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Nicole Laverdure says

Lovers of Scottish romances, will be captivated!

OMG! What an amazing Scottish historical romance to devour. I could not put it down! A real page turner! Fast paced with a plot that keeps you wanting to know more.

I love this series, The MacGregors: Highland Heirs, written by Paula Quinn. The author really captured the essence of the Highlands, with her third story The Scandalous Secrets of Abigail MacGregor. I am a huge fan of this author and was really delighted to follow Abigail MacGregor and Daniel Marlow's journey. These two charming characters were meant for each other. Beautiful sensual chemistry between the bold, strong-minded heroine and the loyal and emotional hero. What happens when a beautiful Scottish woman meets a sexy Highlander? Sparks flare and ignites a rich passion! Known for her beauty and boldness, Abigail must preserve her clan's dangerous secret: that her mother is the true heir to the English Crown. If the wrong people find out, it will mean war for her beloved Scotland. To keep peace, she embarks for London. General Daniel Marlow, loyal knight and the kingdom's most desirable hero, would rather be on the battlefield than transporting a spoiled Highland lass. But Abby is unlike any woman he's ever met. This story is about lies, truth, trust and passion. Will Abigail trust Daniel, enough, to give him her heart! Will the heroine steal the hero's heart?

Just relax and follow this captivating medieval adventure filled with passion, secrets and betrayals. Paula Quinn is truly a talented storyteller and never disappoints me!

I'm looking forward to reading her fourth book The Taming of Malcolm Grant in this wonderful series Highland Heirs.

Rachel says

She's done it again! Paula has given us another book that I got lost in and had a hard time putting down! It was another fabulous blend of history, family and romance. I really loved the chemistry and respect between Abigail and Daniel.

Abigail is another fierce, fabulous female character. I love that she wants to be chief one day! Her desire to protect her clan and keep her mother safe in spite of what her father wants was fantastic! She showed with that alone why she should be chief. I absolutely adored her relationship with Rob. I have a very soft spot for father/daughter relationships, especially within this series. These rough highlanders are wrapped around their daughter's fingers! Seeing Abigail with Callum was a delightful treat as well!

Daniel is wonderful. Oh, I like him a lot! He is a true and noble knight, much like Tristan before him. I loved his chivalrous nature and the way he put the needs of his cherished friend, the queen, above his own. It takes a true gentleman to do that. He has always fought for what he believes in and to protect his queen and there is no faulting him for that. I highly enjoyed his relationship with Anne. You could see the motherly affection she had for him, but there was deep friendship as the base. It was interesting watching him come to terms with his true heritage and what it meant for him.

Abigail and Daniel were fabulous right from the start. That initial attraction mixed with an instinctive dislike that didn't last too long. Their chemistry was palpable and their struggles and concerns were very valid and very real. But as always, love won out in the end. I loved watching them come to know one another, to trust each other and begin to fall. The mutual respect and admiration was a great foundation in helping them overcome the obstacles between them. One of my favorite things was watching Daniel admit to himself what he felt for her and how deeply he was feeling it. Abigail was very open in her feelings but it was Daniel that really got my heart racing when he came to terms with his. I adored the way he tried to protect her from Charlotte, from enemies and even from himself. But Abigail is so fierce he just didn't stand a chance!! They are a couple I can't wait to see more from in the future.

As for the end, how utterly charming and perfect! I laughed and I loved!! Very excited for Malcom's story to come!

she_batts says

My favourite of all of Paula Quinn's books.

Margaret says

[Read by Carrington MacDuffie]

In the *New York Times* bestselling tradition of Lynsay Sands, Karen Hawkins, and Monica McCarty comes the third book in Paula Quinn's sinfully sexy Scottish romance series.

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Rebecca Norinne says

**** I received a free copy of this book via NetGalley ****

Before I say anything else about this book, I just want to state, emphatically, for the record, that I finished reading this a couple of days ago and I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT IT. This is the first book I have read by Quinn, but now I am making it a point to add all of her other titles to my To-Be-Read (TBR) pile.

When I first started reading this book I didn't know how I felt about Abigail. Perhaps it's my lack of knowledge about the customs and traditions of Jacobite-era highlanders but I hadn't thought that a woman could become the clan's chief. That Abby states often that is her plan, at first I thought she was being really naive and that she'd be one of those characters who lives in a bubble of her own that is so far removed from reality that you don't know where she actually is. Again, that could be my own naivety about the era, but it just read really ... young ... to me. In fact, I spent the first several chapters wondering how old Abby was. Sometimes she sounded like a 14 year old, and other times she was a smart woman in full control of her mind and the direction her life was taking her. When she was that character, I was fully enthralled.

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Debra Taylor says

Paula Quinn has raised the bar with this one. This novel continues the series in a way that her loyal fans will adore. The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor will surely charm new readers into the fold as well.

Farrah says

With lovely romance and political secrets, The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor was a lovely historical romance. With betrayals and secrets, it kept things interesting and I really liked it.

Abby was a wonderful heroine. Strong-willed and smart, she knew when it was time to fight and when it was better to wait. She was very loyal to her loved ones and protected them above all else. I really liked her.

Daniel was good, for the most part. He was loyal, skilled, and sweet when he wanted to be. My only issue with him was that he tended to overreact to things and ended up hurting the people most important to me. It was especially frustrating because he was a calm and reasonable character otherwise. But, for the most part, I liked him.

Abby and Daniel were a well matched couple. They loved each other beyond all obstacles and they definitely had enough chemistry to heat things up. I thought they were great together.

The plot moved quickly, keeping me engaged from the start. I really liked the story and the ending was a perfect tie-up.

The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor was a really enjoyable historical romance that I liked. Romance lovers, this is a book worth checking out.

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Candy says

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The MacGregor: Highland Heir Series

Historical Romance

Review: Abigail's family has a secret that could see them all at death's door if anyone found out. Her mom is the real heir to the throne, but she wants nothing to do with the crown. Unfortunately her sister, Queen Anne, has learned of her and has demanded that she come to England or have an army show up at their door. With her mom being too frail to travel Abigail decides to take her place. She is hoping her aunt will be persuaded to leave her family alone to do as they please so she can come home and someday become chief of her clan. Of course that was before she met Captain Daniel Marlow, the Queen's right hand man, and fell hard. Daniel does not want to be escorting a Jacobite Highland lass to the Queen, but he always does as he is told. Even after learning that Anne has been hiding a huge secret from him all of his life, and with a psycho woman doing whatever she can to insure she is the one in his bed, he wants nothing to do with women, but will he be able to refuse Abigail anything?

I truly enjoyed this story. Both Abigail and Daniel were so likeable and they show that the old saying, "opposites attract" is very true. These two could not be more different but their attraction to each other burns hot pretty much from the moment they meet. Then as trouble after trouble is thrown at them they just become closer. I love how even though they are attracted to each other their romance is real. They fight and argue a lot but they cannot stay away from each other, even though they lead very different lives.

I love Abigail. She is brave, loyal, and smart. She will do whatever she has to to protect her family even if it means putting her own life on the line. She also knows what she wants and that is to be her clan's chief, even after meeting and falling in love with Daniel. Plus no matter what danger she finds herself in she doesn't just give up or cower in fear, instead she fights.

Daniel is many girls' dream guy. All of the women at court fawn all over him, but from a distance. He is the brooding type and even though he does not want her, he has been labeled as belonging to Lady Charlotte.

Daniel refuses to have any lovers because in the past bad things have happened to the poor women who he was with. Unfortunately without proof he cannot stop Lady Charlotte. This makes loving Abigail a hazard to her and is one reason he tries so hard to deny his feeling.

I have to say though my favorite character was the Queen. At first I felt so bad for her. She lost everyone she loved besides Daniel. To top it off everyone is out to betray her, except for Daniel. That would be a hard life to live. Even so as the story progresses we get to see the Queen liven up and start to enjoy life. I feel her character grew as much as Daniel and Abigail did.

I recommend this story to lovers of historical romances. The relationship between Abigail and Daniel will keep you reading to see if they will put aside their differences to be together.

I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley for my honest opinion.

Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy

The turbulent history of Scotland remains one of the few historical sub genres that gets written, aside from the English Regency Era, it seems that the only other time in history we get to read about is the Scottish Highlands and their forever struggle for freedom. Just like in the Regency period books, there are outstanding ones and ones that are less so. Most of course fall somewhere in between.

Paula Quinn writes an interesting concept.. a question that could possibly be true. I mean anything is possible and to quote my favorite line from *Angels in the Outfield*, "It could happen". Her premise? A young woman, truly a princess, was secreted away from the England and raised in a convent. Sort of a way of hedging their bets. One daughter would remain protestant and one would be raised catholic, just in case. I don't understand why they would remove the older child to be raised in obscurity, I mean wouldn't she be the rightful heir to the throne? Well yes and that of course remains the catch.

After years of living in gleeful obscurity, married joyfully to her highland chief, the queen calls for her. Demanding her presence at court. Of course she is ailing and can't go so her daughter goes in her stead. No one knows why the queen is calling for a little known daughter of the highlands but she did so she must be protected.

So a defiant daughter willfully takes her mother's place and is handed off to the scourge of Scotland. A Man known for his killing of Scots.. and oh yeah the bastard child of the Prince Consort. Hmmmmm, of course he just learns this part.

Of course there are plots aplenty. Plots made by the borderland Scots, those made in the Queen's court and a few others. Ms Quinn could have gotten lost with all the subterfuge but instead she managed to keep it rather realistic. Or rather realistic to what went on then. Probably still does in the power circles.

The main characters, Abigail MacGregor and General Daniel Marlow are in some ways the only innocent characters in this book. And even then Abigail has some secrets she can't tell Daniel.

I haven't yet decided if I liked this book. But it made me think, it's still making me think so I have to give it four stars. It's well written, creatively thought out and brings both Scotland and England's troubled times into play. So Ms. Quinn wins huge points for that.

I think you have to read this book just to decide if you like it or not? I know it made me feel a little ignorant as this was a time in England's history that I am not as familiar with. Consequently I couldn't smirk at any historical inaccuracies, yes I am that big of a snob. All said and done? It's a decent book but you have to decide for yourself whether it's worth the read.

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of *The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor*, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released on March 31, 2015

sparklyunikorn says

I disliked.

- the plot line
- repetitive
- story's dragged
- instalove

I liked.

- enemies turned lovers concept
- banter and conversations between H/h
- H/h made me laugh a lot

That's all.

Pam says

I have enjoyed Ms. Quinn's Highland romances before and this book is another great addition to the MacGregor saga. There is enough intrigue, secrets and romance to satisfy all.

Abigail MacGregor is the daughter of the clan chief, a strong woman who will be chief herself one day. Her father Robert MacGregor, is married to Davina, a woman who has a secret that many would kill for, she is the first born daughter of a King. She never wanted to rule, so kept hidden away in the Highlands, but now her sister, Queen Anne has found her and requests her attendance. Davina is recovering from an illness, not to mention that Robert is worried about her safety, so Abigail insists she goes instead.

Daniel Marlow is a captain in the Queen's guard, a man with a reputation that precedes him as a great warrior. He is a favorite of the Queen and when she needs someone she trusts to bring Abigail from her home, she asks Daniel to go. He is reluctant to protect a Highlander, someone he believes he can't trust but goes because the Queen has asked him. As Abigail and Daniel travel they encounter several dangerous situations that bring them closer together but they come from different backgrounds and are considered enemies, so they know nothing could ever come of their relationship.

This is another delightful historical romance that blends historic fact and fiction into a sweeping saga that takes the reader on a trip to another time and place.

Abigail is very likeable, she is a strong independent woman with plans to lead her clan one day. Her family means everything to her and she steps in when she feels they are threatened. Although she has spent her life in the Highlands, she is willing to take her mother's place to visit the Queen in a possible hostile environment.

Daniel is equally devoted to the Queen, he will do anything to protect her and does her bidding whether it be in war or to bring a young woman to England. When he meets Abigail, he reminds himself frequently that she is the enemy, yet she captivates him from the beginning. However, the closer they become the more

he realizes they could never be together as their worlds are so different. When lies and secrets come out and danger threatens not only Abigail but also the Queen, Daniel is torn and is angry and hurt by what he finds out and feels betrayed. I really felt for him, the two women who he feels the closest to each held on to secrets that affected him.

The pace of the story is fast, it grabs you from the beginning and does not let you go. Secondary characters are important to the story, I enjoyed how the MacGregor family is prevalent throughout the book, Abigail's father helps save the day several times as he protect his daughter. I also like the Queen, she is a leader of England, yet a lonely woman that truly loves Daniel like a son. There were several other clans in the picture and I was a bit confused on whose side everyone's loyalties lied but eventually the truth came out. This is the second book in this series, but the author keeps the reader informed so it can easily be read as a standalone. All in all a wonderful story filled with intrigued, spying and danger along with a romance that is very satisfying.

Review at: [Ramblings from a Chaotic Mind](#)

Copy from publisher for an honest review

Sha Mslvoe says

Its a story about love, trust and honor. I really liked Daniel and Abigail. Never get enough of Macgregor's story. It makes me feel more like part of their family. I truly enjoy everything Paula Quinn has written and consider her my favourite Scottish author.

AnnMarie says

The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor is the third book in The MacGregors: The Highland Heirs series by Paula Quinn. Although it's part of a series, the book is easily read as a stand alone one.

Abigail MacGregor is the daughter to the true heir to the throne of England. Her mother, Davina, is the eldest daughter of the king, and therefore she should be on the throne rather than her Anne. BUT most of the world doesn't know about Davina which is just how she likes it as she is more than happy married to her highlander and living far from the palace and royal life. It comes to the attention of Anne that Davina is alive and she writes to her demanding that she attend her at the palace. Not sure if it would be a trap so that Anne could kill her and any threat to her throne, the MacGregors as a whole decide that Davina must not travel. She has also been terribly unwell and isn't fit for the journey anyway. Abigail wanting to prevent the Queen's army attacking her clan because of her mother not attending Anne, decides to journey in her stead. She wants to convince Anne, that her mother has no desire to take on the throne, and as a Catholic she couldn't even if she did want to. The Queen is happy to accept Abigail's offer and sends her best man to escort her to her as quickly as possible.

General Daniel Marlow is head of the few men that travel to fetch Abigail. He is the Queen's best man and is known for being the Jacobite Slayer. Unfortunately Abigail and her family are Jacobites, so she despises him on first site, as he despises her and her family for what he sees as their betrayal to the Queen. He doesn't know that Abigail is the Queen's niece. He just knows he has to do his job and make sure she reaches Anne safely.

During the journey which is filled with all sorts of trials, Daniel and Abigail admit if only to themselves, that they are fascinated with each other, and there is some strong sexual attraction there that they both won't give into because of her being a Jacobite, and him being the slayer. The story that follows is not only one where we learn of the increasing feelings between the couple, but there is also treachery afoot, plans for Anne's death, Daniel's death, plans for abducting Abigail, and all sorts of secrets, not least being Daniel's true parentage! It really is an exciting story with a lot going on. It was an intriguing read, never boring, and the passionate scenes between our hero and heroine are beautifully written! There are twists galore in this book and it really made it a pleasure to read. Paula Quinn is quickly becoming a favourite author of mine and I fully recommend this book.

I was given a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

5 Stars

Terree says

- A Royal Summons - The MacGregors, still proscribed by England, receive word from Her Royal Highness. Davina MacGregor is to come to St. James Palace for a "meet & greet"
- The General - Daniel Marlow, Queen Anne's highest ranking officer and closest person to her heart. Known as the Jacobite Killer, he was tasked with the job of escorting Abigail MacGregor from the Highlands of Scotland to the palace. He didn't really want to go for her until the night before he actually left...
- The Jacobite Lass - Second born of the Laird, but determined to be the next Laird of the Clan MacGregor. Abigail is as stubborn as her father, if not more so. When the summons comes, the decision is final, at least in her mind. She is going in her mother's place. Period.
- The Queen - Lonely, untrusting, failing health. Anne has...had one friend, Charlotte. She has one man she trusts, Daniel. He is like a son to her. Her cousin Richard Montagu...she has to be able to trust him, he's family, even though she doesn't like him much.
- The Bit...errr, the mean one ;-) - Charlotte Adler, once a close friend and confidant to the Queen, now? Not so much. The snake-in-the-grass likes to make it appear as though nothing has changed, but really almost anyone could see that she has an allegiance to herself only.
- The Villain - Richard Montagu...is he really the villain? He really is...or is he? I guess you'll have to read the book to find out ;-)
- A murder, a kidnapping and assassination attempt - I'll leave that to you to figure out who was murdered, kidnapped and assassinated...or attempted!
- The MacGregors - They are out in force, from Callum on down to Adam! I believe nothing else needs to be said on that subject. *swoon*
- Tristan - My Knight In Shining Armor. I have missed him so much, and he plays such a pivotal part. I admit, I re-read his parts probably 3 or 4 times just so I could spend more time with him.
- Colin - My knees go weak when I even think about this man (I know, you probably think he is just a character in a book...he isn't to me! He is a man who lived in the 1700's in Scotland...but I digress) Colin played a very important roll too. Isn't it amazing that my two very favorite characters would play such important roles in this book? I myself am over the moon.
- Ill-fated Romance - The Jacobite Killer and the Jacobite Lass...oh, we know they shouldn't be together, they are polar opposites with such undeniable chemistry from the moment their eyes meet. When Paula Quinn works her literary magic on these two, amazing things happen and we as readers reap the benefits. She weaves an intricate story, adding history with fiction, inviting us in, and I'll be honest, I don't want to leave.

If ever there was a book to purchase, this is it. The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor will be one of those books I will read over and over. I adore Paula's protective heroes, I love her strong and independent heroines and I love it when they clash and love. Thank you Paula for sharing your wonderful mind with us.

Until Next Time!

xxoo Terree

Carolyn says

I have loved Paula Quinn's books since I first read "Laird of the Mist" back in 2007. She became an automatic buy for me with that first book and I have all her books (including her "Risande Family" series). "The Scandalous Secret of Abigail MacGregor" reminded me why I fell in love with this author's writing and her stories from the very beginning. It is a fabulous book that I could not put down. I really enjoyed the follow-up to Davina MacGregor's story which began in "Ravished by a Highlander."

If you love Highlanders, sweet romance, mystery and intrigue, you will love this book. I did!
