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Mary Samson never dreamed that stepping into a fairy circle would send her back in time to medieval Ireland, into the arms of warrior chief Cian MacCorban.

Reclusive Cian is a man with the curse of the Sight, knowing exactly when his friends and family members will die. But when he meets Mary, he has only three days to save her life . . . or lose her forever.

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Candace Nagy says

This was a charming story. It moved a bit too quickly for me to believe the characters fell in love. The characters were great though, I liked them and the storyline.

Fernanda says

fofinho ?
um conto bem curto mas com uma mensagem real.
Afinal o poder do Amor é inimaginável.

um conto onde a fantasia e o real se entrelaçam e que no final até nos põe um sorriso nos lábios.

Elizabeth Bennet says

I loved this book. It was so different from what I was expecting. So many have already gave you the plot and such that I will say it transported me within the story. I loved the idea of Daoine Sidhe. It was such a neat way to make a villain but a different kind. It was just a plain fun read that made me want to stay for longer and that really was the only complaint I have. I would have liked a longer story to watch them rebuilt his clan. He was such a great H but because of the length we didn't get see enough of his true character other than being a hopeless romantic.

The other thing I noticed was that, yes, when the two decide to give love a try she has told him she is from the future but he is not at all surprised that she is not a virgin. I realize to us it is nothing but for men of that time (1173) I would have thought at some point he would show some acknowledgement to the fact. That again could have been due to the length. The love scene to me was graphic and perfect for those who care. I really loved this fun story and will definitely be reading more from this author in the future. Thank you for the fun story MW. Enjoy!

Fiona Marsden says

This is a sweet short story with a time travel component taking us back to 1173. Mary is an engineer from the present who has been unlucky with love. On a trip to Ireland she steps into a fairy ring and makes a wish.

We meet Kevan, one of the little people, who is not the jolly leprechaun we celebrate on St Patrick's Day but rather a mischievous sprite who delights in the dilemma Mary finds herself in. Find true love before Dawn on the third day or she will die. Very Little Mermaid but Cian, our disillusioned hero is far more attractive to my mind.

I enjoyed this short story and despite the sudden death ending (yes I'm being funny) I found it satisfying for

what it was.

Nanya says

This book was really strange.

It had an interesting plot, which could also be considered as silly (the main character causes her own death by stepping into a ring of mushrooms) I'm aware that the book is based on Irish myths, but still. But after that, the novel does become very interesting as the main character goes back in time.

Like I said, the plot was interesting, but the whole thing was too short! I would have enjoyed the novel more, if the author had slowed down the events and written more.

Helena Zelin says

To begin with, "A Wish to Build a Dream On" is a short, forty page long story about a woman who stood in a fairy ring and a man who dreamed of his beloved ones' death. The main idea is, they have to fall in love in three days or else she dies.

As unreal it sounds, its simplicity expresses the exact meaning of love. It not as complicated people make it. When two individuals love one another they will be together no matter the circumstances. So do not make excuses like, 'I don't know him/her for too long', 'I'm not sure if I want him/her', 'He/She would never want me' etc. JUST GO FOR IT.

The writing is simple, to match the plot, and I did enjoy that a lot. If you write a short story, skipping extraordinary vocabulary is the best thing to do. Less is more is this cases, and Michelle knows that.

Let me take a moment to say... em... to write (:s) that Michelle Willingham is on her way to became one of my favourite authors. And I'm falling in love with Ireland. Thank you.

And one last thing, beware of the fairies!!!

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Margaret Sholders says

What a powerful short .. Michelle had me weepy at the start. Then it gets happier. Who wouldn't be happy if they were on a tour in Ireland. Then the sneaky Fae steal, or try to, the soul of Mary when she steps into their Fairy Circle. Where were they when I was there? Mary must find love in 3 days or die, when she finds Cian-in 1173. Michelle writes such awesome people, not characters, into her books. I love her stories, insert inside joke here, I picture Taylor David as Cian! It may be a short story but it packs a punch. It's free now so try it out and get hooked on Michelle too!

Melindeeloo says

A wish for love is the only thing that earns a woman a reprieve when she blunders into a fairy ring and is

sent back into the past. She is found by a man who has dreamed of her for years, but, even with a head start, three days isn't very much time for her to win his love and he has a curse which is going to make things even tougher for him to take a chance on her at all.

I enjoyed this story but it was quite short (not a show stopper for me though because it was a Kindle freebie), still the characters and the conflict were good enough that I would have liked a bit more, especially since a last minute intervention is needed to win the pair their HEA.

Kathleen says

This is a sweet story that involves a short time span of time travel. I love Michelle's stories. They always surprise and delight me. I have read most of the MacEgan series, this time travel is a little different, but I think if it were longer and didn't feel so rushed I would give it 5 stars. I was just getting to know the characters and it was over but she did have me sitting on the edge of my seat not know what would happen. Will Mary go, will she stay, will Cian realize she is the love of his life....?

Beate says

[Even for a time traveling story, I don't like the idea that the girl had to die in the future in order to live in the past. And on top of dying, she can't even be allowed to remember her old life in the future.

The story is well written, but both characters falling in love in 3 days or she'd die for good (which she nearly does), is a bit too far fetched. Even f

C. Erani Kole says

A woman wanting love gets it when she's about to die after stepping into a fairy ring. Such actions anger the fae, but because of her wish for love and family, the fae whose ring she stepped in gives her three days to have her dream guy fall in love with her. Incidentally, her dream dude had been seeing visions of her for years, pleasant visions that kept him going when all of his other visions of death drove friends and family away. They both must live for the moment and go with what's in their heart instead of being ridden by fear.

I liked this, but it was shorter than I expected, not even half of the content I downloaded. It was free though, so I didn't mind it too much. The storyline was nice and I love Ireland and Scotland, but I think more could've been added.

Becky says

Mary Samson prefers an orderly lifestyle, never doing any rash or spur of the moment.

After a year of dating Garret, he dumps her the Thursday before she leaves for a two week vacation to visit Ireland.

While Mary is on a bus tour, she meets Harriet who asks her to make a wish while they drink to stolen mini bar drinks...

Mary seems to think it's silly...

When the tour group decides to stop & tour an area by the sea.

Mary steps into a ring of mushrooms, as silly as it may, she made her wish;

"I wish someone would love the woman I am. Not the woman he wants me to be...."

Do wishes really come true???

Steeped in Irish folklore, it was interesting short story.

Maura says

When Mary offends a faerie, she is dies, but is given the chance to make a wish come true when she is sent back in time. She has 3 days to make Cian fall in love with her - only he can see the future, particularly people's death, and having seen Mary is reluctant to get any closer to her.

This needed to be longer for me to enjoy it much more. As it was, I found it sweet, but very short and with very little character development (no time for it!). So a good little novella, but not quite in depth enough for me to really engage with it.

Missy says

A sweet short story. Cian, man cursed with second sight that sees death has all but been abandoned by his clan. For the past 20 years he has dreamed of one woman and has waited for her year after year. He has all but given up on his dream woman and life. He comes upon a naked woman in a stone circle and hope is restored as it is her. Mary, an engineer and organized lady has all but given up on finding love and having a family. She makes a wish inside a mushroom circle not realizing the danger and she ends up half dead. Her wish of love saves her for 3 days but she needs to find love to live beyond those 3 days. You can feel their heartache, hope, and fear as they come to love each other but will it be in time.....

Stefanie says

In my version, not even half of the book contained the actual story, the rest was an excerpt from another of the author's books. I generally don't mind excerpts, but more than half of the book? My e-reader counted 67 pages, the actual story ended on page 26, so more than 40 pages of another book (the first four chapters). I was disappointed as I expected a story with 67 pages and therefore (hopefully) more plot, character development etc. But this was just a quick quickie. And it doesn't even say that there's an excerpt at the end, so you couldn't even adjust to the story being a little bit shorter than the page number indicates :(
