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Memoirs of a Highland Lady is one of the most famous memoirs ever written. Since its first bowdlerised edition in 1898, it has been consistently in print. This is the first ever complete text. Written between 1845 and 1854, the memoirs were originally intended simply for Elizabeth's family, but these vivid and inimitable records of life in the early 19th century, and above all of the great Rothiemurchus estate, are full of sharp observation and wit, and form an unforgettable picture of her time.

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Elizabeth Young says

Not the best written work of its time but in places very charming and an interesting view into the time period. Some passages are rather dull (especially the many which are concerned with slightly fleshed out lists of minor society members met at various locales), but this can be excused as the original audience for Elizabeth Grant's memoirs was her children, for whom these names would have more relevance.

Living close to many of the locales mentioned in the book added considerably to the appeal of the book for me. I now know who lived in some of the locales I visited, and it fascinating to think of the author and her associates being in some of the places I frequent today.

Marini says

Got to 450, and couldn't read anymore - just became too tedious. The beginning was good, when she talked about her childhood, but all she talked about in part II was meeting this person and that one, which doesn't make any difference to someone who doesn't know (about) them.

Marielle says

As I love reading regency historical romances and love all of Jane Austen, it's very nice to read descriptions of real daily life in the beginning of the 19th century in Scotland through the eyes of a growing girl. I did skip some paragraphs, but will come back to this.

I found it very readable.

Catherine Jeffrey says

Brilliant little nuggets of information about Highland life and the journeys she made between London and Edinburgh in the early 1800's.

Alice says

My MSc dissertation is based on this book by Elizabeth Grant of Rothiemurchus. She's very insightful, with detailed descriptions even though she wrote everything about 25-30 years after it happened. It's realy long though- almost 700 pages. And I am currently on 289...