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Margo Menlove loves everything Scottish-especially the legendary warrior hero Magnus MacBride. But while exploring in the Highlands she picks up a magical stone on the shore, and awakens to the sight of MacBride himself. And the reality may be much more dangerous-and passionate-than her dreams could ever be.

Must Love Kilts Details

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April says

Must Love Kilts (The Ravenscraig Legacy Book 5) by Allie Mackay is an amazing Time Travel/Scottish Romance. It can be read as a stand alone. "From a dream to reality".

Steady paced with genuine, engaging and realistic characters. The plot is unpredictable, intriguing and most captivating. With Scotland's brawny Highlanders, the Scottish scenery, a fiesty lady from the future, romance, passion, mystery and so much more, readers will be turning pages well into the night.

I was drawn into MUST LOVE KILTS from the beginning and held captivated throughout. It has some set on the edge of your seat moments, as well as some intense emotional moments. I enjoyed the way the H/H worked together for the good of the clan, their chemistry was palpable and their love undeniable. What a fierce story, full of excitement and intrigue! Another must read by Allie Mackay! Bravo, Ms. Mackay!!

Rating: 4.5

Heat rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilR

Leah says

For those of you who believe you were born in the wrong moment, that you are connected to another time and place, that a part of your soul aches from memories just out of your mind's reach, this book is for you. It's a story of hope and trust and belief. A heroine who knows who and what she wants and a hero who learns to deal with a past fraught with anger and revenge, so there is room for trust and love. Not only will Margo and Magnus steal your heart, the secondary characters will weave themselves into your soul also! I was taken from the first chapter and as I read the last page, felt this book settle like an old friend into it's own little place inside where all my favorites dwell.

Richelle says

I have always loved these books. Such cute stories and they whisk me away to far away lands, hundreds of years ago. I can relate to the main character in this story so much. I hate that I have to wait until 2012 for the next book.

Bookaholics says

Must Love Kilts by Allie MacKay
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4 stars

The author really loves Scotland and this shines in her romance. The hero is brawny and super sexy.

Magnus MacBride is on his way to his fiancée when he discovers the entire village has been ransacked and everyone is dead, including his sweet, innocent fiancée. He vows revenge. When he murders one of the men involved, the man's sister curses him with a longing for a woman he can never have. Magnus begins to have visions of a beautiful woman that haunt him and slowly drive him insane.

Margo Menlove has always loved Scotland but never had the money to visit. At her work she finds a book that tells of the legendary Magnus MacBride and she doesn't know why but she becomes obsessed with him. When she wins a contest and a vacation to Scotland, she is drawn to the area Magnus MacBride once ruled and suddenly finds herself transported back in time!

This book has all the elements: a noble warrior whose fiancée is murdered viciously, revenge, a curse, and a longing for a mysterious woman from the future. I just wish the pace of the book was faster and the 2 main characters spent more time together. The heroine Margo is nice but a rather bland character. I did feel for her because she seems to be the perpetual underdog, but I kept hoping she would have a bit more spirit. Magnus is the Scottish hero that anyone who enjoys highlander romance will adore. He is strong, noble and a man's man. I often felt that he was larger than life.

My main gripe with this story is that although the main characters long for each other it seems to take them forever to actually meet. It would have been nice if they had spent more time together. Margo seems to trod along a lot. It takes her a while to get to Scotland and then a while to travel back in time. When they finally do meet, I didn't feel the chemistry between them because the story seemed a bit rushed and their meeting by that point actually felt a little anti-climatic.

The story is a light and fun read, if slow moving. If you enjoy highlander romances you will love the hero!

Reviewed by Steph from the Bookaholics Romance Book Club

Laurie says

Truthfully, I was rather disappointed with this book. I've read and enjoyed the other books in this series, which, while not the best time travel romances I've ever read, were at least light and fun. Like the others, "Must Love Kilts" had a great premise, but in my opinion it fell flat in its execution. The hero, Magnus, and heroine, Margo, don't even meet for the first time until about halfway through the book, although they do have dreams/fantasies about each other before that. The first half of the book drags in a lot of places, with the author spending too much time on Margo's obsession with all things Scottish, her desperation to win the trip, and her disappointment with the tour's fast-paced itinerary when she arrives.

After Magnus and Margo finally meet, they rush into a relationship. Magnus thinks she's a witch for about five seconds after she appears on the beach, but he quickly comes to believe that she is an innocent victim of Donata's curse and can't wait to get her into bed. Margo obviously reciprocates his feelings because she becomes practically incoherent with lust if he so much as stands too close to her. Basically, the only thing she can say is "O-o-oh," which became incredibly annoying as the book progressed. (By the way, is that supposed to be an "oo" as in "moo" or an "oh" as in "Joe"? Either way, if I never see an "o-o-oh" in another book again, it will be too soon.) Their relationship turns steamy very quickly, and Margo falls in love with Magnus and worries about whether or not she'll be able to stay with him in his time. I really had a hard time believing that Margo could fall in love with Magnus so quickly because they barely even talked to each other. How could she possibly know enough about him to be in love? All they seem to think about is getting

each other into bed. I would have enjoyed this book a lot more if Magnus and Margo's relationship had been better developed. It would have been nice to see them spend some time together without tearing their clothes off.

While I found Margo to be somewhat annoying, I did like Magnus as a hero. His character's history was well developed, and his motivation for turning into the "Viking Slayer" was clear. Some of the secondary characters were entertaining as well, especially Orosius, Ewan, and Margo's group of friends in the present.

Overall, I would not recommend reading this book unless you have read the others in the series and really want to find out what happens to Margo. She is the sister of Mindy Menlove, who was the heroine of the fourth book, "Some Like It Kilted." I think Mindy's book was a lot better than Margo's.

Tegan Genone darkhaven says

I love this book Margo and Magnus that man is sexy Alfa male ghosts!!! Her books just hit home with me, every word I read I feel just like I there.

Juana "Darkness" Duran says

Margo lives and breaths Scotland. Magnus has lost his love to the Vikings. Or so he thought. When a drawing for a prize gives Margo a ticket to Scotland, thanks to her friends, she is so happy. But the tour is done so fast that Margo has no time to get pictures so she picks up stones. Magnus feels like he is cursed which he is thanks to Donata Greer. Magnus has seen Margo a couple times and feels like he needs her so much. A witch and a cursing stone later has Margo in Scotland naked and in Magnus' s care. Even as Magnus and Margo think they are going to get ripped apart, they go for their love anyway. Dangerous tides have been roused and enemies take what Magnus values most his heart. Vikings have Margo. How will Magnus find Margo in time? And will their love be torn from them along with Margo?

Tonileg says

I love Scotland but this is not the book to read if you want to learn more about it. I borrowed this book from the library and I loved the cover and the idea of the title so I started out really optimistic... unfortunately I almost gave up half way. I couldn't get into the mind of Margo and I doubt that she could have understood the language of the time, but I generally avoid realism in my romance novels, even so, it threw me off too many times to care to finish the story. So I couldn't even give this 2 stars.

Tina says

Margo Menlove loves all things Scottish. She specializes in knowing the most about Scotland and is entering a contest to win a trip to the land of her dreams. She longs to meet a man like Magnus McBride, a warrior from 1250 who was perfect in her mind. But she has to win the trip first. When she does and gets magically transported to the time of Magnus, the real fun begins.

Warrior Magnus McBride lives in olden Scotland. He is shocked when he sees a naked woman walking out of the surf toward him. He finds himself attracted to her, but he has sworn to avenge the death of his first love. Will it cost him a love he could have now...and in the future?

Must Love Kilts by Allie Mackay has humor, drama and a sweet love story that spans thousands of years. I love the idea of finding a true love. Born in modern day, Margo is a true lover of all things Scottish, one of the things making her the perfect person to travel back in time to old Scotland. Magnus is strong, loving, and very loyal. He is still suffering from losing his first love and needs his heart mended in a way only Margo can accomplish, that is, if he lets her. I found this book to be really well done.

If you are a kilt-loving fan of hunky Scots, like me, you will adore Must Love Kilts. I know I could stand to read a lot more memorable stories just like this one. I love it when a book is sweet enough to make me smile.

Regan says

Okay, so this is probably THE BEST cover I've seen since my latest one -- seriously, he's delicious and I keep turning back to oogle him instead of reading.

Seriously, this book starts out with a highly emotional scene that just grabs you from the first word.

This book just got better and better. It is the best of this series!

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at <http://www.smexybooks.com/2011/01/rev...>

Margo Menlove lives for everything Scottish. When she happens upon a book detailing the life of Magnus MacBride she is determined to find out everything she can about this highland hero. A chance winning of a trip to Scotland is a dream come true but the trip proves to be disappointing as Margo is fast tracked through the tour. When a walk through town transports Margo back in time she awakens to find herself in the middle of Magnus fighting for his life.

Magus MacBride has vowed vengeance against the viking who stole the life of his soon to be bride. As he travels the coast striking down all those involved, Magnus dreams of a woman who inspires the greatest of passions in him. But Magnus has vowed no woman will turn him from his commitment. But when Margo appears to him, he loses himself in her beauty and soon finds that love can conquer all.

I have to be honest and say I did not care for this story. Must Love Kilts has a fantastic premise-Scottish obsessed heroine travels back in time to meet her very own smexy highlander. But the build up to the premise bogs the story down and by the time Margo actually gets to Magnus I was ready to close the book.

The first half of the book is spent building up Margo's character which I found to be insipid and boring. All she talks about is Scotland and gives us an oral thesis on each piece of furniture and or item of clothing she

owns that is Scottish. Including where she bought it from. Once she arrives in Scotland, her disappointment over the tour becomes 20 pages of repetitious monochromatic dialogue. Some scenes have a faint humorous undertone but they don't flesh out and fall flat.

Magnus comes across a bit more developed and I found his character to be more reflective of the synopsis. The visual descriptions are plentiful; he is a smexy highlander without a doubt.

Once our hero and heroine meet the story picks up in speed as the romance begins to develop. I truly feel if the hero and heroine had met earlier the book would have been more impacting. As it is, they meet late and the story rushes to wrap everything up. I don't feel the chemistry between our characters. They act as though they have known each other for years. Plus, these two characters that are suppose to be passionate and full of life but they lack intensity in this matter.

The secondary characters are interesting and personable but their scenes are inserted randomly; at times I had to reread to see whom was speaking. One character who I felt was underutilized was Margo's enemy from her time that corresponds to an enemy in the past. So much of the plot based on them and yet they are more annoying than anything.

All in all a very light highlander romance that only skims the surface of its potential.

Rating: D

Kimberly says

I Loved this read!! This is just what I want in a good Highland Time Travel Romance! I will be sure to read the others in this series.

Sandy M says

I don't know why I keep torturing myself with these Allie MacKay books. This is my third one. The first two were dismal failures for me, so I skipped

however many were next for a while. Then I received this book for review, felt obligated to read it, and though it's a slight improvement over those first couple, there's still something about this author's writing that just leaves me uninspired and disconnected. Time to end the torture.

The prologue in this book at first gave me hope that what I would encounter in this story would be very different from what I'd read before. It's serious and intense, and knowing time travel would be part of it, I let my hopes rise. I like the hero, Magnus, a lot. He finds his betrothed's village in ruins, still burning, dead everywhere. He believes against hope he'll find his love alive, but it's not to be. He vows on the spot to exact revenge against the bastard Vikings who cut his lady down and ended his life as it had been. Instead of myself, I prefer my heroes tortured, and Magnus wrings that word to its roots at the beginning of this book.

The heroine, Margo, is also quite likable when we first meet her. She's loved Scotland all her life, collects anything and everything to do with the country. Her only wish is to some day visit the land of the Highlands. A woman after my own heart. I'm a Scotophile just like she is. And all of this works just fine for a time. The first thing that irritates, though, me is the silly names of some of the secondary characters, i.e., Patience Peasgood and Ardelle Goodnight. To me, those names just don't go with the tone, the intensity of the story

so far. I let the heroine's last name, Menlove, go when I first read it, but more than that is just too much. Yes, those are perfectly good names, but they just aren't in keeping with the way this story is told.

The next irritation comes when it takes nine chapters before the hero and heroine are finally face to face and the action should begin, but it begins and ends too quickly. Before Margo actually makes her time-traveling trek, we get only a couple of abnormalities where Margo appears to Magnus in his time, enough for them to want each other. That's all well and good, but in between that all we get is a lot of boring story that I really didn't care about. All of that could have been done in much shorter scenes and then used the extra time with Magnus and Margo together. Instead, we learn about Dina Greed - another name I don't care for because it seems to be used to give me a hint at that woman's character, which I don't need. I'm intelligent enough to figure it out - and her obsession of Scotland, including her planned trip that she has to dangle in front of Margo. Also, we have to go through the hulabaloo of Margo winning a trip to Scotland, how she finds out about it, how her friends help out, and a lot more that just takes much too long. And it's boring.

Once Margo does travel back in time, there is some action but not a heck of a lot. First we have to get through Magnus' suspicions of Margo, though he's lusted after her since the two visions he'd had of her. Then comes Margo's aversion to violence that causes a few waves. I've never liked this looking at historical times with a modern eye bit in any book and it's especially irritating here. Margo's been obsessed with Magnus, loves that he's a fine specimen of a man of his times and envisions what it would be like to be with the man in the Scotland of her dreams. But she wants it her way in a time and place that aren't hers. If you want something that badly, you obsess over it and then you get your wish, well, as they say, when in Rome. Don't cry foul when it doesn't work out just the way you want it, and Margo does that way too often for me.

During all of this, Magnus suddenly loses his appeal for me. A lot of it is the dialogue that just doesn't seem to work any longer. He sounds like a different person than he did in the first half of the book. The way he speaks to Margo when her independence makes a showing doesn't ring true to his character. He's not the sexy alpha male he started out as; his revenge means too much to him when he now has something more important to live for. The ending is also a little too pat, everything working out just right, the person who was in the wrong place at the wrong time is now in the right place at the right time for Magnus to do his marvelous sword wielding. All that being said, I do like the eerie similarities between past and present characters; that's done very nicely.

However, that isn't enough to save the entire story. For a book that starts out in the vein this one does, it just doesn't follow through with enough consistency to keep it from being a little too boring and eventually off-kilter. This may well truly be my last Allie Mackay book.

See my complete review at <http://www.goodbadandunread.com>

Leah says

This is a re-release and has some minor changes... more of Sue-Ellen's true writing voice and not so much NY editors so to me, it reads so much smoother now. I was taken back to a story I love so very much. The love between these two can move mountains and I remembered a saying about if you've never felt your soul being torn apart, you've never loved anyone with your whole heart. Magnus reaches a moment when his entire world is turned apart and I truly feel it was at that moment he realized just how deeply he loves Margo. Again, I love how Sue-Ellen takes you into the moments, especially the battle scenes. I'm a sucker for a great battle. I feel I cannot do this review better justice than I did the first time around so I'm adding it here...

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and place, that a part of your soul aches from memories just out of your mind's reach, this book is for you. It's a story of hope and trust and belief. A heroine who knows who and what she wants and a hero who learns to deal with a past fraught with anger and revenge, so there is room for trust and love. Not only will Margo and Magnus steal your heart, the secondary characters will weave themselves into your soul also! I was taken from the first chapter and as I read the last page, felt this book settle like an old friend into it's own little place inside where all my favorites dwell.

Donna Wilson says

I really loved this book. I didn't expect it to pull me in the way it did. I had a very hard time putting it down. I will be checking out some of Allie Mackay's other books as well.
