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The Highlands of Scotland, 1819: On the eve of his departure for the New World, Allan MacDougall asks his beloved Harriet to wait for his return, when he will be established and able to marry her. When his father discovers his intent he insists it is dishonourable, and so Allan must free Harriet from her promise even as he vows to remain faithful himself. Through years of hardship, heartache, tragedy, and betrayal, Allan and Harriet cling to the love that first brought them together--yet it is the treacherous doubts of their own hearts that could prove to be their undoing, and drive them farther apart than ever.

Far Horizons is a sweeping saga that will take you from the Highlands of Scotland to the untamed Canadian wilderness and the bustling streets of Boston. Based on actual events, it celebrates the strength of a promise and the enduring power of love. Previously published in hardcover and written by USA Today bestselling author Kate Hewitt, this is Book One of The Emigrants Trilogy.

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Em Chainey (Bookowski) says

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1819, ?skoçya'n?n Highlands Bölgesi: Allan MacDougall yeni dünyaya yeni bir hayat kurmak için giderken sevdi?i kad?n olan Harriet Campbell'a onu beklemesini, orada evlerini kurduktan sonra onu yan?na ald?racan? söyle; ama bir yandan da genç k?z? tamamen belli olmayan bir kadere ba?lamak istemez, istemeyerek de olsa sözleri ile serbest b?rak?r. Harriet'n kalbi ise Allan'a olan a?k? ile doludur, onu b?rakmay? dü?ünmez ta ki yazd??? mektuplara cevap alamad??? için umudunu yitirene ve ku?aklard?r onlar?n olan Arclic Farm çiftli?i hile ile onlardan al?nana dek. Kalbi k?r?k genç kad?n Arclic Farm'? geri almak umudu ile zengin ve naif görünü?lü Andrew Reid'in evlenme teklifini kabul eder; ama bilmedi?i ?ey ?udur ki Andrew, Allan'?n mektuplar?n? genç k?zdan saklamaktad?r.

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Patty McCormick says

This is an easy quick read. It is predictable pioneer fiction with a happy ending. The novel is based on the real life events and letters of the writer's relatives. It reminded me of the Little house on the Prairie books by Laura Ingalls for some reason. I think the style is somewhat similar. I would call this light reading. The parts about immigration and starting a new homestead in a new place are interesting, but the romance part is sort of bland. It is not a strong romance story. There are no racy parts, it is a little bland. It does have many twists and turns of fate and in the end the main characters come out on top. There is to be a second novel called Another Country. It would be good for young readers and people interested in immigration. I would have liked a more exciting cover for this. A ship with the captain and maybe Allan and Harriet's photos or pictures. It is well worth the 99 cents!! I give this book a 4 out of 5 stars

iamjenai says

Far Horizons is the first book to The Emigrants Trilogy. The book is about the love story of Allan MacDougal and Harriet Campbell. The premise of the story is based on true events while all other are just tales the author wove to make it more appealing for the readers. Allan and Harriet (ancestors of the author) got engaged just hours before Allan's family sailed from Scotland to Canada to start a new life. Allan's father, Sandy MacDougal thought it was dishonorable for Allan to ask Harriet to wait for him so Sandy insisted that Allan set Harriet free. Allan then returned Harriet's letters when he's already at the port waiting for their ship to Canada. This made Harriet feel Allan is not sure of his feelings for her. What would you do if your significant other went away, promised to return and marry you but you received nothing from him/her for years. No calls, no letters, nothing that would assure you that someone is still keeping the promise he/she made the last time you talked?

If you are in an LDR (long distance romance) situation, this book is totally relatable. I've been in that situation decades ago and it was that hard. It was hard to wait for someone who's oceans away. It was even harder for Allan and Harriet because they were just not oceans away, imagine LDR without phones? Letters can only be sent through a ship that sails for months. Letters are delivered and can only be picked-up in ports? Reading this book made my heart ache, every page is truly heart breaking especially the first quarter of the story. I loved how the author described Scotland and Canada in 1819. The settings of the story surely enticed me to finish the book quickly.

Far Horizons is a great historical romance novel, I look forward to reading the second book. Highly recommended for book readers looking for a great series to start.

Laura P says

“Far Horizons” is book one in The Emigrants Trilogy by Kate Hewitt.

Far Horizons is a wonderful historical fiction read that spans the ocean as some of the characters emigrate from Scotland to Canada and America in the early 1800s.

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Ms. Hewitt has set the stage for an intriguing trilogy spanning several continents and intertwined the lives of many well-developed characters. The inspiration for this book was the true account of two of the author's ancestors. Their undying love for each other that prevailed even after seven years of separation was preserved in love letters that created the basis for “Far Horizons”. Ms. Hewitt created a fictional account of their lives based on those facts. The book is filled with wonderful secondary characters that I'm sure we will see more of in books 2 and 3. The reader is taken on an emotional ride through the characters' lives as they endure hardships, tragedies, separation and heartache; but love does prevail.... and in the end.... Allan and Harriet are reunited. A sweet and touching story that is well worth reading. I plan to read the next book in the trilogy, “Another Country”.

I received a digital copy from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Sunhawk says

Tried twice, failed both times. I like the subject matter, but the presentation was achingly slow. I wonder about these freebie #1s of a multiple volume book: in this case, I suspect the story could be neatly told in a single book, without so much churning of words to fill pages.

Toni Osborne says

Book #1, in the Emigrants Trilogy

This is a great historical romance novel that will resonate with anyone who is in a long distance romance situation. The premise is based on true events and enhanced with wonderful and colourful tales inspired by Ms. Hewitt creativity. “Far Horizons” is the story of two people who love each other but are separated by both distance and duty.

The story opens in the Highlands of Scotland, the year is 1819. Allan MacDougal and Harriet Campbell are in love but unfortunately Allan and his family were leaving Scotland for Canada and Harriet was to stay behind till the MacDougal were settled down.....

Slow for a kick start but once Allan left for Canada the pacing was more aggressive and the story more interesting. Following the characters is a bit of a challenge but once you settle into the tempo and place each one as they appear telling their version of events then everything falls into place and we can easily trust forward although this may be very confusing and distracting for some. The emotional story reflects the “Harlequin” style the author’s is so well known for with much emphasis on the courtships and feelings of the characters. Although this is book 1 in a trilogy everything wraps up beautifully and leaves no loose ends. Book 2 is set 10 years later, is a great choice for anyone to pick it up or not.

“Far Horizons” gives us simple style, clear narrative, clean dialogue, interesting characters and a good story for everyone to enjoy.

Linda says

I recommend the book. It is not quite historical fiction and does not quite fit in historical romance genre. It is well written. The author's writing mechanics are excellent. There were no prurient sex scenes or vulgar language. I traveled from Scotland to Canada to the USA to the Magellan Sea and back again with various characters. The main characters got mixed and fixed messages, they were in need of a homing pigeon or a cell phone. I have never met so many ships passing in the night as I have met in this book. I am somewhat confused about the author's name and the book setting date as they show up differently in my tablet as compared to other reviewers, so I will simply say

Good Read

Charissa says

Wowzers! This is a pro-bass fisherman type book, in that it hooked me good, and then reeled me through some heartbreak, stormy waters. The plot gutted me and left me bleeding at times, yet I would recommend that everyone bite onto this story and go through the same heart-wrenching process. It's a pleasure to be gutted like this. Seriously! The characters in this story are now my best friends (even though they were some of the gutting party).

This story is set in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia (New Scotland) and Scotland (the old). The historical details of life in Scotland and starting out in the new world were very interesting. Harriet, Allen, Margaret, Ian, and other characters will imbed themselves into your soul and you will HAVE to read the entire story to figure out what happens to them. Yes...your free-agency will be taken away from you for a while. The laundry might stack up...your kids might have to microwave frozen burritos for dinner because you can't get unhooked from this book...but I've survived to the end to tell you that the laundry will still be there for you when you're done with this, and that burritos for a few days for your kids will make them more appreciative of your meal-making efforts from here on out. So you have no excuse! Bite this story's hook and just go with it. It's a story you won't regret reading.

Michele Williams says

Coudn't put it down even to eat. Well- developed characters, plot that thickens and continues to carry the reader along with it, and all this without a single sex scene, thank you! No sex in print is as good as the real thing, especially if the entire story comes to a screeching halt for some hotnheavy too soon and too long that doesn't add to or advance the story. Just saying better characters and better storytelling are more satisfying to me.

I will recommend this book to my mother, who also is impatient to see where the story is going and cuts no slack for salacious when better writing would have been....well, better!

Dorine says

Rated 3.5 -FAR HORIZONS by Kate Hewitt is a good historical pioneer story that travels from Scotland to the New World in Canada in the 1800s. Dual storylines follow characters in both countries, keeping the reader curious about whether they'll reunite.

The book begins in Scotland on the Isle of Mull with Harriet Campbell contemplating the journey for the MacDougalls. Her childhood best friend, Allan MacDougall, is leaving with his family to start over in the New World. She had hoped there was a future for them, but Allan left without proposing, asking her to wait for him. Her father's failing farm and health won't wait, so Harriet may be forced to make decisions that will harm her future with Allan. Dangers await this couple and their families along with sorrow – will love sustain them?

In the beginning, I enjoyed this novel because it takes place in early North America and Scotland with characters and plots in both countries that are connected. It's also the reason it can be confusing, switching back and forth between them. It's a book to read with few interruptions so that you can concentrate on the vivid details.

I especially enjoyed the wilderness details in Canada, creating a realism for Allan's family's survival. Their struggles are many including amongst themselves. I was intrigued by Allan's trapping adventure but I wished for more detail about his every day life.

As I read further, it became much easier to keep track of the characters and what they were experiencing

individually. The lead couple are apart for most of the book, writing letters and hoping to hear from one another. Their love is strong but it's easy to suspect that it's not strong enough to withstand separation and temptation.

I felt more enamored by this story toward the end, even though some parts of it seemed rushed. I would have liked to know more about the conclusion of this couple's journey, specifics that were glossed over to tie up the plot. Maybe we'll hear more about them in future books. I was especially intrigued by the author's revelation about her own family's history, whose letters were the backbone for this novel. That made it even more charming as I'm captivated by letters that have survived time which give us a glimpse of our history. What a treasure for the author's family. It couldn't have been easy to create this novel around real life events and make it as believable and seamless as it is, which I appreciated even more by the end of the book.

Although I enjoyed the setting and the characters, the novel needs some editing. There are missing words and misused pronouns that were like a speed bump, jarring me out of the story. This is a simple fix that would enhance the reading experience as the book is too good to have those issues. Don't let that stop you from trying this book as I think it's worth it.

Even though I had a few bumps while reading, I'm curious about the next two books in the EMIGRANTS TRILOGY. Author Kate Hewitt creates a saga about pioneer life that's believable and intriguing.

Review by Dorine, courtesy of The Zest Quest. Book obtained for free from Amazon during an author promotion.

Duane says

Set in the early 19th century, this novel is a romance, historical fiction, adventure. Scottish emigrants travel to Canada's Prince Edward Island to begin a new life on their own land. It was well written with good characters, a good plot, somewhat in the style of James Michener which is a compliment. Far Horizons is the first book in Hewitt's emigrant series and is followed by Another Country which follows many of the same characters as they make their way in Canada and branch off to Boston. It's good entertainment and worth reading.

Weisser says

I suppose I am jaded but historical romance is just no longer keeping my attention. I try, I really do; however, it seems as though they are just the same. Unfortunately, by page 85 I was completely bored with the miscommunication and sacrificing of one's own happiness for the greater good. Another one down and good time wasted.

Cathy says

Though an interesting book, it was not a page turner other than I wanted to see where it was going. The characters were not as fleshed out as I would have liked and the story seemed forced, pressed, especially when the end came quickly and tied up in a nice bow. Because so much time passed, there were details that I

would have liked knowing that were left out. I always enjoy hearing the true historical points of a historical fiction and it was nice that it was the author's ancestors and the letters were passed down and quoted. A few editting errors are distracting and I wonder how these are never caught and corrected.

Margo says

Historical fiction with some interesting settings -- Scotland and the New World points of emigration in Canada. It was reasonably good but not enthralling; I may not follow up with the next book.

Lynn Speer says

Historical fiction with roots in non-fiction. The story was built from ancestral letters.

Characters are from Scotland, emigrating to Nova Scotia. There was just enough detail regarding hardships (farming in Scotland, ship travel, getting established in Nova Scotia) to make things interesting without wanting to skip pages.

Not a romance, though there are male/female friendships.

Light reading.

I plan to read the other books in the trilogy.
