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At age eleven, Alex Sinclair pledges an oath to the Duke of Chatham promising to serve and protect his illegitimate daughter, Lucy FitzHarris. Nine years later, the duke unexpectedly takes Alex up on his vow, offering the future Laird of Balfors his daughter's hand in marriage.

Now a man, hotheaded Alex has difficulty convincing Lucy—who would rather starve to death than marry a vulgar Scot—to go through with the arranged marriage. Once Lucy arrives in Scotland, she cannot resist the magic of Balfors or the allure of her handsome Highland warrior. But when Alex seemingly betrays Lucy right before their wedding, she is tricked into running away. Alex must rein in his temper to rescue his lady from unforeseen danger and Lucy must swallow her pride if she hopes to wed the Highlander she has come to love.

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Donna says

Alex Sinclair, son of Laird John Sinclair of Balfors, was 11 when he met 9-year-old Lady Lucy FitzHarris and rescued her ball from the pond at her father's estate. Her father declared him her Protector. Their fathers, who had been friends for a long time, wanted a match between them.

Years later, Lucy was sent to Scotland to marry him. She wanted to marry an Englishman she had a crush on. Her father realized the English aristocracy would never accept her. Her brother, George, saw her to the ship and advised "Don't let fear and anger rule you. Instead, think of this as a great adventure and value each moment – good and bad".

Alex's parents are thrilled with the upcoming marriage and do all they can to show her she's welcome. As her own mother had died years earlier she became attached to his mother immediately. She enjoyed learning how to make candles and garden. His family is also helping those Scots who are run off their lands and homes, burned due to the Clearances.

His aunt, uncle and evil cousins arrive early and do their best to ruin the upcoming marriage. They convince her he doesn't want to marry her, and she leaves with them. She is kidnapped and held in a cellar. Alex, along with his cousins, Ian and Declan, rescue her. They do get their HEA!

I really try not to give away too much in a review. I hope you'll read this new author as the book is very good. I'm looking forward to reading more by Jennifer Trethewey. There are some typos and wrong names but not enough to spoil the story.

4.5 rounded to 5

Amanda Weaver says

Tying the Scot was delightful. I'm a sucker for characters who get off to a bumpy start and characters who have some growing to do, and I got both in this fantastic story.

Alex, in particular, had a wonderful character development. Swoony from the start, to be sure, he had a deep inner insecurity regarding the duties he'd one day inherit from his father. It was lovely to watch him grow into himself, and to come to realize he really would be up to the job when his time came.

This is a great debut from Jennifer Threthewey and I can't wait to see what she writes next!

April says

Fast paced, action packed with well written plot and intriguing characters. Highly recommended for fans of Medieval Romance, Scotland and wonderful characters.

Berls says

Okay, the main character really annoyed me at the beginning. she's extremely proud and sensitive, which seems ridiculous since she grew up as an illegitimate child in England. I think not liking her contributed to the start being slow and more challenging for me to get into. But she grew on me as her character grew and I got to see parts of her that are more attractive. I could never fully dislike someone who loves their dog so much - everything about her little Dog Hercules I enjoyed. I always loved the Hero - he's rash and impulsive, but has the best intentions. There was never any doubt for me of his good heart. Once things got going, I enjoyed watching the characters fall in love and overcome their own faults, not to mention schemes out to get them. I will look forward to seeing other couples in this series as I really enjoyed all the characters.

Joy Zee says

Listened to audiobook on YouTube while working on a Shutterfly album. Simple entertainment and I'm happy to have tried an audiobook but I didn't like the narrator's voices for the MCs but I did love her various accents.

Maria11 says

First time I have read this author. I am sure I will read her again.

Typical Scot story with a sassenach and a wild Scottish highlander. Lucy got a tad on my nerves and Alex did the same. They were both very naive and didn't believe in each other. Lucy's back and forth was tiring, but she finally got it together. Alex very Jamie Fraser like in some ways. A true ginger with his temper and impulsiveness.

Not much hotness. So don't look for that. There is adventure and betrayal. Overall good story.

Received a copy from the publisher through NetGalley.

Amanda Richardson says

"Tying the Scot" by Jennifer Tretheway was a satisfying read filled with love, angst and true villains. Lucy, the illegitimate daughter of an English peer, and Alex met when they were children. Alex wasn't happy to see young Lucy's brother take her toy and he rescued the toy, whooped the brother and promised Lucy's father that he would be her protector.

Lucy's father calls on Alex's father to agree to a betrothal. Lucy isn't well received by the ton due to her illegitimacy, and fell in love with a friend of her brother's who just asked another woman to marry him. Lucy is humiliated at the slight, believing the object of her affection wanted to marry her as much as she wanted to marry him. She is very unhappy with her father for arranging this betrothal, she doesn't want to live in Scotland and marry a man she's never met.

Alex agrees to the betrothal because his heart is a bit sore. He asked a woman to marry him and she turned him down flat. He remembered the incident with Lucy and decided that she would be as good as any bride. Alex wants to see how she will react to him and if they will rub along well, he decides to be in her escort

party, but not reveal his identity.

I'm sure readers can figure out how well Alex's scheme will work out. This is just the first in many misunderstandings that spring up between Alex and Lucy. They do have chemistry and they work well together, when they actually talk and listen, and they both become not only resigned to the marriage, but look forward to it as well.

Then comes the true misunderstanding. The villains show up, there are a number of them, and the misunderstandings run rampant.

Only one or two sexy scenes, mildly sexy, I usually look for more heat in my favorite reads. The characters are both likable and they are good together when they finally figure out they are meant for each other.

I received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

I very much enjoyed this story. I read the second book in this series first, however that did not cause me any problem while listening to this one. The Sinclair family is full of huge, handsome and loyal men. When Alex Sinclair turns twenty, his father, Laird John, and his father's best-friend, The Duke of Chatham, arrange for the marriage of their children. Lucy is illegitimate and her father sees this as a great opportunity to get away from the snide comments in London, as well as to get a wonderful husband. Unfortunately, Lucy does not agree. She does not want to marry this man she met once when she was just a young child, but agrees to go to Scotland and meet him. Of course there are many trials along the way to their love and marriage.

At the beginning of the story, I did not like Lucy very much. She was rather spoiled and a bit haughty. I quickly saw that she was frightened and was actually a very nice person. She cared about others very much, but her ingrained sense of propriety tended to come across as her thinking she was too good for the Scots. She was also not sure what to expect due to what she had heard from others over the years about the "Dirty Scots". Alex was also a great character; strong, handsome, a fierce warrior, and a determined protector of his people and those he loved. It was a good story learning how they dealt with the trials they came across in their travel to love. They do have chemistry and they work well together, when they actually talk and listen, and they both become not only resigned to the marriage, but look forward to it as well. When the villains show up to derail the burgeoning love affair, there are some battles and gallantry with good triumphing over evil. I loved the ending, simple yet sweet. There are a couple of sex scenes, mildly sexy, but not overdone. I am definitely looking forward to the next book in the series to see who Magnus ends up with and what the rest of his story brings. The narration in the book was not bad. All the men sounded the same but I did enjoy the accents and the language. I would definitely listen to another book using this Ruth Urquhart as narrator.

Tracy Emro says

Alex Sinclair and Lucy FitzHarris met as children, Alex was smitten with her and acted in her defense when her brother threw her ball in the pond. Alex retrieved her ball and punched her brother. Lucy's father asked 11 year old Alex to swear an oath to be 9 year old Lucy's protector.

Fast forward nine years, Lucy learns that the man she hoped to marry, the man with a title that would make the ton overlook her illegitimate birth, has gone and gotten engaged to another woman. And to make matters worse, her father has betrothed her to a Scotsman! She begs, she whines, she cries, she throws a tantrum and spends the next few weeks trying to have her father call off the wedding.

Alex has agreed to the wedding, he knows it will benefit his clan and he wants to show his father that he has matured. Alex is a little heart sore, he asked a woman to marry him and she rejected him, so he hopes he will be able to have a happy marriage with Lucy, he remembers her as a little girl, but wants to know what kind of woman she has become. He concocts a rather stupid plan to pretend to be part of her escort so he can observe her without her knowing who he is.

All is going well until Lucy learns the truth and flips out. I personally thought her reaction was over the top and painted her as a vindictive, spoiled, immature brat. And she cannot let it go - for almost half the book, she is mad at him and plotting her "revenge". They finally make up and it seems like she is maturing a bit. She finally agrees to marry him and then she misunderstand something she sees Alex doing. Again, she flat out refuses to listen to his explanation and ends up putting herself in peril.

Alex is a hot head and a bit immature himself, but he really cares for Lucy and when he learns she left, he takes off after her.

This is a new author to me and I thought the writing was good, the story did move right along and stayed on point. There was action, betrayal, kidnappings, multiple villains, interesting secondary characters, a couple of mild love scenes and a lot of frustrating misunderstandings before these two get a HEA.

This was new author to me and while I didn't love this story, I would be willing to read her future work.

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The Word Nerd Reviews Blog says

Tying the Scot is a historical romance, it is generally a light story with a few suspenseful or emotional moments, and is perfect as an escapism read. The world building is very well done, Ms Trethewey builds a very believable 19th Century Scotland, but like many historicals these days, with a bit of a modern twist. Although, not historically accurate, I enjoy the current pattern of showing females characters displaying the whole range of emotion and personality; from the more humble and meek, to the strong and independent who are not afraid to voice their opinions. This modern twist makes a story that is more palatable to modern sensibilities, and let's face it for more entertaining reading.

The characters in Tying the Scot were well developed; even if I did have a love/hate relationship with Lucy who I had keep reminding myself was still very young and had a lot of maturing to do. Alex was also impulsive and hot tempered, again showing his youth, but he and Lucy were a good match for neither of them would let the other get away with too much. The secondary characters were also well developed and the villains suitably villainous. Overall, Ms Trethewey created a world that was lush in description and populated with many varied and interesting characters.

Tying the Scot is a lovely light read, perfect for lovers of historical romance. Jennifer Trethewey is a new author for me and I thoroughly enjoyed this introduction to her work.

Linda says

The heroine was not a character that I particularly cared for. She is childish, prideful and resorted to histrionics and daily tantrums to get what she wanted. Ashamed of her bastardy, she wanted to marry a viscount. Any viscount. Her heart had not been engaged with her brother's friend, Lord Langley at all. She was seeking an opportunity to better her position.

The hero. Alex is extremely short tempered and even when attempting to reconcile with Lucy ends up in a rage for almost no justification and makes the situation worse. He's hot headed and says things which he ends up regretting it later.

It gets a little better after the 1st few chapters, largely due to Alex's parents, especially his mother who is kind, warm and natural & doesn't expect anything of Lucy. Both Lucy and Alex start to get to know each other and warm up to each other. But when Alex's cousin arrives for the wedding – the woman he thought he loved and had courted only to be spurned the story spiraled downwards quickly and I totally lost interest. Lucy again, ends up behaving stupidly, jumping to conclusions and runs away. That she put herself in a situation with 2 people she didn't like or trust seemed the height of stupidity.

I preferred just about every other character in the story; Alex's parents and his younger brother (definitely a more sensible and rationale man compared to Alex).

ARC provided by the publisher via NetGalley.

Christine Schimpf says

I enjoyed Jennifer Trethewey's "Tying the Scot" for a variety of reasons: the honest and outright boldness in both the hero and heroine, Alex and Lucy. Their bickering and eventual love attraction was genuine although the author did a wonderful job stringing us along in that endeavor! The Scottish countryside has always intrigued me and I loved how Lucy and Alex met - as children. Trethewey used a good dose of humor and intrigue to keep the story moving forward. Great read. I'll watch for more from this author.

Mia Jo Celeste says

When they were children, Alex Sinclair rescued Lucy Fitzharris from her brother's pranks. He vowed to protect her always, so... when her father, an English peer and his father's best friend, asks him to marry her, he accepts. Because she's illegitimate, Lucy has little chance to marry well in the London Ton. To accept Alex's offer of marriage, she's sent to Balforss against her will with only her adorable lap dog, Hercules for comfort.

Alex and his friends and cousins meet her at the docks to escort her to the family estate, but Alex decides to hide his identity as her future groom, and this is just the first misunderstanding between the two. Sparks fly. The chemistry between these two flares. They bicker and trick each other, but eventually learn to love each other.

Lucy is spoiled and privileged, and Alex is impulsive and jealous, yet as they face adversity together, they magnify each other's best qualities, and become the heroine and hero we all want to root for.

Tying the Scot is a fun read that raised lots of smiles and chuckles from me. In addition, the setting and the descriptions of 19th century Scotland enchanted me as a reader. Balforss is a fantastic virtual vacation.

If you're a fan of Scottish Historical Romances, this is one you've got to try for the endearing characters, the fiery romance and the magical descriptions of Balfors.

Rhonda says

Adventure, kidnapping, highway robbers, men in kilts, and a clever, headstrong heroine — who could ask for more!?! Tying the Scot was deliciously satisfying escapism with just the right dash of spice. I loved the romance (of course), but the interactions between the future Laird Alex and the people of Balfors brought unexpected pleasure. Beyond the story of Lucy and Alex, I fell for Balfors, and I can't wait to return! I'm already planning for a relaxing bubble bath and a lovely read when Book 2 comes out.

Heather andrews says

Well now, Alex has a jealous side, "that's not what I meant. I— who?" Heat scorched the back of his neck as if someone had set him afire. He hadn't considered that he might have a rival. "Who else wants you? What's his name?" he demanded." Being inside Alex's mind was fun, "was it wrong to steal a kiss? Yes. He would apologize to her for being impulsive. Was he sorry? No. Not at all." Alex just can't win at times, "bloody hell, man, leave us!" he roared. The boy ran for his life. Lucy got to her feet, laughing, whereas his aching balls could find nothing funny about this moment." I really liked this book, I loved Alex.
