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The sweeping Scottish saga that began in Laurin Wittig's novel Charming the Shrew continues in the romantic sequel.

After his eldest brother pays the ultimate price for plotting against the king, Ailig MacLeod returns to Castle Assynt with a heavy heart. On the king's orders, Ailig's father must forfeit the title of clan chief in favor of his youngest son or the entire clan will be set to fire and sword.

But before Ailig can deliver his message, he encounters the beautiful Morainn MacRailt, a young widow whose solitary life in her cottage down the glen, away from the boisterous castle, garners unwanted attention from men looking for a wife. Ailig is taken by her quiet confidence and the powerful connection he feels between them, but his duty lies at Castle Assynt where a series of crises have arisen in the wake of his brother's death and his sister's abrupt departure.

Determined to bring his clan to order, but wary of whom to trust, Ailig makes a fateful decision: he calls on Morainn to serve as chatelaine, offering her the protection of life inside the castle in return for overseeing the stronghold. Clever Morainn quickly becomes one of his most important advisors, and as the trust between them grows, so does an undeniable passion. Together they seek to restore the MacLeod clan's legacy, rebuild Castle Assynt—and discover a love unlike any they ever imagined.

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Julie says

Daring the Highlander by Laurin Wittig is a short, light Highlander romance. This is the second book in the series, (which I was unaware of when I checked it out of the kindle library),copyrighted in 2005, and I will now go back and read the first one. This is the story of the Macleod Clan. Ailig has returned home alone after leaving with his four older brothers to find his runaway sister. The problem was that his sister was promised to another clan, but ran away and married another man. Ailig's older brother was in league with his sister's intended and conspired to kill the king. Now, Ailig has to return home and inform his father of these happenings and the king's commands.

Moriann, was widowed and still pretended to be in mourning. Her heart had been broken by her husband, and she was really sad when he died, but was no longer in mourning. She just wanted to be left alone to live her life in peace. She swore she would never marry again.

But, with the clan's sister gone from the castle she is asked to get the kitchen back in running order. This puts her in the castle and in contact with Ailig, who falls instantly in love with her.

Ailig is a warrior, but not over the top alpha male. Morainn is independent, but slowly learns to open her heart, even if there is great risk of getting hurt. A nice happy ending. Highly recommend.

JENNIFER says

Love

Much better then the 1st book. Story was good and did not bore with to many details as the first one

Linda Hays-Gibbs says

Title: Daring the Highlander

The Legacy of MacLeod

Author: Laurin Wittig

Review Rating:Five+Stars

Reviewer: Linda Hays-Gibbs

Genre: Romantic Fantasy With a Historical setting

Exciting Romantic Adventure

This Highland tale has lots of intrigue and suspense. You never know how it is going to end until the last minute.

I was enthralled by the mystery and romance too. Ailig MacLeod is in a dire situation as the unfavored youngest son of Neill MacLeod the Chief. Ailig is ordered by King Robert, the Bruce to take over the reins of Chiefdom from his father. Since his father seems to despise him anyway, the news his beloved heir is dead and Ailig's two other brothers are put into military service at the King's order is a but much for him. He will not concede to Ailig. Ailig has a clan to protect in spite of his father. If he doesn't take over, the clan will be killed and forfeit all property.

His father and clan fight him. He even has the MacDonells in house to placate. His sister ran off rather than marry their chief. They feel they are owed a bride.

Ailic has two friends a mercenary, Skaeth and Tamas. He has to fight his own clan champion Baltair. Morainn is the widow Ailic meets upon his return with his horrible news about his brothers. She is beautiful and there is an immediate attraction. She has sworn to never marry again because she was used so horribly. It was not a happy marriage and she doesn't want that pain again. It is hard for her to fight her attraction to Ailic though. He cares for the clan and her no matter what happens. He is so different from his brothers and from her dead husband.

She finds that she can deny him nothing. He is always only trying to protect the clan.

There are a lot of twists and turns but the one constant is Ailic. He never falters in trying to protect and care for others.

It is a spectacular Highland romance filled with suspense and intrigue. The clan chief must be quite a brave and resilient man. He needs strength, brains and diplomacy.

Laurin gives you a glimpse into this historical period with its austere lifestyle and makes it ever so enjoyable to read.

I give it Five Stars with a plus and await more of these ever so exciting tales of Highlander life and love.

Linda Hays-Gibbs

Olivia says

Loved this story!

The author builds a rich tapestry of story telling. I adored the hero and admired the euro in of this story. I read the series in order in both have their own unique element. The author has changed the Highlander romance genre for the better. One of the my favorite things about the story what's the historical accuracy and how spot on the author was to the time period and the way they spoke. The narrator was a great touch as well. I wish that there was an epilogue so I could see a future for these 2!

Sherry says

Godd

Really liked the story, but was disappointed in the ending. Should of had an Epilog to show how their lives faired.

Helen White says

Daring The Highlander

Book number 2 by Laurin Wittig. Excellent writing and great page turner.

Ailic and Morainn are the hero and his love. They have fallen in love with each other almost immediately. This book is well balanced with adventure and romance. You must read the series to get the best reading experience. Both books are stand alones but I would recommend reading book 1 and then book2.

HAPPY READING!!!!

Terry Reed says

Good

This sequel was as good as the first. It still was a bit wordy but the characters were very good written. I would have liked more info about cat but hopefully there will be a book 3

Jennifer Wardrip says

Laurin Wittig knows Scotland-especially the Scotland of the historical 1300's. With her last release, **CHARMING THE SHREW**, she brought us the story of Tayg Munro, a warrior in King Robert the Bruce's army, and one headstrong shrew by the name of Catriona MacLeod. Working together, they managed to intercept the man who would harm their king-one of Catriona's own brothers. In the process, Catriona escaped the dominance of her five over-bearing brothers and found love and passion in Tayg's arms. Now, in **DARING THE HIGHLANDER**, one of those domineering MacLeod's is back-and about to meet his match in both family matters and those of the heart.

For Ailig MacLeod, returning to his beloved home of Assynt Castle is bittersweet-constantly fighting with his brothers and his father has left him weary, and this tiring trek of attempting to bring his rebellious sister, Catriona, home, has made the journey even more harrowing. Since King Robert the Bruce discovered that Ailig's eldest brother had conspired to bring about his death, he's sent this MacLeod home-with a special task that weighs heavy upon Ailig's heart.

Assynt Castle, as well, is not as he left it only a short month ago. It's fallen into disrepair, the family-and villagers-are feeling the brunt of a harsh winter, and everywhere he looks, spirits are down. Now, to complicate things even further from the task that the king has given him, that of asking his father to relinquish his role as chief of Clan Leod of Assynt, is the all-grown-up, and highly irresistible, Morainn MacRailt intercepting him at every turn.

Ms. Wittig has penned another highly emotional, soul-stirring historical novel rich in Scottish history. With factual historic details, compelling characters, and the combined stories to betrayal and new love, **DARING THE HIGHLANDER** is another winner.

Zoe says

Disclaimer: Scottish romance is not my thing - seeing the accent written out drives me a little batty. The good news is that there wasn't too much of that here, and while the romance was secondary between two likable people (fine, whatever) there was a strong political intrigue plotline that kept me turning the pages. Ailig has to take over as chief of his clan - by the king's command. That said, seeing him talk the sitting (aging) chief around and determining where all the clan members loyalties lay was fascinating stuff. Nice job!

Cynthia says

Strong woman character

Brittany B. says

Well, I'm flying through these Highlander books...

I must say that I really enjoyed this book. I was pleasantly surprised with the first novel of the series, but I think this one might be better. For anyone interested in the series, I recommend starting with the first book. This is the sequel and takes place where the last book ends. The back story is important to appreciate this tale.

I'm not sure why reviews aren't higher for this story. Nonetheless, I couldn't find fault with this book and will write a full review ASAP.

Great narrator!

Brian Davis says

Entertaining read

Interesting plot, engaging characters, a story well told and with a good pace. A tale of schemes, betrayal, loyalty and romance against the backdrop of Scotland at the time of Robert the Bruce. This is a very entertaining read.

Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says

GOOD STORY BUT NOT MUCH ROMANCE!!

Daring the Highlander bk2 picks up at the end of bk1 Charming the Shrew. Ailig MacLeod has be order by King Robert the Bruce to return to his clan and depose his father Neill MacLeod as Chieftain. The King has order Ailig to take over and make the MacLeod Clan pledge there alliance to him.

On Ailig's return he runs into one of his fathers Champion warrior harassing a the young widow Morainn. Her husband Hamish has been dead for 2yrs and her days of mourning are over. Morainn character is ok. She is determine never to marry again and of course she fall in love with Ailig. Ailig does a good job of getting

his Clan to except and trust him. In the beginning his father Neill hates the idea an does everything he can to not pass on the Cheifton to him. He seems to hate Ailig and it becomes clear why. The story held my interest. It just doesn't have much romance going on an very little sex nothing even worth mentioning. Bk.1 and 2 just lacks that hot sexy romance story I like in the H/H. These books end abruptly for the couples. There is no epilog to let you know how the couple fared together. There are unanswered question. Such as Morainn believes she is barren. She tried to have children by her dead husband but didn't. This could have been the dead husbands fault!! But the situation is not explored. I got the books on Kindle Unlimited. I am not sure I would spend money buying them now that I have read the first two books in the series. To many unresolved issues in both books.

Catherine Iriarte says

What an awesome story. It kept me on the edge of my seat most of the time. The story kept me turning pages to see what would happen next.

Ted says

Daring hero and strong heroine,

I enjoyed Ailig in Charming The Shrew, but he had hidden depths in Daring the Highlander. MOIRRANA was daring, yet vulnerable.

I really enjoyed reading about her. Duff McDonnell was a true villain. I hated him in Book 1. He was even more hateful in this book.
