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Ellen says

I typically don't read a great deal of historical romance, but thoroughly enjoyed Heather McCollum's Captured Heart, and was so excited to hear about her novella, Highland Heart. We originally met Rachel and Alec in Captured Heart, but they were much older. Highland Heart takes place before Captured Heart and is the story of how Rachel and Alec met. Rachel is what many would call a witch, but she calls herself blessed, a healer. Alec Munro is the leader of his clan and is quite the character, rough as they come while at the same time very desirable. He experiences Rachel's gift firsthand. Though the novella is only 50 pages, it is packed full of action, fantasy, and steamy romance. Since reading Heather McCollum's novels, I will never think of men in kilts the same way. I mean, who would have ever thought 15th century burly Scottish men who called their women "lass" could be so hot and passionate. Well they are, at least they are in the world Heather McCollum creates, which also includes adventure, beautiful imagery, fantasy, and historical elements. If you enjoy historical romance then I would recommend you check out Highland Heart and Captured Heart.

Anna's Herding Cats says

If you're in need of a quick Highlander fix look no further. This one's short and sweet. Perfect for a rainy afternoon or when you're on the run and just want something that'll quench your thirst for gorgeous hunky highlanders and gentle lasses that are more than what they seem.

Since Highland Heart's a short story (about 50 pages) you know things are going to move fast but McCollum did a fantastic job and really had me not only buying into the story but loving it. The romance is quick but, and oh I love this theme, there's a childhood connection between Rachel and Alec, that for me, really made it seem like these two were meant to be together.

I really enjoyed both Rachel and Alec. There's a little fire between them, a little chemistry and a bit of sweetness that was just enjoyable. Heat factor? Eh, no too much given the length of the story but damn he's a good kisser! One thing I liked about the two was that Rachel's not a Highlander but an Englishwoman. I don't think I've seen that before and I really liked the twist. She's smart, quick on her feet, gifted with magic and the perfect match for the sexy, arrogant, knows exactly what he wants, Highland Chieftain.

With an exciting and action packed storyline of warring clans, kidnap and escape and romance as well it was just a fun read. McCollum has a great voice and I'd love to read more from her in the future. I am curious about some of the other characters who played small parts and really hope we'll get their stories one day.

Jenn - WebbWeaver Reviews says

3.5 Stars

This is a historical romance with paranormal themes running through it.

Rachel is travelling with her father and sister when she is captured by the Macbain clan. She escapes, however, and is helped by Alec Munro, chieftain of a rival clan.

Rachel has healing powers and saved Alec's life after he was slashed because he was distracted by her beauty.

Alec is a handsome, strong and honourable man - the perfect hero.

He eventually has to fight Macbain who wants to claim Rachel as his, but there is no way Alec will let her go.

Landy Jimenez says

Quick read... Short and sweet story.

Sharon says

A quick short story that you read in about one hour. The characters were not quite as fully drawn as I would have liked due to the shortness of the story, but they were likable and understandable. The two sisters were people I wanted to see more of and hope the second one will have her own story. It was a good read by an author I enjoy.

Shelly says

Traveling through the land of Loch Tuinn, Rachel Brindle, her sister Isabelle and their father William are on their way to the Munro land to do some bartering for wool. While on the road, Rachel inadvertently does something that will reveal her healing magic to those around her. Alex Munro of the Clan Munro (insert Sean Connery's voice) is doing some hunting and gathering work (in his kilt only – hubbabubba) along the property when Rachel sees him and later remembers him from a childhood incident.

During a scuffle Rachel is taken by the Macbain clan who are in a long standing feud with the Munros. Not knowing how she's going to be rescued, certainly not by her scoundrel of a father, Rachel decides to take matters in her own hands and tries for an escape.

In one of the funniest moments in the story and there're quite a few, Rachel asks Alex why they're in the feud I literally laughed out loud with his answer. For being a very short read, roughly 50 pages this is a surprisingly pleasant read that left me quite satisfied with the characters and the resolution.

I wouldn't mind seeing a storyline about Rachel's sister Isabella and Alex's friend Colin Macleod.

Sorry folks, no sexy time.

Happy Reading Folks!

Rating: B

***Book provided by author for review

Aisha says

Nice short story.

I think I would have given this book a higher rating if I did not read book #1 of the series *Captured Heart* before this one. I read about Rachel Munro in *Captured Heart*. There, she mentions that Angus wanted her, but Alex stole her. Also, she swore never to touch Angus again. The first part, I did see in *Highland Heart* aka this book. The last part I did not see.

Alex is a good person, except for believing he has to continue the 100 year old feud between his Munro clan and the Macbain clan. I do prefer Alex's family to the Macbain family (I do mean family, not the clan). He has honor and loyalty. I like that.

Rachel is a compassionate and strong person. She has a secret. She has the ability to touch someone and know their body's condition, e.g. whether they have internal bleeding, where the internal bleeding is, etc. She can also heal herself and a person. When she uses her abilities, her hand glows blue. I did like Rachel. I think she and Alec are perfect together.

Becca says

I read this story as part of the Mammoth Book of Scottish Romance collection.

Here is my review .

Sandy S says

HIGHLAND HEART by Heather McCollum

ABOUT THE BOOK: Alec Munro, chieftain of the Munros, has captured the Englishman who swindled his father. Set on retribution, he's caught off-guard by the thief's beautiful daughter, a lass whose beauty and spirit leave him questioning the value of revenge.

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REVIEW: HIGHLAND HEART is a 57 page novella that was originally published in *The Mammoth Book of Scottish Romance* (January 2011) that follows 24 hours in the life of Rachel Brindle as she and her sister accompany their father who has business with the Munro Chieftain. Rachel is oddly attracted to Alec Munro-the rough looking Highland warrior who is now the leader of his clan and, there is something very familiar about the man who claims to have taken her prisoner-but Alec will soon capture her heart.

Heather McCollum tells an entire story in less than sixty pages. From the cross-country adventure of the

Brindle family to an attack by a neighboring clan, Heather encapsulates betrayal and pain, love and heartache all combined with a little bit of magic and fantasy. And like every fantasy hero, Alec knows what he wants- and Rachel is the prize. Highland Heart is a cute, fast paced and too short story-I wanted more-but it was a novella, so what did I expect!!

Copy supplied by the publisher.

Lindy Studt says

Healing in the Highlands

It felt like this book was over before it began. The story and action were finished too quickly. I definitively wanted more.

Brenda L Brooks says

Perfect Reading

This book is interesting, captive and adventurous! I recommend all of Heather McCollum's books! Don't miss any of her Highland novels!

Can't wait to find her next book.

Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says

Highland Heart is a very short story about a young English woman with exceptional healing powers, traveling to the Highlands with her younger sister and ignoble father who are then captured by a warring clan. Riddled with action and passion, Highland Heart is a quick but fulfilling read. Being only about 50 pages or so, the romance was short and incomprehensive but still felt true.

I saw on other reviews that this is perhaps a prequel to the author's previous book, Captured Heart, and after looking it up realized that it is the story for some secondary characters from Highland Heart. I just purchase it and can't wait to get started on it now!

I would recommend Highland Heart to sweet romance readers looking for a quick lunchtime or in-between read!

My Book Addiction and More MBA says

HIGHLAND HEART by Heather McCollum is an exciting Historical Fantasy Romance (Medieval Scotland). A novella. A quick read filled with passion, Highland Warriors, Scottish

Lore,magic,danger,vengeance, and forever love. Follow Alec Munro, chieftain of the Munros and Rachel Brindle on a adventure of secrets,and magic. Fast paced,and magic filled. An English lady and a Scottish Highlander with a bit of magic,and a lot of passion what not to love. "Highland Heart" will capture your heart with strong,engaging characters and an intriguing plot. A must for historical romance readers who enjoy Scottish warriors,Highlanders,clans and romance with magic.Received for an honest review from the publisher. Visit the author's website,Entangled Publishing (Flirt),and My Book Addiction and More for more information.

RATING: 4.5

HEAT RATING: MILD

REVIEWED BY: AprilR, My Book Addiction and More/My Book Addiction Reviews

Christi Rose says

It's not easy to put a new spin on a Middle Ages Love Story, but Ms McCollum has done so here!

This may be a Highland Romance, but it's a great one!! I commend her for grabbing my attention from the opening paragraph and keeping it thru this fast paced story of love, honor and ultimate satisfaction! With fewer words than I thought possible, the well-developed characters seem to literally burst off the pages! The action propels the story, while we're given the motivations from both sides, with a little paranormal to give it another angle! Although this is a novella, it's a finely developed storyline and I am looking forward to reading more from this talented author!!

Diana (Offbeat Vagabond) says

Original review here:

<http://offbeatvagabond.blogspot.com/2013/02/entangled-publishing-presents-interview.html>

Highland Heart is a historical romance about a young woman named Rachel and her sister, Isabelle, traveling with their father. Things are going well until they reach a forest and notice something isn't quite right. They are under attack and must flee quickly before they are kidnapped by the enemy. Before hand, Rachel sees a strange man standing in the forest, but he ends up injured and she saves him before she is taken. But she doesn't let being kidnap bring her down. She escapes but ends up finding the same man in the forest she saved, She doesn't know whether he is friend or foe, but she knows he will help her.

Now this was one sexy little read I could read a million times over. I absolutely loved this. Alec is definitely book boyfriend worthy. Now that was a man. I loved him and how much he tried to defend his father against Rachel's dad. It seems as though Rachel's father, William, was swindling Alec's father out of his product. Alec definitely wanted payback and he deserved to get it. Rachel is an absolute favorite as well. That woman has balls of steel. No damsel in distress here. I love how she will do anything to get to her family. She steals a horse, goes running in the forest and through the mountains, and all while it is raining. She would do anything to get to her family and she didn't panic. Not to mention she has the ability to heal people. I wish we got more on that actually in this book because it was interesting, but still, she was amazing and that is all that matters.

Now let me rant a little bit about Rachel and Isabelle. He was swindling Alec's father out of his money, but

that is not even close to how awful he was. When push comes to shove, he didn't stick up for his daughters when it counted the most. The guy was scum. Rachel even makes excuses for his behavior which I guess makes sense since that is her dad. But that was too good for him. The guy was terrible. Not only is he crap, but then the story changes when we meet the men that kidnapped Rachel. You won't believe how the father acts then, hell you won't believe where that goes. I have never seen anything more crazy. Too many crazy men on one page let me tell you. My head was spinning with anger by that time. But I love all the emotion I got from this novella, so it is just part of the fun.

Buy this little gem right now. It is super short, sweet, and sexy. The characters are a blast and I hope to read more about them. Besides not knowing much about Rachel's powers, I would have also liked to have known more about Rachel's and Alec's pasts. Both individually and together. We find out that they knew each other once when they were kids and she gave him a scare near his ear. But we don't learn much more than that though. Nonetheless, this was a great read even though there were no sex scenes. It was so close though. McCollum is a tease. Highly recommended.
