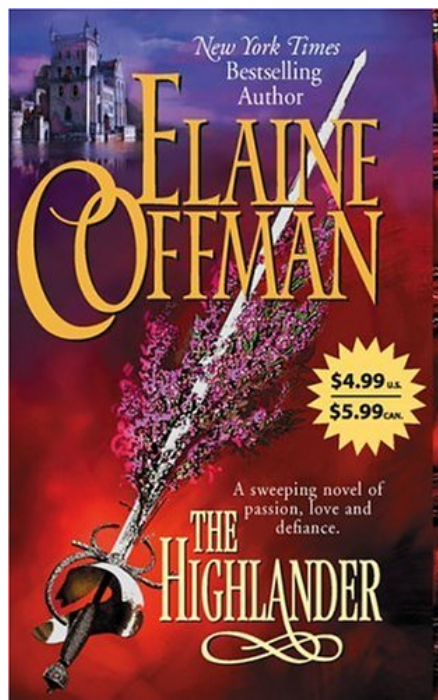




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Against her desire, Sophie D'Alembert is on her way to England to marry the Duke of Rockingham. To escape this unwanted marriage, her loyal servants help her escape her escort and she finds herself on a ship bound for Norway instead. When a storm arises, Sophie and the crew are shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland, and Sophie is taken to Monleigh castle, the home of James Graham. To avoid being sent south to the dreaded English duke, she pretends to have lost her memory and seeks sanctuary in the arms of the only man who can help her--the Highlander.

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Robin says

WOW..I could not stop reading this one. I loved it.

Linda Klages says

Interesting historical love story. Will read more from this author.

Πλάμ?να says

Απλα υπ?ροχο...Το καλ?τερο ...

Morpheus Reads says

This one turned out okay for me, but there were moments in the first third of the book where some of the conversations seemed rushed, corny, cringe-worthy, and unbelievable for the amount of time these two knew each other. It was awkward at times. Another factor that bothered me a little but I let it go because it didn't happen all that often and the personalities of the characters were very different, was there were striking similarities to Gabaldon's Outlander series: the main character is named Jamie, he gets his left hand crushed by a mallet in prison, there's an evil English dude who captures the heroine, there's a lot of talk of Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Jacobite cause, etc. It was distracting because this book was published after the other very successful book series, so similarities seem more glaring. Coffman did a good job tying up the pieces at the end and finished the story off strong.

Amy says

First let me say I did finish the book, thinking it would get better. It didn't. The problem I have with the book is that I did not like the lead male character one bit! I thought at first Sophie would be with his charming, funny brother. Now THAT would have been a good book! Instead, she gets her brother, sigh... What would she see in him? He is arrogant, rude, totally lust crazed and we get to hear many of his male chauvinist "You'll do what I say no matter what" comments. It disgusted me that even when he was the cruelest to her and she was so hurt, it still didn't stop him from going in and having sex with her. There was no love here, only lust, arrogance and pride. Therefore, while at first I thought of the female lead as a strong independent woman, towards the end of the book I now considered weak. This was my first book by this author so I don't think I'll be reading any more of hers.

Lover of Romance says

Sophie is the granddaughter of Louis XIV. After her father dies, her cousin forces her to become betrothed to a man that is ruthless and the last man she would ever marry. So she escapes on a ship headed toward Norway, but then the ship sinks and she ends up being washed on shore, where Tavish Graham comes upon her. Tavish then takes her to his brothers home, James who is the Earl of Monleigh. Sophie, even though knowing he is Scottish, doesn't know who she can trust. So she claims that she has lost her memory, but James doubts her honesty. But he allows her to stay in his home for a time, letting her heal, and a fierce attraction builds. James is betrothed to another woman knowing it is time to have a heir. Then he meets Sophie and his blood boils, and so he endeavors to seduce her hoping to make her his mistress, even knowing in his heart he would rather have her as his wife, but responsibility stand in his way. Will James and Sophie be able to find a common ground and trust in their love for each other.

The Highlander is the first in the Graham series, and the first chance I have been able to read from this author. Elaine Coffman has been on my watch for list for quite some time, but I haven't been able to take the time to read her, and now after reading Highlander I am so grateful that I took the risk. The Highlander starts a bit slow I will admit, and I wondered if I would really get into it. But by a third of the way through the book, I was hooked. There was definitely a strong emotional vibe that is vivid throughout all of the story. Once you are completely drawn into the story, its impossible to put this one down. I found myself being captivated by this story, and the heart wrenching emotion between this couple. A intensity is displayed in the plot, and the characters were so captivating, you just ache for them and the situation they are both in.

A stirring and riveting romance that stuns the reader, and is more compelling that imagined. A story which sweeps you away in a world of history, romance and a fierce desire!! COMPELLING TILL THE VERY END!!

Cherry-Ann says

The book's blurb truly did not do it justice.

Cherie says

I got to page 160 and can't seem to shake the ennui. The main characters are good, the premise is good but I feel like I'm driving a car that moves ahead then stalls, moves ahead then stalls. Again and again. I tend not to like set up situations of deception and that might be what is keeping me from enjoying this book. She is the granddaughter of Louis XIV and is keeping that a secret. Keeping the secret means the story keeps stalling because nothing can be resolved.

Trisha Cook says

This was the first romance novel I ever read and I was hooked. Found it in my mother's home shortly after she passed and decided what the heck, Ive never been interested in romance novels but I'll give it a try. I couldnt put the book down, Ive reread it I dont know how many times and will probably reread it again. Love this book.

Christina says

Sweet story

This was an easy read with interesting characters and a tiny plot twist. Overall, this story was good especially the attention to the beautiful speech pattern of the Scots.

Aurora Moore says

It was good, but the time period was later than I prefer.

Daneesha says

This book was just OK. It had a great premise, but the hero was so forgiving and accepting of the heroine even after he found out her secret. I mean, he loved her before he even knew it. He did lust for her pretty strongly at the beginning. This book had some great vocabulary and lines. My fave phrase was "somniferous calmative". My fave line--uttered by the hero (who was a horny toad) --"I came here to give us both something and I willna be leaving without the doing of it."

Kazia says

I thought the writing very good, and so it was surprising when parts of the plot felt hurried/cheap.

Susan says

Jamie Graham and Sophie D'Alembert
1704, Scotland

Somehow this book slipped through the cracks in my Goodreads record keeping because I hadn't recorded that I had read it already. But as soon as I started reading it last night, I definitely felt it was familiar. Since I couldn't remember all the story or how I felt about it, **I decided to finish it again anyway. I kind of wish I hadn't.** There is nothing particularly bad about the writing per se. It's just that **I hate stories where the heroine allows herself to be treated like dirt by the hero, even if we are supposed to believe that this is in keeping with the historical context.**

In this novel, Jamie is an oversexed earl who just cannot keep his hands off of Sophie. Even in the beginning pages, there were a few bad warning signs about him when he thought to himself that there was no problem if he bedded Sophie even if she was a virgin because he was an earl and she was likely a nobody. It is his birthright, you see, to just take whatever he wants without regard to anyone else's feelings or any sense of

honor. Strike one. As the book goes on, Jamie and Sophie become more and more involved sexually as **he continually tells her that he will never marry her and in fact has his perfect bride of convenience waiting for him.** Throughout the book, Sophie is a second class citizen yet in the end it is she who grovels to Jamie for forgiveness for her one fault and praises him for his supposed care of her. Blech.

Rebecca (everyday reader) says

Sophie was running from an unwanted marriage to a vile man and fell right into Jamie Graham's passionate arms. She kept her secrets of who she was and where she was going until someone else told Jamie, and she went to her betrothed to save Jamie and his clan from the backlash of her actions. Sophie and Jamie fell in love and he rescued her from the cruel man who imprisoned her. Good story, but wordy at times seeming to just fill space and it seemed to be not edited very well.
