bargained for! Time travel, a hot guy in a kilt and a young woman with the weight of her clan on her shoulders, add an ill-timed wish and the arrow of an enemy and POOF-one magical spell is cast! **Just in Time for a Highlander** by Gwyn Cready is a light-hearted romp through time as one Wall Street Warrior finds that pushing paper and re-enacting Scottish history is far less dangerous than the real thing as he is hauled back in time to 18th century Scotland. You think women have it tough today in a man's world, try being the chieftess of a clan of warriors, during a pivotal time in history as the English pursue victory over Scotland.

If only war and testosterone were all Abby Kerr had to deal with, there is so much more, like bad investments, embezzlement, an ailing father and an offer of marriage that promises to save her clan, financially. Enter Duncan, literally, as he pops into existence, handsome, strange and definitely not a seasoned warrior, but here is something magical between them. Is it possible that Duncan's modern life holds the key to the past?

Sit back and forget everything else, forget what may or may not be under those kilts, enjoy a light read that uncovers a tale of unlikely love, secrets, deceit and that for once, the hot guy in the kilt is not a knuckle-dragging, overpowering sex god, but he actually has a brain! Kind of makes you want to cheer for brains, not brawn and a good stiff wind, strictly for kilt research, of course.

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Hanna Benedict says

Sometimes there are books you just enjoy, though your suspension of disbelief is thoroughly tested. I found this book entertaining. It didn't have me hooked to the point of staying up late to see what happens next and as the story continued, I found inconsistencies starting to pile. I also felt that the ending was rushed, maybe to wrap things up with a nice bow. The lead male character, in his thirties, continually made poor decisions, despite promising to learn from them, which got old after a while. Overall, despite my nit picking, it was a fun read. Great banter.

Carlia says

I wanted to love this, but it didn't work for me at all. I mean...I love highlanders and I love time travel, but I can't say that I liked much about this book.

Here is this seemingly intelligent guy who suddenly ends up several hundred years in the past and he's ready to stay there forever and marry Abigail...after TWO DAYS!! Oh, and Abigail has been nothing but horrible to him the entire time and sorta engaged to another man.

The plot was ALL over the place with so much going on that I didn't care about and none of it felt important or even interesting. There was no urgency and the big conflicts revolved around building a canal...and Duncan trying to figure out how to get Abigail to marry him.

Disappointing.

Talk Supe says

Surprisingly funny. Unexpectedly touching. Impossible plot yet very engaging. Entertaining banter. Hella sexy. Great new fantasy series.

That about sums up JUST IN TIME FOR A HIGHLANDER by Gwyn Cready. Since Outlander hit the small screen, time travel romance is trending and we're seeing a lot of these Highland romances lately. I haven't read much myself, but I can give Sirens of the Scottish Borderlands a solid recommendation. The premise is really simple; a witch cast a spell which transported sexy fire crotch, Duncan MacHarg, to 18th century Scotland because Kerr clan chieftain, Abby, is in need of a man with certain... functions. Not necessarily sexual but Clan Kerr is in dire straits so aside from a decent bed partner, Abby needs a savior more than anything else.

I knew JUST IN TIME FOR A HIGHLANDER was going to be a good, if not a great read, when I found myself laughing so hard 5% in. And the laughter didn't stop there, GCready inserted a lot of humorous dialogue and situations, from penis jokes to plain sarcasm. Anything that can make me laugh is always a good thing. The humor comes as a great and pleasant surprise too because I was expecting a hot and heavy romance a la Outlander, and instead I got something light, at times silly, and overall fantastical time travel love story.

Abby Kerr is a woman beyond her time. She's a clan chief and a woman at that (were there female clan chiefs?), she is self-possessed, honor-bound, compassionate, stern, and can be both a lady and a wench at the same time. In short, Abby will frack a man if she feels like it and you can't use it against her. As for Duncan MacHarg, he might be a man from the future but his heart belongs in the past. I mean, how adorable is this dude? He's a financial adviser by day, living the swanky life back in NY, but over the weekends he's a reenactor for the Battle of Fort Duquense, and can scream as good and loud as any woman?! I absolutely find him adorable! Now despite these... rather fair qualities, Duncan is a Scotsman through and through, worthy of his kilt, and a romp in the sack too ;).

Now, I must admit, at times I had problems suspending disbelief on some parts of JUST IN TIME FOR A HIGHLANDER. Like how fast Duncan acclimated to 1705 Scotland and how he didn't seem to resist the idea of time travel hard enough. Maybe it's just me taking things too seriously sometimes, but I half expect a logical financial adviser, like Duncan, accustomed to all the conveniences of the 21st century, to not question his sanity or crave the world he knows or has gotten used to. At the same time, it was quite easy for me to dismiss these things because of the precedent and the humorous feel of the novel. Also it wasn't all silly, there were quite a few heartfelt scenes between the characters one of which when Abby asked Duncan if the Scotland she knows will survive to which Duncan answered that it will not, much to Abby's heartbreak. Overall, I'm excited to read the next Sirens of the Scottish Borderlands, I'm sure it's going to be another hoot!

Heather C says

Aww man! I really wanted to love this, but it didn't work for me at all. I mean...I like highlanders and I love time travel, but I can't say that I liked anything about this book by the time I gave up at 74%.

I knew after the first few chapters that my tastes were not meshing with the writing, but I forged on because I got this book as a review copy and I felt like it deserved my efforts. Sadly, it never got any better and the more bored I became. Seriously, I used this book as a sleep aid every night for two straight weeks. Okay, I know that sounds mean, but it is true.

So what didn't work? My BIGGEST problem with the story was the H and h, Duncan and Abigail. Here is this seemingly intelligent guy who suddenly ends up several hundred years in the past and he's ready to stay there forever and marry Abigail...after TWO DAYS!! Oh, and Abigail has been nothing but a skanky bitch to him the entire time!! Did I forget to mention that she's sorta engaged to another man?!!

So obviously the romance wasn't working for me, and neither was the plot. It was ALL over the place with so much going on that I didn't care about and none of it felt important or even interesting. There was no urgency and the big conflicts revolved around building a canal...and Duncan trying to figure out how to get Abigail to marry him. Maybe it somehow all tied together in the end, but I couldn't find the energy to keep reading.

Reviewed for The Blogger Girls

Monica ****can't read fast enough**** says

JUST IN TIME FOR A HIGHLANDER is a time travel romance with a twist. Not only is it the hero who is thrown back in time in this one, but the heroine is the leader of an 18th century Scottish clan. Duncan,

running in downtown Pittsburgh chasing after fellow reenactors, suddenly finds himself thrown right in the middle of a skirmish that he is woefully unprepared. Abby has accidentally summoned him via the questionable help from her friend Undine who just happens to be a famous conjurer.

Abby is in the struggle of her life trying to lead a clan of Scottish men who are unused to taking orders from a woman as well as keeping the English from invading her lands. Abby is a strong and unusual woman for her time who is willing to take on anyone necessary to keep what she feels rightfully belongs to her. With Duncan's appearance what Abby needs to succeed may have just been thrown in front of her. Duncan is strong but also intelligent and that is what she will need to win.

There's plenty of humor, romance, and well developed story in JUST IN TIME FOR A HIGHLANDER to make any historical romance reader happy.

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Crystal says

I have issues with the hero in this story. He's a wimp that lacks a strong personality. He is not always a wimp since he stands up for the heroine a couple of times, but that's it. The rest of the time he is disappointing as a hero and main character.

Michelle the Romance Witch says

3 stars. decent story but definitely not a fav. have to think more before i write my review.

Dekayreader says

Excellent read, though I'm sorry to have read the second in this series before the first. Hope Gwyn Cready is still actively writing; I plan to read her earlier books ahead of finishing the last book in this trilogy, as I suspect she's one of the authors who just keeps getting better... If so, she'll join my short list of authors whose new works I will anxiously await!

Heather says

I had mixed feelings on this time travel romance by Gwyn Cready. Part of that I think just stems from the fact that it is the first in a new series. For this reason the author has to include a lot of back story to lay the foundation for future books. Much of this foundation can seem unnecessary for this book but is needed in future books. However, I thought it was a great twist to have a female head of the clan Kerr. Of course that brought on most of Abby's troubles in this book, but it was refreshing to have a strong female chieftess. Duncan, was likeable but rather weak for a male lead. Perhaps that was the difference in this novel, just that the roles were reversed. So while I didn't absolutely love it, I didn't dislike it either so I would still like to continue with the rest of the series.

Scandal (Scandalicious Book Reviews) says

I really enjoyed this book - time travel with a twist, this time the guy goes back and the woman wears the immmmmmmm pants/kilt...oh and naked sword fighting for the win!

<http://romanceatrandom.com/just-in-ti...>

Cynthia says

I'm not a fan of time-travel romance or beta heroes, and I tend to shy away from new-to-me authors. So why did I pick up a book which had three strikes against it going in? Plain and simple: I'm a cover whore. And...H-E-L-L-O...this cover had me from across the room! Paul Marron on the cover is a plus anyday!

What a delight: The story, the characters, the humor, the banter! Duncan fumbles and tumbles in his place out of time in trying to become the *strong arm* Abby needs; what he doesn't plan on is falling head over heels in love with the Chieftess. Abby has enough on her plate trying to keep her Clan from financial ruin; now she has to teach a stranger how to become her right-hand man. The "nekkid" sword fighting was especially entertaining! What Abby and Duncan don't know is just how painful their success will be.

I'm looking forward to the next two books in the Sirens of the Scottish Borderlands series: *First Time with a Highlander* and **Every Time With A Highlander**. Hoping they have the same beautiful cover art, and just maybe, we'll see more of Rosston, Serafina, and that *witch* Undine. Hey, a Girl can hope!
