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Spirited women, braw Highlanders and burning desires...

Seven new, stand-alone historical Highland romances, woven by the Guardians of Cridhe which bear this truth: "Even from the ashes of betrayal and sorrow, with faith, love and a little magic, wondrous things can emerge."

Ceci Giltenan - The Pocket Watch (The Pocket Watch Chronicles #1)

When Maggie Mitchell, is transported to the thirteenth century Highlands will Laird Logan Carr help mend her broken heart or put it in more danger than before?

Generous, kind, and loving, Maggie nearly always puts the needs of others first. *So when a mysterious elderly woman gives her an extraordinary pocket watch, telling her it's a conduit to the past, Maggie agrees to give the watch a try, if only to disprove the woman's delusion.*

But it works...

Maggie finds herself in the thirteenth century Scottish Highlands, with a handsome warrior who clearly despises her. Her tender soul is caught between her own desire and the disaster she could cause for others. Will she find a way to resolve the trouble and return home within the allotted sixty days? *Or will someone worthy earn her heart forever?*

Tarah Scott - Lord Ruthven's Bride (Highland Regency Brides #2)

Love is always sweetest the first time around...

A harmless attraction leads to a friendship that forces Lady Annabelle to choose between the two men who love her. One saved her from a killer. *The other is her future husband...*

James Waterson, newly titled Viscount Ruthven, is hunting a killer. When Lady Annabelle steps into the killer's sights, James will do everything in his power to protect her. *Even if that means letting her go.*

Lily Baldwin - Jack (Scottish Outlaw #1)

Jack MacVie and his brother are thieves, robbing English nobles on the road north into Scotland. They're about to attack the Redesdale carriage when another band of villains, after more than Lady Redesdale's coin, sweeps down and steals their prize. *Despite his hatred for the English, Jack's conscience forces him to kidnap the lady to save her life.*

In the aftermath of the Berwick massacre, Lady Isabella Redesdale's world is shattered. ***Her mother is dead, her father lost to grief, and she's risking it all, journeying north into war-torn Scotland to be with her sister.***

Although they come from different worlds, Jack and Isabella are more alike than they first realize. ***They both crave freedom from war and despair, but in a world where kings reign and birth dictates one's station, freedom is not won, it is stolen.***

Kate Robbins - One Knight Standing

All Catherine St. Clair understands about her family's beloved Rosslyn Chapel is challenged by the gruesome death of the resident priest. ***The young warrior priest sent to replace him inspires forbidden thoughts she is sure will damn her soul.***

Born the seventh son of a seventh son required battle training that did not prepare William Gillies for priesthood. ***Determined to carry out his duty, his destiny changes when he meets the enchanting and captivating Catherine, who forces him to question all he has learned.***

Thrust together by desire and ancient secrets, Will and Catherine embark on a journey of discovery wrought with passion and adventure, revealing their true destiny.

Sue-Ellen Welfonder - Winter Fire (Return To Kintail #2)

Go back in time to a magical world of Highland romance: medieval Scotland where honor was everything and no sacrifice too great for love.

Flames of winter burn the hottest...

Katla MacKenzie is fascinated by the legends and lore of the Vikings, her mother's people. When she meets a dashing stranger in an enchanted place known to be a haunt of Norse deities, she gladly gives her heart – ***and her passion – to the lover she only knows as the Lord of Winter.***

Secretly flattered when a bonnie lass believes him a god, Gunnar MacLeod can't resist her and seduces Katla atop the mountain known as Odin's Flame. In truth, he is the one seduced. But when he learns her name, he must let her go - ***and not just because their clans are warring.***

When a clan tragedy forces Gunnar to leave Skye, he'll sacrifice everything before he can return to Katla. When he does, a bitter enemy is waiting. ***But a heart that loves is powerful, and Gunnar will do whatever he must to claim Katla as his own.***

Kathryn Lynn Davis - Highland Awakening

Can the transforming power of magic help two people on a perilous journey create a miracle - ***even when one of them doesn't believe?***

Since she lost her brother and nearly her father, Esmé Rose fears the world beyond her family and her

garden. *But one year when winter clings overlong, a dream begins to haunt her, forcing her to take a journey and face a challenge more difficult than she could ever imagine.*

Magnus MacLeod is a skilled healer, always curious to know more. He, too, is called by a dream he doesn't quite believe in, despite its physical effects on him. He and Esmé travel a treacherous road that takes them to a magical place. There they must put aside their feelings for one another - *and their difference in beliefs - long enough to make a miracle.*

Victoria Zak - Highland Destiny (Guardians Of Scotland #3.5)

Rory Cameron, an alluring Dragonkine Highlander, believes he has found his mate in Kenna Mackenzie. Kenna, running in fear from her betrothed, finds a secluded refuge in a glen far away from men - that is until a dragon swoops into her life. Feeling the burn of the seductive flames, will Kenna embrace the fire between them - *or will she flee again?*

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InD'tale Magazine says

4.5/5.0

Romance, murder, intrigue, ancient societies, folklore and DRAGONS! This epic anthology has it all!

Read full review in the 2016 March issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Trudy Miner says

Winter Fire by Sue-Ellen Welfonder

In ancient times so the story goes the Lord of Winter danced on Odin's Flame with a fiery maid when the lights came down to Earth on a cold winter's night and they never saw each other again. Now Duncan MacKenzie is prepared to make a truce with Alpin MacKinnon to end the clans' decades-old feud. Katla, MacKenzie's kitchen maid, was long the object of a search for a husband by the MacKenzie but she wasn't a maid any longer and has stated her intention to remain unmarried. Katla danced with the Lord of Winter one winter night two years previously on Odin's Fire and would have no other. Then she meets Gunnar MacLeod and learns the truth.

This story left me feeling as if I was dancing in the Northern Lights with the Lord of Winter and enjoying it (and I hate winter). You could feel the lights swirling around the young couple as they stood on Odin's Flame. The presence of a faithful dog in the story is a trademark of the author and only enhances the story. It included Devorgilla, that wily woman present in so many stories who likes to cause mischief to mere mortals. This is one story of several in the latest Scrolls of Cridhe collection; I'm anxious to read the rest.

I was given this novella by the author for an honest review and I've tried to do so. You will enjoy it too.

Dawn says

A collection of 7 novellas. Each has varying degrees of a "Scottish" theme. There is also an underlying "magical" theme involving a crone "Gertrude." This is all I will say for I do no' wish to give ye any more. Ye will have to read fer ye self nif ye wish to ken any more about this book.

Betty says

I've only read one story so far and it's Highland Destiny by Victoria Zak.

Kenna Mackenzie is supposed to wed Ian Mackintosh and everyone is coming to witness it. An old crone tells her that her destiny isn't with him and she is to flee to the forest. Kenna has always had visions since she was very young. She now has one and realizes the old crone was right-she cannot marry Ian. She flees to the forest and there is an empty cabin waiting for her. The cabin is hidden from everyone thanks to the old crone-no one can find her. She lives there with her friend Finn, who is a wolf she saved as a pup and continues to stay with her. Besides having visions, she also has a special talent.

She meets Rory Cameron, a Dragonkin warrior and one of the seven Guardians of Scotland in an unusual way. She sees a dragon and shoots an arrow at him and wounds his wing. When she runs to see it, what she finds is a naked man with an arrow in his shoulder. She takes him to the cabin and takes care of him. After 5 years, Ian is still looking for Kenna and he finally finds her at the cabin. He's never given up trying to find her. Rory is furious as is Ian. They both turn into dragons to fight for her. She is disgusted with both of them and sends them away.

Well, you'll have to read the story yourself to find out what the outcome will be. I just loved this story and characters. It pulls you in from the beginning until the end. Has romance and adventure. Just a fantastic story and I just loved Finn!! If you love dragons, you'll love this story. I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the fabulous stories.

Jeanne says

Hot in many different ways!

I am not a writer but a voracious reader and you know a collection of authors is good when you stop after each book to buy more books by that author !

Ellie Dynek says

Another collection of diverse and interesting stories by a variety of incredibly talented authors :)

Ann (Fanni Ann) says

With all these fabulous authors, you expect to be taken on a fantastic voyage of romance and adventure, and you certainly do. If you read the first volume, you'll know that this second outing is what you have all been waiting for. There is a new author added to the sisters, Victoria Zach, and she is also a fab writer.

What are you waiting for, go grab a copy, it's worth it

Nicole Laverdure says

Amazing stories filled with love and magic!

Highland Flames: A Scrolls of Cridhe is a wonderful collection of talented writers. Seven authors, such as Kate Robbins, Victoria Zak, Ceci Giltenan, Tarah Scott, Lily Baldwin, Sue-Ellen Welfonder, and Kathryn Lynn Davis have reunited to offer their readers amazing novellas filled love, faith, trust and a touch of magic. I've read five novellas in this box set and here are my reviews for them!

I really loved One Knight Standing, written by Kate Robbins and Ian Gillies It's the story of William, a charming knight and Catherine, a determine young woman who lives at Rosslyn Castle. It all started when the clan priest had died mysteriously and had to be replaced, enters Will, at Rosslyn, but he looks more like a warrior than a priest. Catherine, is curious, and wants to discover who is really Will! And she is so naïve, I adored the part when she confessed her sins of impure thoughts! This scene was so cute and done with a touch of humor. The chemistry between Will and Catherine is adorable. Will they discover the true mystery behind Rosslyn Castle?

I was delighted to read Highland Destiny, written by Victoria Zak. Again, her fantastic story about the Dragonkine, the Guardians of Scotland, kept me fascinated until the very end. Love and magic will be in the air for her characters Rory and Kenna! This is the story of Kenna, a healer and and weapon artisan, and her sexy dragon shifter named Rory. As a young girl, Kenna, had always seen visions, but one night, she sees a mysterious vision that will scare her to death and make her run away for good. Five years later, she meets, a strange man, that can shift from human to dragon, he's Rory, a Dragonkine warrior! Sparks flare all over! Will they find true love! Highland Destiny is a short novella with two charming characters and a well develop plot. A must to read if you love a paranormal with a touch of magic and lots of loving!

Sue-Ellen Welfonder is the author this Scottish romance, Winter Fire, full of tenderness and passion. She always writes tales that keep my interest until the end. I loved her characters, Gunmar MacLeod, known as the Lord of Winter and Katla MacKenzie, a beautiful lady! Beautiful chemistry between the two! Will Katla give her heart to this charming man? Will he be able to protect her? Will love be in the air for those two? This is a charming tale to enjoy! A great paranormal romance to recommend!

What a fantastic and captivating story, written by Lily Baldwin! I really enjoyed Jack: A Scottish Outlaw, very much! You will love Jack MacFie and Isabella Redesdale, they are so beautiful together and the chemistry between these two is filled with love. Both crave freedom, and this story is about an adventure towards freedom! Together, they will pull you slowly into their lives! Just follow their journey! Because this author is a very talented writer, this novella was a delight to read, it's very well written with some touch of humor. I was not disappointed, I truly recommend it

What can I say, Tarah Scott is truly a talented storyteller, she just caught again my interest. I could not put LORD RUTHVEN'S BRIDE down, another fun and romantic story by one of my favorite authors. This novella is a quick read with interesting characters, a well develop intrigue, and filled with mystery and romance. Again, she didn't disappoint me. Set in Scotland 1823, it tells the story of James and Annabelle, who meet in a very strange, delicate and funny situation. The heroine is a beautiful person, stubborn with the bad habit of being too curious, that, sometimes, puts her in very awkward situations. The hero, the son of an obscure knight, has inherited a new title and is now investigating the murders of several young women. Annabelle, gets caught in the middle of this investigation, is kidnapped by a bad man and soon saved by James, who will steal, also her heart! Now Annabelle is torn between Calum, a man she is betrothed to and James, who saved her life. Which one will she choose? But a few stolen kisses will help decide to choose the

right man for her. Another beautiful tale, filled with love, intrigue and danger by this talented author!

If you love short romantic novellas, then these stories are perfect for you! To be released on September 21st 2015.

Kimi Court says

One Knight Standing by Kate Robbins

Winter Fire by Sue-Ellen Welfonder

Highland Awakening by Kathryn Lynn Davis

Highland Destiny by Victoria Zak

Love these stories, great from beginning to end. Keeps you wanting to read more and more. Lots of mystery, love, deception, and action. I could not put it down. The 4 books I read were just awesome. And I will be reading the other 3 real soon. If you want a book with different styles, but mesh well together this is the one.

Barbee says

Fans of the Guardians of the Cridhe and who read volume 1 of Highland Scrolls in Highland Winds will be thrilled to read volume 2 In this new edition in Highland Flames. What a talented group of Scottish historical authors all in the same book. Each story is more like a full book although considered novellas's as each story over 100 pages. So be prepare to do some wonderful reading about Scotland, it's history in fictional stories some folklore and fantasy and of course love I. These wonderful romantic tales that will set your heart on fire. Ceci Giltenan, Sue-Ellen Welfonder, Kate Robbins, Tarah Scott, Kathryn Lynn Davis, Victoria Zak and Lily Baldwin whom all write such spectacular books individually so it's fabulous that they did this wonderful box set together. Be prepared to fall in love....Here are the ones I have read so far and will keep adding as I finish, currently reading Kathryn Lynn Davis then off to read Tarah Scott's story as these authors honored me with early ARC's of their wonderful stories. I highly recommend each and every author in this set some of these authors I have been reading over 15 years like Sue-Ellen Welfonder. Also Highland Winds, Volume I just won a Rone Award this past week which just proves how talented this group of special authors are. I highly recommend you read this wonderful analogy all quick paced, page turners, with conflict, love, intrigue, and heart melting qualities that you will find yourself gasping and sighing throughout each riveting story. Sláinte! Happy Reading!

One Knight Standing by Kate Robbins and Ian Gillies.

Kate hits another winner with this captivating novella about a Laird's sheltered, curious and intelligent eldest daughter, the beautiful Catherine St Clair. The heroine of this story, Catherine is 18,the eldest of three sisters ,whom is heartbroken over the death of her best friend, teacher, confident, and elderly priest Father Duceppe.

The death is mysterious and seems to involve a secret order as well, the secretive well famous Templar Knights!

The hero of this story is about the sheltered William Gillies who was the seventh son born of a seventh son which some believe he has been born with special privileges and abilities. Will has been waiting all his sheltered life for his destiny as he knows he is to eventually to join the church and take his vows and become a priest. The main reason he has never paid attention and avoided females known he is never to marry and he has remained celibate his entire twenty years. As this is what he has been trained for with warrior skills and instincts as well. He can whirl a sword or dagger as any accomplished warrior, or seasoned Captain the guard as well.

As in all mysterious stories full of suspense, murder, espionage and intrigue things or not as what they appear to be. First off Will and his dark skinned companion, best friend and teacher Ash are to go to St. Roslyn and as the new Priest replace, yet at the same discover all of it's secret as well. All will think him a real Priest when he actually is not. All will find it easy to believe all but the ever curious and observant Kathryn St. Clair who will do anything to find out the truth about this imposter priest who had his own guard. Who ever heard of a Priest needing a personal guard at the peaceful St. Roslyn's church and village. Catherine is full of suspicion of this new handsome Priest she is very attracted to, even knowing it is a sin and wrong to have any type of romantic feeling to ones own Priest!

Of course Will soon realizes his destiny is going off course once encountering the beautiful Lady Catherine. What is he to do about it before all these lustful feelings he has never encountered before and want to act on, but hold himself back. Women and marriage is not in a Priest's destiny and future but was it in his? He can imagine how disappointed his father, Ash, and not to even think about the order would think of all his bottled up feelings not that he would ever share. He decides avoidance is the best solution but he is Lady Catherine's priest how can he not hear her confession!

You must read this enchanting, spellbinding, fantastic read to find out how all of this plays out what the results come to be. I always found the true history and biography of the Templars Knights both fascinating and tragic so I loved how Ms. Robbins centered them and their mysteries in this exceptional amazing fictional novella. Another one she has knocked out of the park, just a fabulous entertaining read you won't be able to put down!

High recommend this was a beta read I was given by Ms. Robbins for an honest review.mww

Winter Fire by Sue-Ellen Welfonder

This is a fabulous novella by USA bestselling author Sue-Ellen Welfonder and another magnificent read that anyone would enjoy. Especially for those who have a love for the mother country Scotland and I love the mythology, legends and folklore of this wonderful story.

Eilean Creag Castle
The Western Highlands, Winter 1352

The Black Stag of Kimtail Laird Duncan MacKenzie can't find a husband for Katla Mackenzie kitchen lass

at Eilean Creag , they all think she is a bit mad since she claims she in love with a God, the Lord of Winter and at Odin's Fire has given her virtue to him as well. Katla is fine with that since making love with Lord of Fire two years earlier and will take nothing less then her Lord of Winter. The only man she will ever love and never forget! A lot is happening as the MacKenzie's and MacLeod's have been mortal enemies for hundreds are about to make a peace truse. Wise woman Devorgilla is visiting the castle which means she is up to her meddling shannigans again,Then Katla finds out her a Lord of Winter is just a mortal man and of all things a MacLeod and not just any MacLeod but a lairds son. Katla now is steaming mad and feels used and betrayed by one Gunnar MacLeod, her Lord of Winter! Gunnar who is also in love had good reason not to tell Katla who he was due to he being a MacLeod and she a MacKensie of enemy clans. Also he was leaving for what he thought was a short time as he had thought his Da had just died and his Uncle responsible. He hopes to win Katla back somehow but can he plus there are villains one planning on murdering both Gunnar and Katla. Will this dark force prevail? Katla doesn't believe a laird son would want anything from a kitchen maid but a quick romp and is heartbroken will Gunnar be able to convince Katla of his sincere love? You will have to read this beautiful superbly written story to find out.

Again Ms. Welfonder blows me away with another book I couldn't put down and I love how descriptive she is with describing the setting as I got so absorbed felt I was actually in historic Scotland. Of course as always and a lover of beasties myself I love that MacKenzies are a lover of dogs and the relationships with the animals.I loved Katla's dog Glaum so adorable and expert beggar of treats! Again I loved seeing characters from previous books too. I recommend you read the first novella in this series. The Taming of Mairi MacKenzie another exceptional reads I recommend. You can can read as a stand alone too, readers choice of course.

I loved and highly recommend Winter Fire by Sue-Ellen Welfonder comes out September 21st in Highland Flames, Scrolls of Cridhe, Volume 2.

The Pocket Watch By Ceci Giltenan

Here is my full review keeping the brief one up to give readers the choice of which one to read.

With Ceci Giltnan her superbly written riveting stories only get better if that even possible! As I have been an avid fan since her debut as an author with the fantastic Highland Solution and all her books are written with such compassion and beauty with intrigue and powerful plots that hold the readers interest from the first word to the last word in the first chapter to the last word in in the epilogue. They have all been on my keeper shelves, well to me that's how Ceci Gilenan's spectacular books roll! As a Jersey girl this book was extremely special to me as I could picture each place she described in Maggie's background.

The Pocket Watch is about a New Jersey girl who has loved Elliott the boy across the street all her life as they plan to be together and go to college together but tragedy hits home as he Mother gets sick and Elliott finally confesses has met someone at college he had been dating for months but Maggie will always be his best friend. Personally I would of slapped his face silly but Maggie is much nicer. What's worse is he expects his so called best friend to attend his wedding, the wedding thyme were supposed to have. You can't help but feel all the emotions one feels when being dumped and then to watch the man you love marry someone else. He puts Matgies a position she can't help but accept the invitation she had been trying to avoid. So after attending the wedding she realized was a huge mistake for her tender heart so she takes off after they

exchanged vows knowing there was no way in hell she would attend the reception.

Maggie needed to alone taking a drive ends up at the Grounds for Sculpture garden a favorite of her mother's. Maggie this stranger this sweet Scottish elder lady whom with a little prodding Maggie open heart hears and cries in this old ladies arms. After having a good cry Gertrude asks if she would like to have someone else's life and that she can make it happen plus Maggie would also be doing a bit of good too. Of course Maggie thinks this sweet old Scottish lady is a bit touched in the head and the charming lady knows it too. She gives Maggie a pocket watch and says she will be going at least a hundred years in the past and must sleep with the pocket watch there are a few other rules but I do not want to spoil the read for the book lets just say it a wee bit of a Cinderella effect or possibly The Wizard of Oz click those ruby slippers there no place like home or maybe not? Of course Maggie being a health professional wants to get this poor woman professional help! So they make a deal if Maggie wakes up in her bed the lady says she will be the Grounds for Sculpture at the same exact time the following day and can get her Psychiatric help. It is also interesting a bit sad when Maggie asks what happens to the person who she would be whose life she would be taking over and switching places with but the result would be the same whether she would switch places or not so no reason for Maggie to feel guilty as the results would be the same whether she agrees to this or not. I also loved the 21st century word to come home which we all use will make the readers laugh, it's brilliant!!

Obviously Maggie releases it she is on a horse that throws her at neck-break speed which throw her and is being told off by the hero in a dress of this story one Scottish lad by the name of Logan Carr. Evidently the Lass she is taking the place is not very nice and the entire clan dislikes her including her betrothed! So what has Maggie gotten herself into? It is really a fabulous fun read to see how this plays out which I am not going to spoil for you. I really loved the secondary character of Logan's mother and grandmother and an appearance of characters from one of Ceci's previous books too! I personally always love when beloved character from a previous book I also love makes an appearance even if it's brief.

All in all I absolutely loved The Pocket Watch by Ceci Giltenan a spectacular time travel that will both pull your heart string, and so much fun to read. I can't wait with what's next for this year brilliant author as I am so looking forward to it!

Highland Awakening By Kathryn Lynn Davis

Kathryn Lynn Davis is another in this wonderful group of authors and wrote a magical and mesmerizing about soulmates a young girl Esmé MacGregor where a family tragedy at nine years of age scars her for the rest of her life. She feels this tragedy is her fault without giving anything away and it happened outside the home and for the past eleven years she has not left her house feeling it will keep everyone safe. This is the story of Caela Rose (A Tear For Memory) Granddaughter Esmé so I was super excited to read this! Again it has seer Caela Rose and her magical paintings many years later. Fans of this book will be excited hear this I am sure as I know I was! This was also in Scroll's of Cridhe, Highland Winds, Volume 1 and recent 2015 RONE award winner!

The Isle of Lewis, 1820

The hero of this story is about Laird and healer Malcolm MacLeod who has not been happy since his betrothed Julie ended and for someone much below his station a bookkeeper from Edinburgh and as if that not enough his brothers and father want to start a war over it and force Julia to marry him. Malcolm and Julia

had been betrothed since childhood but he does not want to force anyone to marry him. He wants to be wanted and plus the face clan do not start wars over broken betrothals as in the days of old and of he doesn't go to war his father has threatened to take the lairdship away and give to one of his two warrior brothers.

Both Esmé and Malcolm are having dreams of each other yet they have never met and love far from each other. Esme has never been interested in other men as they all looked grey to her and the voices come have a meaning as does an old crone to guide them. Both Malcolm and Esmé believe in the old ways and their beliefs plus the way Esmé seems to be able to read animals thoughts and is a healer as well. Though not as experienced as Malcolm though Malcolm's big hand get in the way when healing anyhow small when they do finally meet it is quite beautiful. As they both follow their dreams and voices without question and go on this magical journey to basically save Scotland! Time is of the essence as a special magical creature needs to be saved and both Esme and Malcolm seem to be the only humans on earth to be trusted but will they be able to save him?

They both have feelings like they have known each other forever, but you can feel that they are destined to be each other's soul mate yet what will happen when their adventure ends living so far from each other? Family is everything to Esmé and she would never leave them so will Malcolm sacrifice his a lairdship? Of course it had been something he never wanted though he does enjoy caring for the people and the land. As for Esmé will she be able to trust her innocent heart? As this is her first experience with love. Or will she leave with a broken heart? Plus can Malcolm even open his heart again after being crushed so recently? You will have to read this beautiful touching story which will definitely melt your heart and steal your soul a wee bit too.

It did not have any steamy love scenes which I felt was perfect considering Esmé had never even been kissed before and it wasn't needed. It would of felt really rushed if she was to get her first kiss and loose her virginity in one day so I applaud Ms. Davis for not writing one in. It really is a wonderful story and I loved the bits of past celt and droid past and how everything connected and I loved Esme's family especially her painter seer Grandmother Caelia Rose of course from "A Tear for Memory" and loved the close relationship they have. Hopefully she will write a story for her sister Breda. I did not like Breda is the beginning but it shows how she matured during Esme's absence and really grew up and was likable toward the end of the book.

Loved this book and definitely recommend this wonderful magical story about tragedy, betrayal, trust , belief, love at first site and soulmates. Highland Awakening by Kathryn Lynn Davis

Lord Ruthven's Bride by Tarah Scott is the second book in her Highland Regency series as the first on Lord Greyson's Bride was originally in the Scroll of the Cridhe, Highland Winds, volume 1 and recently a 2015 RONE award winner as this is in the Guardians of the Cridhe, Highland Flames volume 2.

1823 Inverness, Scotland

This is book's heroine is Annabelle Montagu who is betrothed to Callum MacLennan and James Ruthven one that saves her life. I kept hearing the song torn between two lovers and loving only one while reading this fantastic storyline! Yes I sometimes have a music soundtrack while reading books though usually it is Scottisj pipes and fiddles! Lord Ruthvren's Bride is another fabulous fast paced page turner which is the usual for me with talented Tarah Scott books! Another riveting tale of mystery, drama, suspense, espionage,

kidnapping, murder and love!

The heroine is the lovely Lady Annabelle Montagu sister of Josephine from Lord Greyson's bride she finds herself curious seeing one of Lord Monroe Harley burying a mysterious box and decides to investigate under an oak tree and Lady Morgan's and decided to discover clues at his home during a party. This is the is how she meets the handsome Lord Ruthven, James Waterson, the new Viscount who was also snooping on Lord Harley but for very reasons . This is when Annabelle's life starts to go out of control, as she tries to hide and is caught and to cover up for her Lord Ruthven gives her a kiss like no other and later feels guilty as she has a betrothed who she intend to marry Callum MacLennon, Marquess of Northington.

There is someone murdering prostitutes and Ladies of good breeding in Inverness that James had been investigating and fearing Annabelle's might be next victim and then when he saves her life. You can feel the chemistry between James and Annabelle and the guilt Anabelle feels though she would never betray her fiancé either but is torn as is James watching her and knowing he can never have her. Plus knowing she is probably the next to be murdered James feels a need to protect her and frustrated Annabelle takes unnecessary risk's that drive James crazy. Now Annabelle cares for both men and who will she chose? You will have to read this wonderful novella to find out ,

This is a quick faced paced book that readers won't be able to put down and wonder what will happen next. I do hope the man Lady Annabella did not choose will get his own story too as he was a good man too. I felt sorry for him as he loved her too. Tough when two wonderful men care for you but you have to choose only one! I highly recommend! Another spectacular Tarah Scott read and this book really had so many twist and turns not knowing what was going to happen next it was totally exhilarating! Loved it!

April says

WOW!! Another outstanding collection from some marvelous storytellers! These ladies just keep making Historical Romance more and more wickedly seductive. Outstanding!! A must read. Each title was enjoyable and satisfying. Loved the writing, the characters and the storyline. Well, I simply loved each and every story!! Well done! More please. I would highly recommend this collection.

Personal buy

Rating: 5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR

Leah says

Another great set of reads in the continuation of The Scrolls of Chridhe. Seven different stories set in different eras that take place in Scotland...land of legend, lore, and magick.

Jeene Hobbs says

A varied collection of novellas

Clue: watch for Gertrude and the authors' use of flames.

The Pocket Watch: Ceci Giltenan is my favorite author of Highland romance. This is a time traveler story (not my favorite), but I liked it. Gertrude explains in detail how the pocket watch will work. It is Maggie's choice even if she doesn't believe. 4/5

Lord Ruthven's Bride: a Scottish Regency romance/crime story. I enjoy stories where the M&F characters are both solving crimes often w/o the other's knowledge. 4/5

Jack: A Scottish Outlaw--A captor/captive romance; also, commoner/noble. Jack is an honorable thief, a Robin Hood character. Lady Isabella is trying to survive the aftermath of the Massacre of Berwick. Unusual setting/storyline for me. 4/5

One Knight Standings: a 7th son of a 7th son and a curious young woman named Catherine. This story is set at Rosslyn Chapel, known for its sympathy to the Knights Templar. 4/5

Winter Fire: you may already be familiar with Duncan MacKinzie, his Lady Linnet, and Dovorgilla of Doon. In this fantastical story, lovers meet on Odin's Flame on a winter night when the curtain of light touches the mountain. Can they be reunited in the everyday world? Perhaps my favorite in this collection. 4.5/5

Highland Awakening: Esme and Marcus both have compelling dreams that lead them to help restore the natural order of the seasons and to each other. You may already know Esme's grandparents Rory and Caelia. Lots of dream sequences and symbolism. 3.5/5

Highland Destiny: Visions, transforming Highlander dragons, and an old crone named Gertrude. What more could you ask for? This story wasn't as satisfying or compelling as it could have been. 3/5

Karen says

A good collection of short highland adventures, touching on different life perspectives. Some stories tinged with magic & the paranormal, others giving up privilege for freedom, fulfilling life purpose or hearts desire.

I enjoyed this collection.
