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This is book 4 in the Invertary series, but can be read as a standalone novel. Pre-order now on Amazon!

Calamity Jena Details

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From Reader Review Calamity Jena for online ebook

Tamar says

I was lucky enough to receive an ARC from the author.

Janet has done it again! I've been impatiently waiting for this next installment in the Invertary series, counting the days until its release. In this action-filled, laugh out loud rom-com, Invertary is shaken up yet again by a visiting American ex-go-go dancer, Jena. Wherever she goes, it seems, chaos is sure to ensue. Not that she means it to, of course. Unfortunately, her mishaps haven't gone unnoticed by the entire town, and they've given her a catchy nickname: Calamity Jena. There's even a betting board in the town's pub, where pint-drinkers can place bets as to what they think Jena's next catastrophe will be.

But when Jena's ex, Frank, shows up in Invertary, determined to get her to go back to America, catastrophe is too mild a word. Now, Jena's life is in danger because of Frank and his goons, and the man who steps up to the challenge of keeping her safe is Invertary's only police officer, Matt Donaldson.

Just when small town life is getting to Matt, making him want to move to a bigger city with more action, the gorgeous and danger-unto-herself American has him working overtime as her protector. He has to keep reminding himself that Jena is just a job, especially when his mind wanders--and wonders--thinking about the effects of just being near the accident-prone woman has on him and his libido. Will Matt be able to keep things professional while making sure his charge stays safe? Will Jena be able to stay out of trouble?

You'll have to grab a copy of the book yourself to see what happens! ;) It's the perfect summer read, filled with laughs, emotional depth, action, sexy times, and all the crazy townsfolk (we all love) of Invertary.

Now, I'll again be waiting impatiently for the next installment of the Invertary series: Bad Boy. I can't wait to see what Janet has planned next for her readers. And I will confess that I'm a huge fan of all of her books and will read anything this woman writes.

Lauri Tribbey says

Amusingly funny!

Jena a go go dancer looking for fresh start buys a home in Scotland. Little did she no she purchased the money pit. She finds help at the locate hardware store with her house troubles. Little does Jena no she is the talk of the for all the accident s she seems to cause. Then her ex shows up demanding she return to the states, she refused and the local lone police officer must intervene and becomes Jena's bodyguard to protect her, until he can get rid of the boyfriend. Matt and Jena's story is a comical journey filled with hilarious and emotionally moving moments. A definite

Saly says

No my favorite book of the series based in this awesome Scottish town but enjoyable nonetheless. The

heroine is new inn town and is a disaster when it comes to dating. Our hero Matt is a cop and all around good boy, so when the heroine's ex comes calling he assigns himself as her protector. The romance was the weakest link in this book but I loved everything else, even Grunt and Matt's sister Claire's crazy story.

Bette Stanek says

3.5 Betting Board Stars. This is the fourth book in the Invertary series. Goody Two Shoes is still my favorite, but this one upholds the standard. Jena fled Atlantic City looking for a new life. Well, OK, let's be honest, she was trying to find somewhere her snake of an ex-boyfriend would never in a million years find her. That's how she ended up in Invertary. Matt, aka Don-Don, is Invertary's only police officer and he's looking to get out. He's tired of the most exciting part of his day being when he gets to retrieve Morag's cat from a tree. Jena starts out as a simple bodyguard type assignment and ends up as so much more. He's not sure he'd call it excitement, but it's certainly not boring! Calamity Jena is lighthearted fun and pure entertainment....at Jena's expense, of course.

Rachel says

[Not between the main characters, but the heroine's ex boyfriend did cheat on her repeatedly (hide spoiler)]

Jane Stewart says

The secondary romance was more fun than the main one, but still overall enjoyable.

Jena is accident prone. Early in the story local cop Matt says to Jena "men have a tendency to get injured around you." Another scene had Matt thinking "he'd seen her during the aftermath of many a disastrous date." All those prior dates and injuries were skipped as if they were a back story I knew nothing about. And I read the previous books. It wasn't in them. I wish the author would have given us examples or short scenes of that. I felt I was missing part of the story.

I loved the secondary romance between Grunt and Claire. Really charming.

The main romance is Jena and Matt. It was good. But I was more impressed with the story than the romance. I'm not complaining about the romance. It just wasn't as much fun as the Grunt and Claire romance.

I was impressed the author used NO stupidity.

SPOILER Re: no stupidity (view spoiler)

I was surprised because so many other authors doing the same scenes would have used stupidity. This author thought it through and did it better.

THE SERIES:

Book 6 will be published in 2016. Each book is a stand alone romance about people living in the small town of Invertry in the northern Scotland Highlands. Main characters in one book have small roles in other books. My ratings are:

5 stars. Lingerie Wars Bk 1
3 ½ stars. Goody Two Shoes Bk 2
3 ½ stars. Magenta Mine Bk 3 (novella)
4 stars. Calamity Jena Bk 4
(not read) Bad Boy Bk 5
(not read) Caught Bk 6

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Kindle count length: 6,077 (292 pages). Swearing language: mild plus s***. Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: 2. Setting: current day Invertry, Scotland. Copyright: 2015. Genre: contemporary romance.

Carole Mckee says

OMG! Wonderful!

No matter how many good things I say about this book, I could never do it justice. First, I'll start with the easy part. It's really well written. This is one of the most emotional books I've ever read. Happy emotions, along with sad ones, with some excited ones mixed in, made this a tear-jerker in parts. Many times I had tears clouding my eyes. Jena: scatter-brained, accident-prone, and adorable, with a zest for life. Matt: steadfast, serious, strong, with a desire for some excitement. Jena never had a family; Matt has family in spades. Two different people. Can they be and she get it? How about with Jena's ex trying to take back to the United States from Scotland. The dialog in this book is simply outstanding. The story has all the elements to keep a reader turning the page. There is romance, comedy, thrills, and intrigue. It's a tremendous book. Loved it.

Miss Rail says

[the most emotional being Matt's father's death after suffering for 8 years from Alzheimer's Disease, (hide spoiler)]

Gaele says

4.5 Stars Rounded

A break up with her long term boyfriend after his extracurricular activities with the staff members at his new strip club, Jena sold everything, bought a house in Invertry on the internet and flew across the pond to resettle in Scotland after a brief foray in Paris. Now with a house in disrepair, few funds to pay someone to renovate and few DIY skills but a pink toolkit, Jena is struggling to make her place and find a way to support herself in her new home.

Enter Frank with two enforcers in charge, Joe and Grunt, and his determination to bring Jena “back home”. Deciding to take refuge in the local church, the town’s only officer, Matt, is sent in to talk her out. When he sees what a state Jena is in, and her belief that the enforcers with her ex Frank are from the New Jersey Mob, he decides to use his friend’s talents and his own stubborn determination to get to the bottom of things. Oh, and provide round the clock bodyguard services for Jena until they get Frank gone.

Now, Jena is adorable- with plenty of her own baggage. A mother who was less than ideal, an unknown father, a cheating ne’er do well ex and a huge heart. She’s so against hurting people who are bold enough to ask her out, that she never says no to a first date. Unfortunately, these dates often end in disasters: so much so that there is a running betting board on the ‘next’ disaster to befall one of her dates.

While Matt is adorable, he’s also a control freak with an aversion to chaos and a serious interest in Jena. But, no interest in a relationship. But when things go left (and around the corner, down the hill and into a ditch) and the ‘goons’ with Frank actually turn out to be the good guys, Jena and Matt actually have moments to see just how right they are for one another.

I really enjoy the playfulness and fun in this series – the touch of humor that is more than offbeat, characters and situations that seem just too out there to be true, until someone is JUST like another you know, you’ll want to read on even if people are wondering why you are laughing. Grab this series for some lighthearted laughs and fun.

I purchased a copy of the title for my own library with no expectations of review. All conclusions are my own responsibility.

This review was originally posted on I am, Indeed

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

Lord this book was a riot!

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She has done it again. I love this one as much as the rest. Well maybe a bit more since I'm totally crushing on Don-Don. He's got it all, the uniform, OCD, the well deserved cocky arrogance, patience of a saint, and all around good guy.

I really can't think of a single thing I didn't adore about this book. It really has it all, hysterics, hijinx, shenanigans, all the way to major ugly cries.

Janet can do no wrong, lol, other than keep me waiting for the next book.

Reading Order

Lingerie Wars (Inventory book 1)

Goody Two Shoes (Inventory book 2)

Magenta Mine (Inventory book 3)

Calamity Jena (Inventory book 4)

ARC provided for honest opinion

★, • * ° * ?*Blanka*?*°°*.,. ♥★ says

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Calamity Jena is a hilarious, heart warming story that pulls you in and leaves you feeling warm and squishy on the inside.

It has a clumsy heroine, and more than one macho alpha male, with the "mine" syndrome. The story is wonderful with adventure, drama, some spicy romance, and of course lots of laughs. Really enjoyed this book! Jena is a really fun character and I loved how her relationship built with Matt, it felt very real.

Paige Bookdragon says

Arrest me Officer, I've been naughty.

RTC.

Amanda says

It was cute

The interrogation from the twin was over the top and I could have done without it. Some of the Americanized sayings weren't American which does take me out of the reading mode when I am sucked in generally. But the story was funny and definitely has the makings of a saucy hallmark movie

Jennifer Taylor Johnson says

An emotional rollercoaster that you can't put down.

Not many books have the ability to make you laugh like crazy then cry your eyes out like a big baby but Calamity Jena achieved this for me. I already love Janet Elizabeth Henderson stories as they never fail to give me a good laugh and this book didn't disappoint. The crying part came from the amazing way the author was able to describe a death experience so well and all the emotions that come with a death in the family. The author just has an amazing way of making you feel like you are a part of the story and truly experiencing every emotion and experience along with the characters. I didn't want to stop reading this book and ended up staying awake all night just to keep reading because it is just that good. I recommend this whole series just be prepared for lack of sleep, lots of laughs and yes some bawling till your hiccupping crying. Once you read one of the Scottish Highlands Inverrary series you will be a fan of Scotland, Janet Elizabeth Henderson and her cast of crazy characters that become like family to you. Happy Reading!
