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A modern woman and a god from ancient legend? Surely an epic love mismatch...or maybe it's the "myth match" of the century? The irrepressible Katie MacAlister brings us heroes who are more than mere mortals in two sparkling new novellas of the Otherworld.

STAG PARTY

Dane Hearne -- also known as the Irish fertility god Cernunnos -- must choose a bride quickly. His long-time goddess has run off with a salsa dancer, and Dane must be married by Beltane, just a week away, or become a mortal -- and die. When he meets American travel writer Megan St. Clair, he knows he's found his soul mate. But while Dane is a sexy Irish hunk with his fair share of blarney, can he convince Megan to marry him in just one week?

NORSE TRULY

Alrik Sigurdsson is cursed to sail his Viking ship along the same stretch of Scandinavian coastline forever. So when lovely American Brynna Lund skids her car off the road into the ocean, he and his men are happy for the diversion of rescuing her. Then Alrik discovers that Brynna is the only woman who can break the curse. Is it any wonder that he's determined to keep her...forever?

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Raina says

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Mary Jo says

i enjoyed these short stories i just wish they were full novels. they were just to rushed. especially nearing the end.

Anela says

A fun bit of mindless reading.

Plum-crazy says

This is one of those books that if you're in the right frame of mind for (as I luckily was!) then you'll enjoy - let's face it you can tell by the cover it's not going to be a serious read!

There's two different stories which are....

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Don't expect this tale to be believable, just enjoy it! With Hellhounds who look like toy poodles (complete with bows) you know you're in for a giggle.

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I preferred this story to the first....but then I am partial to the big blond Viking type! (& there's 5 of them-yippeee!) Again, forget reality & just go with the flow & have fun myth behaving - I did!

Anna's Herding Cats says

Stag Party

Stag Party is told by Dane aka Cernunnos which was pretty entertaining and so threw me for a loop when he' suddenly start talking about his penis. Made me snicker a few times since I'd forget it was a guy talking more often than not. Dane's a little full of himself but he is a god after all, right? I liked him though. He could be so inappropriate at times but in a lighthearted just have to shake your head at him kind of way. Megan was great too. I liked that she didn't quite go along with everything Dane wanted and gave him a run for his money more than once. She's completely fascinated by the antlers that pop up when Dane's ticked which was kinda cute. The two were just fun together.

My favorite part were Dane's hellhounds. Each time he comes back they're recreated too and this time his mighty hell hounds are tiny toy poodles with red bows in their hair. OMG loved it!

Favorite quote:

"I have sieged many a castle in my day, m'lady, but my attack on your keep will be the sweetest of all."

She giggled as I kissed every inch of her face. "Oh, we're doing medieval now? Okay, I can do that. I've been to a Renaissance Faire. Avast ye varlet! No quarter!"

"That was piratical, dearling, but we'll go with it if you like. Lower your gangplanks and prepare to be boarded!"

Norse Truly

Really liked Norse Truly too. Alrik and his men have been stuck on their ship for centuries and can't step foot on land without someone breaking their curse. Enter Brynna, a human that doesn't know she's really a valkyrie, who can help the men and get them to Valhalla. Maybe? There were some hysterical moments when she's trying to explain foreplay to the 1300 year old viking warrior/ghost. So funny. The two were pretty sweet together. A little silly but sweet. I liked the confusing family connections and how everything worked out in the end for everyone. Was a fun read. And like I said, you just never know what's going to pop out of MacAlister's mind.

"I love you, Brynna. I will love you until the day I breathe my last. You belong to me, and I will make you the happiest of women. Now take off all your clothes, and pretend you are a Celtic princess about to be marauded by an incredibly virile Viking studmuffin." -Alrik

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Barbara ★ says

Both stories are boring. The hero in Stag Party is arrogant as hell and annoying as well. It's a wonder the heroine falls for him at all. Norse Truly is a little better since it has Vikings and it's hard to mess that up. All in all, not Katie MacAlister's best effort.

Jennifer says

Two novellas by Katie MacAlister. I would say these weren't my favorite Katie MacAlister stories by a long shot - but I enjoyed them none the less.

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Siusan says

Humor and romance. Two short romances in one book that also are witty. Who could ask for a better fast read. If you want something for the beach or airplane, this is your book. Just a warning though you'll be laughing at loud and totally crushing on the two leading men.

Celeste says

This is not a book I would have picked up myself. It was given to me for Jolabokaflokkur by my sweet friend Rose. Let me say this was one of the cutest, funniest books I've read in a long time. There were two different stories and both really good. If you want light ready, something that will make you chuckle and a bit of an odd romance..this book is for you :)

Lana. says

Ain't Myth-Behaving showed up in my basket when I was pulling trashy romance novels from a used book store for one of my best friend's 30th birthday gift. It was a little too ragged for gifting, but seemed too funny to pass up, so I kept it.

It was only when I started reading that I realised I had in hand two stories. Both involve men of mythology interacting with modern day women, in modern times.

The first, "Stag Party", was a mildly fun romp involving a god on a timeline. He's been summoned by his druid followers to complete a marriage ritual. But his usual bride has run off to be wife to a salsa dancer. In order to remain a god, he must find a new bride and fulfill the ritual requirements in less than a week. Thankfully, (conveniently) there is an American woman who he is incredibly attracted to. Told from the perspective of the god, most of the laughs come from his personal belief he is enlightened from all the hours of Oprah and Deepak he's studied.

"Norse Truly" was funnier, especially if you know about Wagner's "The Ring Cycle". I truly laughed out loud on the bus when I came to the points where the our heroine (a Valkyrie descendent) tried to explain "foreplay" to a thousand year old viking "ghost".

The romance / steamy bits almost seemed extraneous to the comic stories that MacAlister tells here. It was funny while it lasted, but I won't be reading them again. (Then again, I've never been big on romance novels.) For more "Myth" stories of a cooler quality, I'd go back to Robert Asprin.

Jamie says

Ha Ha! I love Katie MacAlister! This was a fun, somewhat quick, read for me. 2 stories in one book, both about mythology (always a plus in my book)but historically funny! First story, Cernunnos is an Irish god, god of the Hunt, who dies every winter and is reborn every spring. In order to keep his position as Cernunnos, he must marry every Beltane. So he marries the same woman every year only this year she has taken off during his death and shacked up with Dionysus, god of wine, who has taken it upon himself to become a salsa dancer. She gets pregnant and marries Dion and Cernunnos is somewhat screwed. Now enters an American tourist, Megan whom Cernunnos falls head over heels in love with on first sight. Now he only has a week to court her, woo her, and shag her and then marry her or he ceases to be. Cernunnos has a great sense of humor and is just a bit full of himself too, but what guy wouldn't when you have a smokin body, dark hair, and oooooohhhh green eyes!

Story 2 takes place in Sweden and the Nordic gods. Brynna is visiting family in Sweden when she drives over a cliff and lands in the water, only to be rescued by the legendary ghosts that are said to sail the waters of the North Sea forever until the curse that has been laid upon them is lifted. Of course she doesn't believe all this at first until the 1000year old Vikings prove to her they are ghosts. She vows to help them return to Valhalla but soon finds out that her great grandmother is many centuries old grandmother to her and is the person who has cursed the Vikings due to a love triangle. Brynna is suckered into marrying Alrik, head Viking, but finds herself falling in love as they run around trying to fulfill great grandma's wishes in order to lift the curse. A cute love story, and of course more sexy men!

Lover of Romance says

This books is filled with two short stories, so I will do the summary and review of each.

Stag Party

This starts out with Dane Hearne who is the god Cernannos, after his fiancée leaves him in the dust. Every year he is required to get married to atleast someone, even if its the same one. However this year, if he doesn't marry than he will no longer be a god and having lived so long he will die. Then he stumbles across Megan St Clair, who is there for a job and to see the site with her crew. After meeting her Dane knows that he wants her for his wife however there is one milestone that he has to get past, is convincing her to marry him and become his goddess. After Megan meets handsome and irresistible Dane, she knows there is a lot more to him than he appears to be. There is also a undeniable attraction between them that neither of them can deny.

I have always loved reading stories involving the Greek myths of their gods, its always been fascinating to me. So when I started reading this story, I just fell in love. Although I wish that it could have been spread out a bit further and not so short, but that's what happens with short stories most times. I loved the plot and the characters, who were witty and fun. But it seemed to me that things just went by too fast, especially how fast she accepted the truth and how fast they fell in love with each other. It kinda seemed off to me, but for the most part I really enjoyed this story, it had a sassy edge to it, and plus made me laugh frequently.

Norse Truly

In the second story in this book, it begins with Brynna Lund driving down the coast, when she ends up accidentally crashing her car in the ocean, and is then picked up by some very old, but cursed vikings, who think she is the key to their salvation, and the breaking of the curse. At first when she meets Alrik, she thinks she is dreaming, but after spending time with him and his crew, she realizes that she is awake and it is reality, even though there is a part of her that is doubtful. Through a series of adventures she comes to realize how much Alrik means to her, and that she never wants to let him go, even though she knows he deserves it.

Now this story was a bit different from the first one, which involves cursed Vikings, who stir up things for Brynna. If I had to pick out of these two I would pick this one, it was my type of love story. Even though it was a bit too short for me, but after certain events happen to Brynna, which leads to her falling in love with Alrik. I loved both of these characters, Brynna has been the only one in her family withheld from certain information, and she takes it all in pretty well considering the circumstances she is faced with. Alrik, having been cursed on the sea on his Viking ship for hundreds of years, years for Valhalla, and to be released from this terrible curse. When he meets Brynna, however things change for both of them, when they realize how much they care for one another. Of course I loved this story, and it had a emotional ring to it, and made me cry at the end, but in this case were definitely happy tears, and not cheesy (at least not for me)

Michelle Wardhaugh says

More mind candy with quite a bit of humor to add spice. I liked the second story better than the first because the male lead was slightly less arrogant. But the first story was more memorable for humorous images. Toy poodle hell hounds with little red bows still has a friend of mine giggling when she talks about it. These types of books are all very well, but it makes coming back to real life all the more bitter, like biting a lemon after a luscious glazed doughnut.

Roberta says

First of all, it is two short novels. The first novel is about Cerunnos, and I think it is in the same universe as her Aisling Grey novels since she references him being a member of her equivalent of a heavenly court (I don't recollect the name off the top of my head). The story is told from the hero's point of view, and he's arrogant and stuck on himself--not too surprising for a former mortal who has been a god for 1500 years. He has to get married in a week. There is a mystery to the story, which makes it more interesting, and the heroine plays hard to get and gets him to change somewhat, but the story's humor seemed to be a bit forced and was not up to MacAlister's usual standards.

The second story is about a woman of Swedish descent who is saved by a Viking Ghost and is horribly ignorant about her ancestry and family ties. She finds out that she is the only one who can save him. It's lust at first sight that leads to complications. The story is better than the first, and it is written from the female point of view. The humor is up to MacAlister's usual standards and Alrik's ignorance of modern sex play is pretty funny.

In both cases, the uses of mythological references are interesting, and enjoyable.

Not her best book, but it is better than a few of the earlier Dark Ones books, and I suspect that it was written

earlier than the Aisling Grey series, and she is just now selling it because of her increased popularity. Still worth a read if you like her books. If you get stuck on the first story, read the second one as it is better. (2 stars for first, 4 for second, which renders a 3 overall).

The sex scenes are pretty good, but not her best.
