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He needs her for his clan. He wants her for himself. Can he have both?

Toran Lathan never expected to become Laird, and never expected to meet a woman like Aileanna Shaw. Her healing ability is just what his people need, but Toran cannot resist her beauty. Yet will loving him destroy her ability to heal?

Aileanna Shaw has a healing touch—and a special talent she must keep secret. Stolen from her home by a marauding army, she's kidnapped again by the Highland Laird she heals. Is she a prize of war, or the prize of his heart?

While Toran battles the invading lowland army, he also battles his desire for Aileanna. And Aileanna must decide if she can trust her secrets to this fierce warrior who needs her talent, but wants her love.

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Trish R. says

OK..

This was an OK read because it really did drag sometimes. I think Aileana's healing ability was pretty cool but when she wasn't healing someone the story kind of dragged. Plus, I just knew she was going to do something that would give her the TSTL award. I mean, how could anyone believe anything Colridge had to say? Between the drag of the story and her TSTL moment I had a very hard time with this book.

I did like the secondary characters, though: Senga, Elspie, Jamie, Angus, Ranald and Donal. And I really liked Toran but if I was him I would have dumped her a\$\$ a long time ago. Geez, she was enough to make him crazy and she didn't want to listen to anyone's GOOD advice, and she wondered why Donal didn't trust her. Using her Voice on Toran should have been the last straw for him. This kind of writing doesn't do the heroine justice. It makes her look selfish and unable to see anything but herself and what she wants to do. I have to agree completely with TracyJane's review, there were times that I just thought, "good grief, Aileana, you are a moron," and when the TSTL came along I almost stopped reading. And why did she remain a captive for 2 years if she were able to make Colridge do whatever she wanted with a Voice suggestion? That was never really explained.

There was some sexual tension in this and some explicit sex.

I gave it 3 stars for all the really likable people.

I borrowed this through KU.

As to the narrator: He didn't really do so well. His male voices were either too gravelly or too high and the women's voices sounded just like men sometimes. And there was absolutely no emotion.

Hollie says

4.5 stars

what an unexpected surprise. the story was intense throughout and I adored the characters. Well executed read.

Ronda Tutt says

Heartwarming!

My heart has been swept away in this heartwarming Highland story. The visionary words had me picturing myself amongst the clans themselves within the mountains behind their keep. The characters Toran and Aileanna chemistry sizzled between each other and their sweet nothing teasing whispers had me grinning and laughing at how hot the scenes were. I read this smooth writing story within a day and couldn't believe I was done so quickly, this was one of those stories I wanted to last forever.

Laird Lathan is a man of honor, a fierce fighter, a gentle lover, and caring lord over his clan, and of course the sexiest man every woman would dream of. His actions and tenderness swept me away immediately. The story in itself showed his strength when one moment he was captured yet yielded his demeanor until he could be rescued. Once rescued his charisma melted into my soul as he lead his clan and protected them along with his own captive rescue of the Healer Aileanna from the brutal rogue lowland army leader.

I really didn't gain any feelings towards the Healer Aileanna until the end of the book. However, she was a character who was a bit standoffish due to her gift of healing, she was scared of her own feelings and what might happen to herself if she failed. It was a relief and enjoyable to see how she grew within the story, how she gains a back bone and shows grace and forgiveness to those who would speak out against her.

At the end I did get angry with Aileanna because of her foolish actions in her thinking but the story is bitter sweet and I found my heart melted. I had happy teary eyes knowing that Aileanna and Toran would be together forever and a day with three blessings on the way.

Awesome Read!

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by Bri

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Highland Healer was a great Highland novel with original and pleasantly placed areas of paranormal elements. This novel had so many subplots that added to the original story. Willa did a great job maintaining the integrity of the main story while using the multitude of secondary characters to move it forward.

Usually in a Highland novel the hero is often times an extreme alpha male that "seduces" his heroine and then falls in love with her. Uniquely that was not the case in Highland Healer even though Lathan sure did try. I found it to be pleasant and humorous that Aileanna could keep Lathan and other men at bay to protect her virtue by only using her special Talent. I loved the amount of integrity and courage that Aileanna showed when after facing so much tragedy she never once used her talents for her own gain.

This is a great novel. Lovers of Hannah Howell's highland novels will love this just as well.

Sasha Summers says

I'm one of those readers that enjoys a rich Highland based historical romance now and then. And Highland Healer delivered. With vivid characters, authentic prose, and a dash of magic - the romance between Aileanna and Toran was both sensual and sincere. Another plus, there are plenty of interesting secondary characters. We can hope this won't be the only adventure on the highlands for Willa Blair.

Maria11 says

Ok

It was an ok story. Very predictable. Writing was good, but just didn't light my fire. No Jamie Fraser here.

Ln Winchester says

Pretty good story until one big, unforgivable blunder.

The Highlands Healer is exactly what you'd ecology, a formulaic historical romance story set in Scotland. I have bio problem with that. While it doesn't break any new ground - they must learn to love and trust each other under difficult circumstances - it at least was believable within those rival guidelines. He is "massive", muscley, gorgeous and mysteriously sun tanned (in Scotland? Okay then), she is bewitchingly beautiful yet miraculously untouched. Fine. Pretty standard, down to her auburn hair and green eyes.

At 81% though, the heroine does something DO stupid, SO dunderheaded, something she's been warned about, something she KNOWS is beyond stupid, and when it fails, she thinks, "oh, I should have listened to them." YA THINK?? Everyone else in the book is able to understand this very basic concept except her.

If you ever saw the third Jurassic Park (not the recent Jurassic World) where the only woman on the trip gets a megaphone and starts screaming for the lost kid in the middle of a very dangerous island filled with actual monsters, ignoring all warnings, and her stupid behavior gets men killed because she simply can't reason beyond a toddler level, THIS is just like that, and it's infuriating. I actually groaned and said "are you KIDDING me?" out loud.

So the heroine goes from sympathetic, interesting character to a complete moron in one move, erasing any sympathy I had for her. I actually dislike her now. Of course her actions put everyone else in an incredibly dangerous situation while they try to rescue her stupid self.

Diana Gabaldon crushed the historical Scottish romance genre with Outlander, and every other book trying to compete with it is going to fail. However, in Gabaldon's books if the heroine makes a mistake it's through ignorance or inexperience and she has to suffer the consequences of her actions. (If you haven't yet read Outlander, you really should although it will ruin you for these typical, standard "Mighty Laird and Beautiful Virgin - I Must Have Her!" kinds of stories.)

So. Even though I knew by the cover and title what this story would be like and adjusted my expectations accordingly, I'm still left extremely annoyed by the heroine's idiocy.

Before 81% in the story, I would have rated Highland Healer 4 stars. It is pretty well done, although nothing new, for this genre. However, that huge blunder ruined the story for me. I can't suspend disbelief that far.

If having a heroine behave totally out of character, forcing others to risk their lives and suffer for her stupidity doesn't bother you, then you'll most likely enjoy this book, as long as you keep your expectations low.

Tara West says

I loved this story! I'm a sucker for any romance where the heroes are in kilts. This has just the right amount of paranormal aspect with Aileanna's talents, but I have to say that it's Toran who won me over. What a stud! The love scenes were written so beautifully. I just wanted to melt in Toran's arms. I'm on to the next in the series now. I hope the next hero is as amazing as Toran. Mmmmmmm.

Nancy says

It's a quick and enjoyable read, very well written for the lover of Scottish clan novels, and I give it a very strong four stars. Willa Blair neatly deals with the potential repercussions of her heroine being branded a witch, without going into detail that would draw Aileana into that category. Aileana's special powers are used sensitively and judiciously in Highland Healer. Utilising the paranormal aspects of the novel Willa Blair gives the reader a glimpse of the anatomical and physiological knowledge that Aileana possesses, using some terminology in current use. This was an aspect I personally didn't relate to very well; though I do appreciate the difficulty in avoiding presently used technical terms in a historical novel. However, if you enjoy a hint of the paranormal then I'm sure you'll really enjoy how it's used in Highland Healer. I loved reading everything else about the story, the characters well rounded.

Dariel Raye says

Aileana is an exceptional healer, capable of bringing people back from the brink of death. Orphaned at an early age and eventually captured by Colbridge, a brutal dictator, Aileana has spent 2 years using her "talents" to keep Colbridge's army strong. When Toran, a laird in his own right, is captured by Colbridge and taken to Aileana for healing, she is immediately drawn to him.

The tension between Aileana and Toran is obvious from the moment she comes in contact with him. Blair leaves no doubt that the two strong personalities will come together, and the action, Toran's escape with Aileana, as well as Colbridge's relentless pursuit, add to the drama and excitement of "Highland Healer."

Toran quickly makes his interest known to Aileana and his clan, but fearing that he is only interested in her ability to heal his people, she continues the lie that has kept her safe among Colbridge and his men, telling

Toran her virginity is linked to her healing powers, effectively holding him off for a time despite her desire for him.

After witnessing Aileana's healing ability, Toran's clan members are afraid she is a witch, but Toran's authoritative manner and the respect he has earned from his clan intensify the romance between them. Aileana's tendency to overreact, though understandable given Blair's allusions to what she has been through, wears thin, and the story could have ended approximately 40 pages earlier if not for Aileana's antics, but the story is well-written, well-suited to historical fans with a touch of paranormal.

Strong secondary characters, including a mentor, a maternal healer, and Toran's jealous former lover, Coira, make this a rich, enjoyable read. Easily 4 star pillows.

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Laura Kaye says

4.5 Stars - I've been on a Highlander kick lately and this one didn't disappoint. Great sexual tension and chemistry, a lot of fun and suspenseful action, plus the additional bonus of the heroine having a touching of paranormal ability. Toran is an incredibly compelling hero, Aileanna was a strong and likable heroine, and lots of interesting secondary characters (loved Senga) rounded out the story. I didn't fully get Ailenna's reaction to Toran toward the end (vague so as to not spoil), so that part tripped me up a bit, but all in all, an enjoyable read I would definitely recommend.

Deb says

Love story between a Laird and a Healer, with interesting abilities and great compassion <3

Riley says

Very enjoyable Highland adventure! The romance of Toran and Aileanna is complicated, set against a background of war brought to the Highlands by a ruthless warmonger. At the beginning of the story, Aileanna is a captive healer to the warlord Colbridge. Toran, injured by Colbridge in battle, is healed by Aileanna when he becomes a prisoner also. When Toran's men effect escape, Aileanna is take back to Toran's keep.

Toran and Aileanna are attracted to each other, but there are many things standing in the way of their happy ending. Though she is told she will become healer to Toran's people, Aileanna questions if she is still a prisoner. Her special healing abilities cause others to fear her as a witch. Toran has a jealous former lover. And Colbridge seems determined to get Aileanna back in his camp.

There is lots of action and intrigue, great characters and even some Highland history. I really enjoyed this book and I have put Ms. Blair's next novel, Highland Seer, high on my to read list.

Kathie (katmom) says

I got this free in November and just found it now on my Kindle and spent a very enjoyable couple of hours reading about Toran and Aileanna.

Aileanna's skills, "talent," as a healer is something that I haven't read before. Added a touch of the paranormal to this read.

The spark between Toran and Aileanna was a joy to read.

I look forward to more from this author.

BigComfyChairBookReviews says

[on page 201 Toran says “you told me you loved me” but Aileana never said that. I had to go back and chec
