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Defending Her Was His Duty

Skilled with a sword and quick with her wit, Scottish rebel Claire Stuart cannot be tamed. And nothing can deter her from rescuing her beloved sister and saving them both from arranged marriages--not even the handsome Highlander who vows to protect Claire. His scorching gaze and fiery kiss bring her to the brink of surrender, but she belongs to no man...

Seducing Her Would Be His Reward

Graham Grant has had his share of lasses. But he has never met one as headstrong or as bonnie as Claire--or one with such desperate, dangerous plans. Helping her could betray his honor, his country, and more. Graham *can't* claim her. Yet everything in him says: Take her, make her yours, teach her pleasure, and never let her go.

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Laura the Highland Hussy says

This was a fantastic read! I loved it, and if I'd known it was next in line after Laird of the Mist I'd have read it sooner. I'd actually forgotten some of the characters. But it was so good. I love how Claire fights like a man, but not just for part of the book. She actually fights like a man! Her twin Connor had her as his right hand man in his army. But she wasn't unrealistic, either.

And when she and Graham Grant fought (with swords) it was foreplay! lol too perfect. There were several plot twists and turns that kept me gasping and yelling at the characters. I look forward to the next book (I assume there is one-too many loose ends).

One thing I really loved about Paula Quinn's writing is that she had a couple sex scenes that weren't very graphic, but still had me fanning my face. I think that it's almost harder to write a non-graphic love scene and make it steamy, than a very explicit one. A couple of the other sex scenes were graphic enough too, so it was a good mix. The sexual tension was great, the characters were wonderful, and I love how at the end

-spoiler alert-

when they rescue Connor, he asks Graham something like, "So you think you can tame my sister, do you?" Graham has the best answer. "No, and I don't want to." I love it! So many times we see the hero or heroine being tamed...sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but here? This was perfect and very swoon-worthy.

Patricia Ibarra says

I loved it so much!!! Claire is exactly the kind of woman I want to find in the books I read: brave, strong, fierce yet tender, passionate and so intelligent. I also loved Graham for accepting and loving her exactly as she was, not attempting to change a bit of her.

The story is captivating, not only the love story between these two stubborn lovers, but the whole politic and military plot of loyalties and treason. I'm eagerly going to find out what happened to the treacherous James. Unfortunately for me, I read first the Children of the Mist series, which starts with Robert's death at the very beginning, so I had no knowledge of him and his love story with Anne at all. Now I did, and it is heartbraking when I think of this Guinevere and her "knight in shining armor"! All in all, the more I read Paula Quinn's work, the more I want from her!

Beanbag Love says

More like a 3.5, I think.

But let me start by blowing a raspberry at that cover. What kind of stance is that? Not manly. Not manly at

all.

It took me a long time to get into this story. I think it was the heroine. She was one of those hotheads who happens to be a great fighter, but makes you wonder how she survived this long with her impulsiveness and short fuse.

So she was pretty hard to take for much of the book.

Graham Grant is pretty yummy, although he was stupid to keep a secret from Claire. After a while I really wondered what the point was in all that secret keeping? If he believed the edict was law and was acting on it himself, why not spill the beans?

But about two thirds in we start to really see their chemistry take hold and the romance kicks in. It's nice. And, although they still have their willful misunderstandings, I think they're a good couple overall.

I bought this book because it was only \$1.99 on Kindle. I'll do Laird of the Mist next, although it came before this one. Then I can start reading the series in order if I want to continue.

I'm glad I'm giving Paula Quinn a try, although I think I wasn't quite in the mood for ancient Highlanders. As long as her publisher is appropriately discounting the e-versions of her books, I'll probably follow the series along to the end. :D

Subathira says

This is my first book of Paula Quinn and she has won over me. This was very enjoyable reading and there was no dull moment.

Loved both the characters of the highlander - Graham and Clarie. The description of Scotland and the way to island of Skye brings the scene in front of your eyes.

Enjoyed the braveness of the Clarie and the love for her brother and sister. She is a warrior lass full of ardor and willpower but faced with the most handsome, wicked and valiant Highlander couldn't avoid to succumb to the true love.

Graham conquered my heart once again in this novel! He is wickedly sexy and adorably tender. I loved the way he surrendered to his love to Claire and accepted her for who she is, in fact, he loved her even more for her strength and skillness in battle. He continued to be a loyal friend and I enjoyed his deep friendship with Robert Campbell.

I also appreciated a lot the secondary lovestory between Robert and Claire's sister, Anne. He is a real knight! I'll continue to reading Paula's other novels because

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iamGamz says

Another great Paula Quinn book! Her characters jump off the page and into your reality.

I loved Graham's carefree attitude in "Laird of the Mist". He's a loyal friend to Callum and the leader of his troops. He's a devoted brother to his eleven sisters and young brother, Jamie. He's also a gorgeous man-whore with a winning smile and charming personality. Women are there for his pleasure, he makes no excuses about that, and they love him for it. Is it any wonder that it takes a warrior woman like Claire to finally breach his heart?

Claire is the sister of Connor, the leader of the Rebels and cousin to King Charles II, who is fighting to reclaim his throne. Her brother taught her at an early age to wield a sword and fight and she is now better than most men. She is fearless, beautiful, strong, independent and terrifying when met in battle.

I loved the interplay between Graham and Claire. She gave the big guy hell every chance she could, and he pushed all the right buttons to make her realize that while she could fight like a man, she is all woman. This left Claire feeling weak and vulnerable and made her want to run him through with her sword. Their dialogue was quick and witty and oh so enjoyable. Their love scenes were steamy and sexy. The first time they made love was a truly inspired scene. The Highland mist making it that much sexier. Their coming together was never pretty. It was raw and lusty and beautiful in its naturalness. These two characters did not need pretty. They are both warriors and embraced that in all aspects of their personalities.

This was a fun read that gave you a glimpse into the real political atmosphere during that time. I found myself reaching for my computer to Google more information on the actual historical characters in the storyline as I read. Thank you Paula Quinn for opening up a little window of the Highland history to your readers.

Melody Black says

I loved the book it was so good.

Dina says

3 1/2 stars

Rach~The Highlander luvrrr says

OMG

this book is worthy of 10 stars ...

Being a fanatical highland loova...it takes alot to capture my attention i have read so many highlander books in 2011 that i look in the mirror and wander if im a bonnie lass with hair as red as fire ..

LOL ...

but boy did this book capture my attention... it is so well written and so well played... the characters were phenomenal .. unforgettable

Yes we have the Hero .. rugged sexy drool worthy honorable highlander

But then we have our Heroine ... Clare...

Clare is UNFORGETTABLE... this little she devil runs rings around the usual lil ninnies that are usually presented to us in historicals..

Nae... this lassie is FABULOUS .. not only can she wield a blade better than any man .. she has the foulest mouth on her Och she had me lol so hard.... bahhh

This book follows a typical story .. the highlander saving the lass from death... however the way Paula Quinn writes is just so good..

such a master story teller .. the politics in this book is amazing..

its pretty heavy on the Scottish brogue but i love that ..

I would def recommend this book to any one who is into highlanders

is is now one of my top 10 reads

Jenny says

I love these characters. It's official. I am going to read the rest of Paula Quinn's books now.

Zoe says

I think it's a typical romance novel without romance. The relationship is motivated by lust. "I must have her but I don't know why so it must be special" kind of relationship.

I think sometimes a writer can make that work. In this book it somehow fell flat. I did not care for the political intrigue either. It does not have enough romance elements for me.

And Claire, oh Claire, I dislike her as a heroine intensely. But it has a lot to do with me. I don't take well to "manly" women, using Claire's own words. She is too pigheaded and hot tempered for my taste. Another person may have greatly appreciated her strength. I don't. I prefer a different kind of strength that does not speak through weapon and the heroine pretending to be a man. I never understood this archetype of a heroine. What's so good about acting like a man? But that's just my preference.

I think the book is more a 2.5 than 3 stars. But I like Paula Quinn so I rounded it up.

Shining-Love says

What a lovely and enjoyable reading it has been!! Paula Quinn won me over once again with Graham and Claire's story! Two characters so different, yet so alike that together create an incredible pair. I admired Claire's courage and their loyalty to her family members and their country and King. She is a warrior lass full

of ardor and willpower but faced with the most handsome, wicked and valiant Highlander couldn't avoid to succumb to the true love.

Graham conquered my heart once again in this novel! He is wickedly sexy and adorably tender. I loved the way he surrendered to his love to Claire and accepted her for who she is, in fact, he loved her even more for her strength and skillness in battle. He continued to be a loyal friend and I enjoyed his deep friendship with Robert Campbell.

I also appreciated a lot the secondary lovestory between Robert and Claire's sister, Anne. He is a real knight! I'll continue to reading Paula's other novels because I'm sure she won't disappoint me! Moreover, I'm too curious to know about the children of the mist! ;-)

For those who love reading about Highlanders and Scotland, I absolutely recommend to not miss her novels because through them you can feel she loves this country and its culture and story profoundly.

Cheryl says

The year is when Scotland's Third Civil War has re-emerged.

Oliver Cromwell has died. General Monck of the New Model Army wants to see Charles II restored to power, so he enlists the help of men like Lord Robert Campbell, Earl of Argyll, a Presbyterian and Graham Grant, highlander, Royalist and first in command of the MacGregor clan.

Claire Stuart has been captured by some Puritan Roundheads. Claire winds up getting rescued by Lord Robert Campbell and his friend Graham Grant. Unfortunately Claire is anything but happy to see Robert and Graham. Claire is on a mission to save her sister, Anne from getting married to General Monck. Actually Claire is more than mad she is out to kill someone and that someone winds up being General Monck. But first Claire has to escape Graham in addition to keeping her true identity of being the king's cousin a secret. In order to keep Claire from ruining things, Graham tells Claire he will help her to rescue her sister. What Graham will soon learn is he was better off letting Claire do her own thing as she is one hellion, especially with a sword.

I just loved the characters in this book. They were so strong and independent. This statement 100% applies to Claire with her take charge attitude. I found it to be an enjoyment, especially when her angry was aimed at Graham. It was funny because Graham would treat Claire like a two year old but at the same time this is when you could also feel the sparks between these two. I have to admit that it wasn't hard to enjoy this book but because one it was written by the lovely Paula Quinn and two it was set during the Scottish times, which is a favorite time period of mine. A Highlander Never Surrenders was a royal pleasure to read. I am already anxiously awaiting Ms. Quinn's next release.

Zeek says

Roguish Graham Grant and his best friend Rob Campbell, (first introduced in Laird of the Mist), are on a mission. They must pick up two noble ladies, sisters Anne and Claire Stuart, and take them to safety, while the infamous General Monck sorts out the death of their brother, Conner Stuart.

Claire has her own mission- to avenge the death of her beloved twin, Conner- and she' sure General Monck is behind it.

Unaware of cross purposes- and that she is the female they seek- Graham and Rob happen upon the strong willed girl, rescuing her from a bunch of thieves. Graham is instantly, and strangely, attracted to the feisty Claire, but he's surprised when Rob determines that she is indeed the very Lady, along with her sister, they were sent to intercept. It doesn't take the men long to decide to see Claire and Anne safely to their home on Skye Island with the Laird of the Mist- despite her resolve to the contrary.

Set during a short span of time when Scotland and England were walking a fine line of peace, Claire and Graham are smack dab in the center of political intrigue that is about to embroil their beloved Scotland once again in a war with the Motherland. They must first determine who to trust to see their way out of it- old family ties or the fierce love burning between them.

What I appreciate most about Quinn's highlander historical romances are the little tidbits of actual persons and history she intertwines with her fictional characters. The second is her sexy Highlander heroes! Graham is one such hero- boyish charm mixed with some yummy alpha male goodness, I liked him immediately! It took me a bit longer, however, to get into the story because I wasn't sure if I liked the heroine.

Strong willed and single-minded, Claire is one of those heroines who doesn't like her station in life and is doggedly determined to never be put in her place. Ok, I can dig that, but when a heroine is ALL about that, it can easily get annoying. And that's exactly what I was feeling during Claire and Graham's initial interactions- annoyed. But Graham-Graham, that devilish rogue- manages to accept her and fall in love with her- just as she is- and, in so doing, make her lovable to the reader.

Once again Quinn does a fine job intricately weaving very real historical political intrigue with steamy sensuality. 4 out of 5 from me a toned down Claire would have worked better for me, but otherwise an diverting read.

Maggie Whitworth says

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Excellent book , so well thought out and planned .

Characters are stunning as are the descriptions and Historical Facts .

Love this series and can't wait for more .

Mei says

[until the Governor bethrotes her to his best friend (hide spoiler)]
