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Zachary Smith is finished with high-maintenance women, impossible clients, and paranormal adventures. He wants an ordinary life and a happily-ever-after with a fresh-faced girl next door. But when he walks through a doorway into a different century, he knows his life isn't going to turn out quite the way he planned.

Mary de Piaget is passionate about two things: training her father's horses and avoiding wedded bliss. But when she finds herself facing marriage to the most perfect knight in England, she fears for more than her freedom, because only she can see the malice behind the perfection. And then a chance encounter with a strangely dressed traveler kindles her hope for a different fate.

But to change Mary's life is to change Zachary's future --- with disastrous results. Yet how can either of them face the alternative ...

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Kathy says

Zachary Smith is an architect who lives a rather interesting life. His weekends are spent visiting different time zones. And I don't mean Eastern or Central time, I mean, in this particular instance, 2006 and 1258. He also talks to ghosts. One day he is at Artane, a castle owned by a good friend. He's doing his usual thing, exploring and looking at the architectural wonders of the place. He happens to stumble into a room filled with medieval goodies and bam!! he is thrown back to the year 1258, right in the middle of the Lady of Artane's solar. Screams erupt.

Mary de Piaget is the daughter of Robin, the Lord of Artane. Her father has been denying suitors for her for years. She truly doesn't mind the situation as she'd rather tend to her horses and spend time having fun with her cousins. Robin decides that the time has come for her to marry Geoffrey of Styrr who is handsome, but a real idiot. Top that off with the fact that Mary thinks he is up to no good. While her intended betrothed is on his way to her castle, Mary decides to hide.

Zachary is running from the screams in the solar and Mary is running to hide from her suitor. They both meet, in of all places, the garderobe. This is where the story begins and Kurland, as usual, does it very well. She keeps things interesting and suspenseful while at the same time bringing laughter and fun to the tale. The banter between Mary and Zachary is consistently amusing and they are truly a good match for each other, even if there is a several hundred year difference in their age.

Till There Was You is an excellent read. I recommend it.

Kem says

Another book that has it all; evil, romance, laughter, and tears. I love the Hero in this one. It took me a while to get there with the Heroine. It struck me as out of character for Robin to not see through the bad guy, especially since it was his daughter at stake. Kurland has a gift and I'm really glad I found her.

Amy says

[why bother with a near death scene/plotline if you're just going to gloss it over? (And have your subsequent plan to save the girl be riddled

Elise says

I'm in love with all of Lynn Kurland's books and now after about 6 years I'm so enjoying re-reading them all. Definitely a take-me-away read.

Goblin says

I am not sure what has been up, though this was better than her last couple of novels. I think the recipe just needs a bit of an update. I still hold out hope, and will keep reading.

Deborah says

Lately all I want to read are nice clean romances. I am not really into books that have a great story with a little romance in the back. This book was cute, but just not enough for me. I have really enjoyed a few of this authors books, but my big complaint is TOO WORDY!! I got to the point where I was skimming pages because it just got kind of boring.

The story itself was very clean and sweet. It just took way too long to get to the point for me. I just have a hard time with books where the characters are so un-sure of the others love that they have no confidence. Again it was a nice clean read.

Sandy M says

I'm one of those Lynn Kurland fans who doesn't care what she writes. Her writing has a flow, a feeling, a fluidness to it that just calls to me. No matter what century she takes me to in her time travels, I feel like I'm there right in the middle of the story. And though we always get at least one new character to add to our time traveling family, part of the fun of reading these books is getting to see the previous characters being woven together in a fairly complex way, now that there are so many books in the series.

After all that, I do have to confess one small thing. The beginning of this book didn't hook me like her others have. Looking back, however, I'm blaming that on my mood at the time, because after laying the book after one chapter, I picked it up again several days later and it hit the spot with me like all of Ms. Kurland's books usually do.

This time around the story is about Zachary Smith, the youngest of the Smith siblings and the one who has century-hopped with Jamie for years since Jamie made his home permanently in the future. They know where a good portion of these time portals are, but when they find a new one, they're off to investigate it. Zachary, though, is tired of all the time traveling. Tired of fighting for his life when a journey here and there doesn't go as expected. On top of that, he's also dissatisfied with his job, so he's quit. Walked away wanting happily ever after with the right woman.

Having car trouble on his way to that better future, he stops in at Artane, home of the de Piaget family for generations. While there he stumbles into one of those heretofore unknown portals and finds himself still at Artane, only it's now 1258.

Finding himself thrown into the castle dungeon after trying to rescue a servant girl from a number of bloodthirsty warriors, he's surprised when the same girl tries to free him from his prison. What he doesn't know yet is this is Mary de Piaget, only daughter of Robin of Artane, a man he comes to respect and admire

while having to take advantage of his patience and hospitality during his sojourn in Robin's time.

Mary, it seems, is running from her current suitor, one who doesn't give up easily, much to Mary's dismay. So she needs this new stranger to help her flee to a relative's abode far enough away until said suitor leaves her home to try again another day to win her favor. Though she truly hopes not.

Thus begins the fight of Mary to keep her life independent from a money-hungry husband combined with the fight of Zachary to keep her alive without letting on who he is and where he's from and without changing history. Tossed into the mix, besides Robin's ever-increasing irritation with Zachary's comings and goings in and out of his home, are Mary's numerous cousins who love her dearly and will protect her no matter the cost. They even make it difficult for the couple after they've declared their love for one another; terrific comic relief at times.

Zachary hopes to keep Mary alive past the date of her death and still return home, leaving her behind because there really isn't a future for them because of the time distance between them. He knows that will be difficult, but sometimes you have to make difficult decisions in life. But when fate proves to him you can't change what was meant to be, his choices aren't many to choose from. Leave her in his time to die or try to take her to his time where she may have a chance at life after all, even though there's no guarantee he'll get her there before it's too late.

We also get a good look at the intricacies of all the different players who have time traveled and settled down in the 21st century, all very interesting and intriguing the way Ms. Kurland has woven everything together. There's also hints of future travelers, which will give us fans many more books to come. I, for one, am very glad of that!

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Erika says

Overall with Lynn Kurland's books, at least the ones in the De Piaget, MacLeod series, they all get to be the same more or less. Girl meets boy, girl and boy fall in love, someone (often an ex or admirer of either girl or boy) tries to break the two apart, something dramatic happens where girl and boy are separated, boy whips out sword and resolves dramatic episode, girl and boy get married, book ends happily ever after.

That pretty much sums up all of her books, but they're fun reads anyways. If you love romance and a bit of time travel and the whole love-conquers-all sort of thing, you'll enjoy these books.

This particular book was one of my more favorite of these series. Her male characters are someone you could easily see yourself falling in love with and are always very chivalrous and there's just something about a man whipping out a huge sword to defend you that's very appealing...

Fionn Jameson says

I hate that I feel this way about anything written by Lynn Kurland. In an industry where a lot of writers are pushing the limits of what's readable and what's just outright smut (I'm not complaining, don't get me

wrong!), she really turned the tables and published, with much success, romance without the sex. Just goes to show that not all romance has to be explicit. No more manhoods for me, thank you very much.

With that said, I couldn't finish this book. I tried, I really did. But let's be frank, there's a whole bunch of books that are waiting to be read, and I can't afford to waste time on something I feel absolutely nothing for. Time is precious and even though I love most of Ms. Kurland's novels, I couldn't invest time into continuing reading something I had little interest in.

Your mileage may vary.

Kaitlyn Camera says

Very confusing for me because I read this as a stand alone. It was a little too dragged out for me, but overall it was good.

Patricia says

I find that you can't go wrong with Lynn Kurland's books. They make you wish you could transport yourself back in time just as the characters in her books do. After finishing *Every Breath You Take*, which I found, held everything in a book that kept me glued not wanting to put it down and then just sigh when I finished reading it. It was absolutely a wonderful book. *Till There Was You* was a good read but it didn't grab me the same way. The character Zachery in the book seemed to not have the charming, sophisticated ruggedness as the other male heroes which was somewhat disappointing. So far, I have read all of the McLeod's and a couple of the De Piaget's and really haven't been disappointed in any of the books. This book along with all the others are a must read if you like time transport and clean romance, no heavy sex scenes.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Yummy time traveling Scots! Do you really need any other reason to buy Lynn Kurland's books? I don't. Finding her latest, *"Till There Was You"* in the bookstore early was my favorite kind of serendipity.

Zachary needs to change his life. He's going to quit time-traveling with Jamie, find a nice woman and settle down...hopefully in a castle he can lovingly refurbish. So when the family ghosts turn their match-making eyes' towards him, he runs--and winds up in 13th century Scotland. Good thing he already knows the time-traveler's mantra "Leave no mar in the fabric of time". He can't change fate. No matter how much he comes to love the daughter of Robin of Artane. If he stays in her time, he has no riches and no title. If she disappears it will change the fabric of time. But when he remembers her fate, he can't NOT do anything.

Mary is the 13th version of a tomboy. She lives for training her father's horses and has no intention of marrying, and certainly not Sir Geoffrey. He's too slick, too pretty, and there's just something 'evil' about him. So when he returns to her father's keep and succeeds in gaining a betrothal, she's pretty sure she won't live long after the wedding. Then from out of nowhere a strangely-dressed man appears in her father's keep. He puts himself in danger to protect her, offers her all the courtesies she though she didn't want, and makes her feel beautiful...but he's not a lord and he says he must go home, wherever that is. But his eyes, oh his

eyes say something else entirely.

Sappy smile accompanied by a happy sigh. Lynn Kurland has outdone herself this time with a Gamma hero who steps up even when he knows it's useless. Zachary is funny, sweet, protective, helpful, and pretty darn good with a sword too. He talks to himself and is a bit of a nerd in a manly kind of way. He's a man you want to take home, take care of, and do wicked things with! And Mary...what a lucky girl, for someone whose betrothed wants a dead bride anyway. They both know nothing can come of their friendship, but they can't seem to stay away from each other. Shades of the 'star crossed lovers' theme with the Lynn Kurland twist.

"Till There Was You" is a timeless story that confirms the power of love. Lynn Kurland keeps her plot tight and the story rolls out smoothly, even with the time jumps. Zachary and Mary are people I would want as friends. I loved reading their story and this book is already sitting on my keeper shelf with the rest of Kurland's time-traveler series. Care to take any bets on how long I can resist before reading it again?

Kathryn Scarborough says

The is pure Lynn Kurland. As with One Enchanted Evening, things can get a little wordy, but, the way the hero and heroine react to time travel is very believable. And I like the hero and heroine and have a vested interest in them. I suppose if I was from the 14th century and saw my reflection in a mirror I would scream and faint,too. It makes me wonder just what marvelous inventions are in store for our great grandchildren. But even the villain is more beautiful than the rest of us that, unfortunately, have warts. But then again, I suppose that is why we read romance; the same reason our grandmothers sat in a darkened movie theater and watched the very rich cavort on the big screen while the country was starving and more people than not were displaced.

Sara says

A fun read and a new series of escape find!

The Window Seat says

What happens when you take the youngest brother in a group of heartbreakingly handsome medieval lairds and pair him up with the beautiful only daughter of a chivalrous and legendary medieval English knight? Well, when it is Till There Was You, you get pure magic!

When I first read Stardust of Yesterday, many, many years ago, before Kurland's books were a series, I had wished that Kendrick's sister had not died young and that there would actually be a book written about her. As the series grew, we saw a snippet or two of Mary de Piaget elsewhere, but it was a given fact from the beginning that Mary died young of consumption. But that was before time travel was a part of the de Piaget world.....

For the full review, please go to <http://thewindowseat13.blogspot.com/2...>

