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'The Legend' introduced the Highland prophecy that bound the MacCurrie men to battle, and the fiery women they dared to love. Now the adventure continues in this tale of strangers whose lives are destined to be entwined.

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Mary says

Neil MacCurrie, earl of Torridon, is trying to return to Scotland, but when he mistakenly believes that Ronley Hall is a safe-haven for Jacobites, he is captured and held hostage. Eileen Ronley, cousin to Queen Anne and Princess Mary, doesn't know his true identity, but because she feels a connection with him, she sets him free. From that chance encounter, their destinies entwine amidst the intrigue of the English court and the political turmoil of 17th century Scotland.

I suspect I might have enjoyed this more had I not recently read several of the author's other books. Her formula is apparent by this point, and the characters were very similar to those in previous books. I likely would not have even bothered with this one except that I'd requested it on inter-library loan ages ago and then felt obligated to read it after the trouble to get it here. Ah well, I'm willing to give anything about Scottish history a chance, I guess.

The author did a reasonable job outlining the politics of the time period and it was interesting to read about the dissension in London regarding King Williams's rule and the Glencoe Massacre; however, overall, I think this story suffered from lack of character development and complexity in the relationship between the characters. I can understand physical attraction between the characters - what hot-blooded woman wouldn't be attracted to a highland hunk in a kilt? - but real love is a more elusive thing, and frankly, there have to be some scenes that earn the repeated "I love ye" and the "And I you. You and no other." Otherwise, my eyeballs will roll right so far back into my skull that I won't be able to read any more.

Once again, this book was victim to the same stilted dialogue - even some of the same lines - I've come to loathe in the author's other novels, and peppering it with "ye," "hasna," "dinna," and "lass" did not improve anything, and for whatever reason, annoyed me more than usual. You know what else annoyed me? The ending. I won't spoil it with detailed complaints, but let's just say it was neither believable nor satisfying.

I'd recommend this only if you are a dedicated fan of highland romance. Otherwise I'd suggest Lady of the Glen or Corrag, both of which deal with the same time period in Scottish history (both are largely focused on the Glencoe Massacre) but happen to be better written novels than *The Destiny*.

Jennifer says

Enjoyable. I preferred the plot and characters (including the Highlands as a "character") in this 2nd installment, and would absolutely read Duncan's story, if Ms. Givens writes it.

Sandra Walker says

Excellent, Only very sorry for the series to end, the adventures of the Torridon Twins is intriguing. I would most definitely love to see more.

Tricia Lynne says

She is an awesome writer.

Heidi says

Another solid historical romance, I enjoy Kathleen's writing, the historical parts are factually and the fiction parts are interesting!

Cristina Contilli says

"Dovrai affrontare i draghi." Mary sorrise. Li aveva affrontati e aveva vinto

Diana says

Neil MacCurrie, a Scottish lord trapped in a hostile England, is rescued by Eileen Ronley, who may be the rightful queen of England.

This wasn't a romance, it was a political science book with an incidental romance. WAY too much intrigue. I found myself skimming most parts.

Gardavson says

Too much politics for my taste, with a tad of romance thrown in. Not enough devotion to character to put up with the political agendas. Just not my cuppa.

Allison G says

I like Kathleen Givens, and the story and historical setting was right up my alley. The only thing that bothered me about this book was that there were more interrogative sentences (questions) than declarative. It was as if the only way to know what was going through the characters' minds was for the author to have each character ask themselves a never-ending series of questions. This is not her usual writing style! While we all know that these kind of books have fairytale endings, this one had a particularly high number of obstacles thrown in the hero/heroine's way to finally arrive there. I was about 10 pages from the end wondering how in the world our hero was going to save the day - never fear, he does! But I can't tell you how, can I?! :-)

Amber says

I can't rate this book because even though I have read it I don't remember what it was about. I read it less than a year ago and even though I have read and reviewed books lately that I read over a year ago I can't remember this one at all. This is the only book I own I cant remember.
