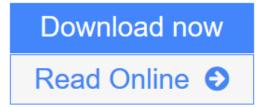


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## The Legend Hunters ...

The Men of Solomon's meet in secret, their very existence only a rumor among the best of Victorian society. They are treasure hunters, men of wealth and title, seekers of myths and legends. And no legend is as captivating as the Loch Ness monster . . .

Graeme Langford, Duke of Rothmore, has always been torn between his beloved Scottish homeland and his duty to the English Crown. Yet his is truly an adventurer's soul-and he's determined to find a long-lost stone hidden near Loch Ness.

Bookish Vanessa Pembrooke heads to the Highlands to prove the existence of the legendary beast. Instead she finds the first man who has ever shared her hunger for adventure. Soon Graeme and Vanessa are fighting a dangerous battle as well as their own simmering attraction. As their passion grows, so does the danger. Ultimately, they must risk everything to keep the cursed stone out of a murderer's hands. But can they survive without losing the greatest treasure of all-their love?

# **Treasure Me Details**

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## Jessica says

this book was amazing

# **Gawelleb** says

Bien meilleur que le second tome! Du pur divertissement, du grand n'importe qui mais avec classe !!

# **Melanie says**

I reviewed this book for Romance Reader At Heart website.

**RRAH's THOUGHTS AND PONDERINGS:** 

In Ms. DeHart's third installment of The Men of Solomon's series, a secret group of treasure hunters--men of wealth and title who study and seek myths and legends--were invited on an adventure with Graeme Langford, Duke of Rothmore, who's part Scottish, part English, and on a quest to find The Stone of Destiny, which, with the other four stones of the Loch Ness treasure, will complete the "Kingmaker".

Vanessa Pembroke is a long time lover of science and the study of bones. Upon discovering her younger sister with her fiancé two days before their wedding, she runs off to Scotland and starts a quest of her own. She aims to prove the Loch Ness legend true.

Traveling on her own, with no servant or a chaperone, it doesn't take our heroine long to fall prey to some bad dudes. By coming to her rescue, Graeme ends up handfasted to her, and off we all go on an adventure full of danger, fun, and excitement.

The Raven, a dastardly villain from the previous two adventures, is back in search of the stone, but for entirely selfish reasons. In his demented mind, The Raven is working hard at using their family and friends in order to get to the stone first and complete his Loch Ness treasure collection.

Our fearless duo searches the caves and dodges gunshots, while getting trapped in a dynamite explosion. And through all that chaos and mayhem, we're treated with a sweet and endearing love story. I found the plot unique and fast-paced, while the dialogue was fun and entertaining. I also liked the cameo of Queen Victoria.

TREASURE ME is an enjoyable and exciting Victorian-era, Indian Jones-style, fast-paced adventure full of romance and mystery. What a `blast' to end this trilogy!

I recommend all three books, SEDUCE ME, DESIRE ME, and TREASURE ME, as they're all filled with

mystery, treasure hunts, and plenty of romance.

Melanie

# April says

TREASURE ME by Robyn DeHart is an engaging and exciting historical romance set in 1888 Loch Ness, Scotland.It is the third in "The Legend Hunters" series, but can be read as a stand alone. Book One, "Seduce Me", Book Two, "Desire Me".It is well written with depth, details, twists and turns. It has romance, sweet sensuality, passion, adventure, danger, myths, legends, secrets, betrayal, trust, the men of Solomon's, greed, murder, antiquities, mystery, jewels, fate, destiny. finding your true love and soul mate. If you liked the movies, "Indiana Jones and The Natural Treasure" you will so love this story. It is the story of the search for the powerful biblical Stone of Destiny which with the four stones of

the Loch Ness treasure will complete the "Kingmaker". This is according, to myths and legends whoever owns the Stone of Destiny and the Stones of the Loch Ness treasure will become the ruler of England. But BEWARE for the Kingmaker "is only for those who are worthy to hold the throne". if not it will destroy them. This is a fast paced, action packed adventure from the first page to the last. Can two people who get married on a dare, from some Scottish threat, join on an adventure of passion, desire and danger truly fall in love? This is a MUST READ. It is filled with legends, curses, adventure, suspense and of course love and passion. It will definitely keep your heart pumping and your mind wondering to the next sentence. I would highly recommend this story especially if you enjoy an exciting tale of adventure and danger. This book was received for the purpose of review from Book Blogs and the publisher and details can be found at Forever, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing and My Book Addiction and More.

#### Ing says

#### My Synopis:

Vanessa Pembrooke walks in on her fiancee and her younger sister doing the nasty right in front of the library fireplace, two days prior to their wedding date. Vanessa is understandably upset and flees that night to Scotland. Vanessa is a budding paleontologist. She decides to head to Scotland to explore the caves where a fellow paleontologist, McElroy unearthed evidence that the legendary Loch Ness monster existed. Others in the paleontology community ignored McElroy's finding as nothing! Vanessa who believes that McElroy's claim does prove the existence of the Loch Ness sets out to Scotland to prove McElroy right.

Graeme Langford, Duke of Rothmore, is a member of Soloman's Legend Hunters club. The Legend Hunters are a secret society of men who love the adventure of seeking treasures. Graeme is longing for home. He is half Scottish and English. He is a Duke and mainly resides in London. His heart belongs in Scotland though.

Graeme runs into Vanessa in a tavern near is mother's home in Scotland. Graeme intervenes when Vanessa is being hassled by some of the local boys at the tavern by pretending Vanessa is his fiancee. Some verbal jabs are thrown at Graeme and somehow he is goaded into handfasting with Vanessa. Believing that the ceremony is not legally binding Graeme sets out on sending Vanessa back home to England on the next train. Graeme quickly learns Vanessa is her own person and doesn't take orders from anyone. After learning that the ceremony is legally binding Graeme and Vanessa set out on an unexpected adventure of the minds and heart.

#### My Thoughts:

Robyn was an author I had wanted to try for awhile now. Even though this is the 3rd book in the series it read very well by itself. I enjoyed my first Robyn Dehart book. Treasure Me, reminded me a bit of the movie National Treasure meets regency style. I don't normally say this about heroines in books (cause they tend to do something to annoy me) but Vanessa was an enjoyable character. She in my opinion outshines Graeme, the hero. Her character was very honest and endearing. She ran off to Scotland on her own which is a no, no during that time. After she runs off she acknowledges the stupidity of her action. I liked that! She's honest, level headed and is a no nonsense kind of gal. Her scientific mind gives her a different out look on things such as sex. Her thoughts on how to stay focus and not get caught up in the lusting was too funny. I kept thinking poor girl good luck trying to resist that sexy kilt wearing man!

As for Graeme I love him. I liked his protectiveness and the fact that he embraces his Scottish side to the fullest. When he's back home he likes to be in his kilt. Can I just say GRRRRR! LOL! I liked the chemistry between Graeme and Vanessa. She kept him on his toes and was a constant puzzle to him. She's not your typical virgin miss! In turn I love how Graeme appreciated Vanessa's mind and body. The secondary storyline involving the menacing bad guy Raven and Graeme's cousin Niall gave this book the suspense. Raven was really bad. If you are going to have a villain really make him a villain. That's what Robyn did. Raven was an evil bastard. Some parts of the book was a bit slow and I think more time could have been spent on the relationship between Graeme and Vanessa. It just seemed like so much was going on and the relationship felt a bit rushed at times. Overall an enjoyable read from a new to me author. I'll definitely check out the other books in this series. If you like adventure, treasure hunting, a smart heroine and a witty and sexy hero then I think you'll enjoy this book.

# Tarra says

Won this in a First Reads giveaway on Feb. 22. Really excited about reading this one!

Treasure Me was full of adventure, treasure hunting, action, a little bit of the paranormal, and romance.

Treasure Me is the third book of The Legend Hunters series.

I hate reading books out of order, but since I won this book I decided I had no choice. Well, I bought the first two books halfway through Treasure Me, that's how much I liked it and enjoyed this author's writing style. The book gave enough background information to catch the reader up to speed and introduce characters from previous books, but not enough that it was ever boring.

Vanessa was a fantastic heroine. She was smart and inquisitive. She made mistakes and was not afraid to learn from them or admit them. She was bold and confident. And I love that she didn't even feel the need to take off her glasses during seduction!

Graeme was not the typical Alpha Male. He was kind and compassionate from the beginning. He treated Vanessa as an equal, never trying to stifle her passion for adventure. He knew he couldn't hold her back, so he joined her. They made a great team.

The Raven was the villain. He was bad. Not like the cartoonish villains you often see in these types of books. He was downright nasty. He obviously showed up in the previous books, which I hope expound on his history a little more.

In all, a great read!

# **Mary Gramlich says**

Treasure Me written by Robyn DeHart Book #3 in The Legend Hunters Series 03/11 - Grand Central Publishing - Mass Market Paperback, 352 pages

When you don't believe in love is there anything left to search for?

Graeme Langford, Duke of Rothmore was a man on a quest to find The Stone of Destiny. Graeme had followed all the symbols, read all the books and chased down every lead that had him returning to the land of his birth Scotland. He may be half English but his heart and soul belonged in Scotland the land where history and myth are always intertwined as one. Vanessa Pembrooke is also on a mission to prove the validity of the Loch Ness legend and while heart break had to chasing this dream, the love of science and study of bones created the scenario where she had no regrets.

So what would happen if Graeme and Vanessa were to meet – well get married of course what else? It was a quick ceremony meant to save her life but in Scotland handfasting is still legally recognized and the two of them became one solid couple chasing down their dreams during the day and fulfilling desires every night. Love was elusive for both of them but could that be the road they are heading down?

Where there is light in finding each other there has to be darkness and it takes the form of a terrible man known as The Raven who is trying to take the stone and destroy everything Graeme and his fellow Legend Hunters are trying to save. While Graeme and Vanessa search the caves, nooks and crannies looking for the treasure The Raven is creating havoc and using anything and everyone to get the goal he wants which is The Stone of Destiny and gain ultimate power of every land. Can the two of them stop him and in the end find what they are really searching for?

Between the gunshots, dynamite exploding, cave collapsing, untrustworthy relatives mix in an alpha male and an independent woman you know the action never stops and the fun goes on from one page to the next. Vanessa tries hard to not love Graeme and he refuses to believe in long term relationships but how do you fight the passion they share and connection that bonds them so closely as one?

I try not to have favorites in a series but this one is a slam dunk winner with me. Graeme and Vanessa get under your skin and make you love every moment you are reading about them. They are fun, exciting and downright perfect.

Kathryn says

I feel really torn where this book was concerned. On one hand, the story was kind of interesting and a bit amusing, but on the other, the characters were a little flat, and some parts felt pretty forced and predictable.

The lead female, Vanessa, was supposed to be pretty intelligent, and in some ways, I guess she was. However, her complete lack of common sense really made her academic credentials a bit hard to believe.

The lead male, Graeme, was... kind of a douche-bag... There was one point in the book when the author alluded to the idea that he wasn't easily swayed to do things just because he was goaded into them, but there seemed little evidence to support that. For instance, he married a stranger - Vanessa - just because some smelly guys at a pub teased him. He also consummated that marriage even though he was seemingly determined to have their marriage annulled. These things just made him seem really weak willed to me despite the authors attempts to make him seem really strong after that.

Oh, and don't even get me started on the younger brother, Dougal... That kid was an idiot and even more one-dimensional than the lead characters. The relationship between him and Graeme was also extremely lacking though the author stated that Graeme was essentially Dougal's father figure. Seriously?

I don't know... I think the author tried, and I know I couldn't write anything better. The deal with the Kingmaker was kind of interesting though I was disappointed that Vanessa never even got to find her bones. It also sucked that she was willing to just give up her life long dream for some dude she hardly knew. Why couldn't she be a paleontologist *and* a wife? But no, she had to be weak and decided to just do the adventures her husband wanted to do. It's frustrating when seemingly strong, female characters end up being nothing but weaklings who allow themselves to be so fully swayed by men.

All in all, the story was just okay. I give it two stars.

# **Bookaholics says**

Treasure Me by Robyn DeHart Historical Romance -March 1st, 2011 3 1/2 stars

Jilted by her fiancé, scientifically minded Vanessa Pembrook ran away from home and headed straight for the Highlands. She did not mind getting jilted; what she minded was her fiancé cheating on her with her own sister! Seizing the opportunity, she decided to follow her ambition and prove the existence of Nessie, the legendary beast. Instead, she found the adventurer Graeme Langford. Graeme had come to the Highlands to search for the Stone of Destiny and ended impulsively marrying Vanessa instead. Between a bloodthirsty treasure hunter and his single-minded and fiery wife, could Graeme protect the Stone Destiny?

A fast-paced and entertaining read, this is a light-hearted novel with plenty of laughs. For starters, Vanessa is a spunky heroine, who refused to get upset over her predicament. Instead, she packed and left her home, which endeared her to me. Instead of crying or fainting, she followed her heart. I really like her can-do attitude. Graeme is also another fun character to read. He reminds me of a Scottish Indiana Jones!

Charming and full of action, this romance novel is a blast to read.

Reviewed by Pauline from Bookaholics Romance Club

# **Catherine says**

What's a girl to do when she walks in on her fiancé getting down and dirty with her little sister two days before their wedding? Why go on an adventure, of course! Vanessa has always been fascinated by the study of bones, but has never gotten a chance to dig. She seizes the opportunity to run away to the Loch Ness area to find evidence that the legendary "water kelpie" really did exist there. Graeme, the hero, does her a good turn when she's in a bit of trouble and unintentionally tangles their lives together.

I absolutely adored Vanessa. She was book smart, but kind of foolish in real life situations. Some might find that frustrating, but I found it charming. She never doubted that she could handle any situation and confidently approached them. They didn't always turn out well, but she never panicked and lost her head. She was extremely logical and didn't believe in stuff like love. She reminded me a bit of Darius from **Not Quite a Lady by Loretta Chase**.

You might be nervous that the romance between Vanessa and Graeme comes too soon after her breakup. Rest assured, there is nothing to worry about on that front. Vanessa chose her fiancé specifically because he was "level-headed, analytical, intelligent, and not at all moved by the frivolities in life." There was no passion between them. At the most I would say there was a distant, pleasant liking.

The adventure wasn't quite as serious as I was expecting. It was still a lot of fun to read about, but I felt that the villain and the way he manipulated people was a little bit too silly for me to take seriously. Also, there was a scene involving a member very high up in society that I found a little ridiculous. That being said, I had fun watching Graeme try to handle things on his own, only to have Vanessa thwart his every attempt to leave her behind.

The dynamic between Graeme and Vanessa was my favorite part of the book. I enjoyed their back and forth dialogue and liked that there was very little conflict involved in them being together. It was a little unrealistic at first—considering the unplanned way they found themselves stuck together—but I quickly grew to appreciate it. It made it a lot easier to go along for the ride as they tried to discover the treasure.

Although I enjoyed this story, I did find a few things (other than what I've already mentioned) irritating. I really, really disliked the fact that Vanessa's sister and ex-fiancé seemed to be excused from their wrongdoing because they were "in love" and things ended up turning out well for Vanessa in the end. That really pissed me off. That "in the name of love" thing is not an opinion I ascribe to, so I had a hard time swallowing it when it was presented here. Also, I found it a little perplexing that a *duke* was treated like Joe Blow down the road. I don't claim to be a history expert, but it seemed a little weird.

This is the third book in **The Legend Hunters** series, but it's the first one I've read. I didn't have a problem jumping into the series, but I did hear something about the villain that I *think* seems likely to be a spoiler for a previous book in the series. I could be wrong, but I wanted to give a head's up just in case I was right. It didn't bother me, though. I still plan on picking up the first two books and giving them a try as well. I think they'll be a lot of fun!

One last mention before I end the review... There was a teeny amount of magic/supernatural event thrown in that I found surprising. It's wasn't a large part of the story, but I just wanted to let everyone know so they could go in with their eyes wide open.

#### **Favorite Quote:**

"I was asked to look into something that another man is doing. Make certain that he's not doing anything illegal or dangerous."

"By whom?"

"Some men I work with in London."

"Your flair for detail is astounding. Truly, the entire situation makes perfect sense to me now," she said.

Review originally posted on Fiction Vixen.

# **Book of Secrets says**

After finding her fiance in a compromising position with another woman, the scholarly Vanessa Pembrooke abandons her wedding plans and heads to Scotland in search of proof that the Loch Ness monster once existed. After a precarious situation at a local pub, Vanessa suddenly finds herself "accidentally" married to Graeme Langford, Duke of Rothmore.

Graeme is a member of The Men of Solomon's, a secret group of treasure hunters who study myths and legends. Graeme's quest is to find The Stone of Destiny, and Vanessa is thrilled to discover her new husband shares her love of adventure. Hot on their tail is a dastardly treasure hunter called The Raven who has his sight set on acquiring the precious stone himself - at any cost.

Treasure Me was an exciting Victorian-era adventure with plenty of action, danger and a bit of romance along the way. Vanessa was truly the star of the book. She was smart, skilled and independent. She was a scientist and a scholar, determined to be taken seriously in a man's world. You have to respect a woman who sees calling off her wedding over a cheating fiance as more free time to search for fossils! The story's main focus was on the quest to locate The Stone of Destiny, and Vanessa and Graeme's romance was somewhat overshadowed. Still, there was a strong connection between the two characters, and it only grew stronger.

A fast-paced plot and interesting characters blended with Scottish legends made Treasure Me an enchanting tale. This is the final book in Robyn DeHart's Legend Hunters trilogy, though it can be read stand-alone. I have not read the first two books yet, and I never felt lost. Of course, because I enjoyed this one so much, I have some catching up to do with the rest of the series!

# Amanda Ryan says

Redonk Nutshell: Intelligent and spirited woman gets tangled up with an adventurer on a quest to find a fabled treasure at Loch Ness

The 3rd in Robyn DeHart's Legend Hunter series, Treasure Me is a fun, guilty pleasure of an adventure story

between two very head strong leads. After discovering her fiance in the arms of her youngest sister, Vanessa Pembrooke decides to indulge herself with a trip to the Scottish Highlands in order to pursue her dreams of paleontology. On her way there she crosses paths with Graeme Langford, a man who steps in as her rescuer when randy burly-men start harassing her in a pub. Graeme poses as her fiance, and when dared to prove it, he allows the pub inhabitants to perform an old-school Scottish binding ceremony. Unbeknownst to both Graeme and Vaness, the binding ceremony, though not acknowledged by English law, is official by Scottish law. Thus, Graeme is committed to putting things back to rights once they're out of harm's way.

Vanessa, however, has different plans.

I really enjoyed DeHart's first Legend Hunter book, Seduce Me. Treasure Me has a similar tone, a girly sort of Indiana Jones adventure involving danger, archaeology and intrigue. Vanessa is a breathe of fresh air, as far as heroines go. She's one of those people who are very intelligent and book-smart, but lack a bit of, er, world-smart. Ya know? Her take on the world is very clinical and detached, yet somehow down to earth. Graeme's presence forces her to re-examine her view on things. He's the fire to her Bunsen burner. \*giggles\*

Graeme blows hot and cold for me. He's not necessarily an uber-alpha, which is nice, though he has no qualms about taking over the reins when he wants to. His younger brother on the other hand, lawd bless him, is a complete moron. Poor guy. Easily seduced by a venomous tongue, Graeme's younger brother goes from sweet boy to villian in a predictable and shallow plot "twist."

Treasure Me is a fun read, a great quickie to pass a dreary day. It's adventure meets sensual awakening set against the lush backdrop of the Highlands.

Treasure Me by Robyn DeHart, 384 pgs, 3/1/11

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Romance: 3/5 Raunch: 3/5

# **Tonileg says**

I had a hard time finishing this story. I felt like it was relatively well written with no noticeable typos. I just couldn't get into the characters. I like a book smart heroine, but did the author have to make her so socially odd? If she can understand many ancient languages, then shouldn't she be able to figure out her own society, even if she doesn't find it interesting or agreeable?

There is a cute scene where the bride seduces her new husband ... with her glasses on. Seriously. It was sweet.

#### Jessica says

Blah. That's how I felt about this book. The writing was subpar, and the characters were unoriginal. The heroine is the same as the heroines found in the earlier books in this series. Spirited, ignoring society's niche for women, stubborn, dropdead gorgeous, yada yada yada. Basically like you've dropped a 21st century woman into the book.

Of course, at his first site of her, the hero is enamored with our heroine. Boy, am I tired of that. Where's the build-up? Oh, wait, there isn't any. I think they had consummated their marriage by the first 15% of the book. After that, the loosely strung-together plot had to carry the book. Very, very, loosely. As in, riddled with plot holes and the most ridiculous and/or overused plot devices.

Pass on this one.

# Liz says

You would assume, since this story takes place near Loch Ness, that the legend the characters are chasing would be the Loch Ness Monster. But no, DeHart takes it in a slightly more interesting direction, where the 'beastie' is actually peripheral to the search for the Loch Ness treasure and the Stone of Destiny.

Legend Hunter Graeme is the large, adventurous type apparently inhabited 18th and 19th century Scotland in droves, although he's also half English and the Duke of Rothermore (A state of affairs he withholds from Vanessa until two-thirds of the way through the story - after which revelation her reaction is something like, "You're a Duke?" and he says, "Oh yes, thought I told you," and they just move on from there. But whatever.) Vanessa is an aspiring paleontologist, and comes across as sort of a Victorian era Temperance Brennan (only less obnoxious). Her scholarly take on matters of the heart is part of what makes the book so much fun to read. The book also features the return Fielding and Esme, more made-for-TV-movie type action and adventure, the reappearance of the chillingly vicious Raven, and more character deaths than you generally find in a romance novel. Overall, a quick, enjoyable read and the best of the series to date.