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Gargoyles, tree witches, and wolf shifters have divided the Isle of Stone after a great battle twenty-five years ago. When Kayla, a tree witch, hears about the unconventional rock concerts in the gargoyle's territory, she sneaks from her coven and into their territory to see for herself. Night after night, she returns to see one in particular shift into human form and play guitar at these unconventional shows.

For several nights, Mason has kept watch for the pixie-like female. He plans to seduce her, thinking she's a visitor from another island. When he discovers she's one of the tree witches, he retreats, attempting to keep his distance. The temptation is strong, but forbidden.

Kayla and Mason attempt to meet in secret, but other elements on the isle command their attention. A magical cloak created by the three clans on the island is thinning, leading to repercussions for all the clans. Kayla and Mason are caught in the middle of it, and their actions may change the fate for all.

(This novella was originally released as part of the *Highland Shifters* paranormal romance boxed set. 18+ due to adult content.)

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From Reader Review Knights of Stone: Mason for online ebook

Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

Knights of Stone: Mason is the first book in the Highland Gargoyles series. Mason is the middle brother (I think) and a guitarist in the rock band. Kayla is a tree witch and has crossed the boundaries to watch them play, even whilst knowing it is forbidden. These two connect on a sensual level, and they don't want to fight it, even though they know they should. However, things are happening amongst the three species that share the Isle of Stone, and it may break down borders, or it might just destroy them all.

Whilst Mason is hot/sexy/built... and whatever you want to say about him, there was an innocence between both him and Kayla that leapt off the page. Now, don't get me wrong, it was as hot anything, but still tinged with this innocence that was delightful. I absolutely loved that part. Kayla is strong and sassy, yet not disrespectful to her elders... at least, not until they disrespect her. Both characters are perfect for each other, and memorable in their own rights.

With no editing or grammatical errors that disrupted my reading flow, this book flowed smoothly along, involving me in their story. This is the first book in the series, so do I want to read the others? You betcha! Absolutely recommended by me.

* A copy of this book was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book, and my comments here are my honest opinion. *

Merissa
Archaeolibrarian - I Dig Good Books!

Cheryl Drake Johnson says

An Island not far away from the main land that for many years has been cloaked from humans. But when the Gargoyle Brothers decide to become Rock Stars the other inhabitants of the Island are not a where of what is going on except a Tree Witch who happens to have a crush on one of the Gargoyle brothers and she comes to their concerts all the time and she doesn't realize that Mason the brother she has a crush on has been watching her the same as she has been watching him and he decides that he is going to talk to her because he just wanted to spend the night with her. So once the concert was over they met and they both understood there was more than just a one night stand involved, problem was that the Tree Witches didn't get along with the Gargoyles and the Gargoyles new that the witches put a curse on them and they could not have children for the past 25 years and neither Kayla the Tree Witch nor Mason the Gargoyle understood why yet there was still another shifter group of Werewolves who also lived on the island none of them could really explain what had caused the rift between the three different groups. but some of the old witches knew now you will find out what happened then and what happens now to bring them all together in this delightful little tale. Loved it.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Gabi's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

3 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

A hot tale of love that brings together all kinds. The paranormal aspect of this story made me skeptical at first. A gargoyle? But Mason is HOT! And Kayla is tough and beautiful. The sex scenes are way hot and there is a story line which makes for an exciting read.

iliana G says

I was given an ARC by the author to beta read and to review.

I have to say that i just need more!!!

It has it all...Gargoyles, witches ,rock and steamy sex.

I have to admit that i love the way Lisa writes and this story is one that will not disappoint you!

Gargoyles, witches and shifters have divided the isle and there is some serious hatred going between them. When Kayla hears about those super hot gargoyle rockers playing on the island she just has to go and see them.

And she keeps going back again and again.

Mason is looking for her every night unable to stay away he wants to seduce her and when the two of them come together we end with an amazing hot ,funny, steamy book that will stole your heart.

I really can't wait for the next brother!!!!

A must must must read.

Donna Hokanson says

Rock On

What a wonderful HEA love story with Witches, Werewolves and Gargoyles in it. Self-contained story. Lots of stuff happening throughout the book to keep your interest. With an Island just for them and a division caused by something in the past that no one seems to know the full truth of. Can two beings from different areas come together and fall in love, and will it help gap the division or make it worst. And if things don't get any better, than the humans will for sure be making it a lot worst. Well written and very entertaining to read.

Linda says

"The freak show was about to begin.

Spotlights flooded the musicians powered by solar panels near a massive amplifier. The guitarist continued

playing and the others joined in, playing a raucous crossover between hard rock and heavy metal. The one with long blond hair grabbed hold of the microphone and belted out a shattering cry that sounded like a call to battle. The crowd went pin drop silent to listen and then cheered in unison as the band played on. The front man sang piercing growls and low croons about the Knights in Stone, the protectors of the ancient forests, battling against the evil tree witches... Kayla's coven."

THE KNIGHTS OF STONE: MASON by Lisa Carlisle is the first novella in her Highland Gargoyles series. It was originally released as part of the Highland Shifters paranormal romance boxed set and is set on the Isle of Stone, home to three clans of beings:, the gargoyles, the tree witches and the wolves. In decades past, the three clans had combined their magic to cloak the island so that it remained undetected by human technology. But, when a feud erupted between the witches and gargoyles twenty-five years ago, it led to a division of land. Without the clans' combined magic, the island's camouflage shield has seeped away.

Fast forward to present day. There has been no movement to re-unite the clans or to put the island's protection back into place. . Contact between the clans is still strictly forbidden. Most of the gargoyles who had resided on the island have relocated to the Highlands leaving five brothers who have formed a rock band. They had previously successfully played on the continent, but they cannot be themselves there. So, they've been playing a concert each night on their part of the island drawing more and more humans as word spreads of their fantastic show. Mason is a guitarist with the band. One woman in the band's audience has been catching his attention. He finds himself seeking her presence each night and thinks about her as he sleeps during the day. The pull between them is undeniable.

Kayla, a tree witch, has been told not to cross into the gargoyles' territory, but she can't help herself. She simply feels more alive watching the gargoyles transform and she has an unexplainable connection with one particular guitarist whose hair is as black as midnight. One evening after the concert, while walking home through the dark woods, she and 'her' guitarist meet face-to-face. Sparks fly from the get-go as he sweetly escorts her home ensuring she arrives safely - but not before he elicits a promise from her to meet him, again, the next night.

Following please find a few of my favorite quotes from this read:

"The five statutes loomed above the crowd, still and timeless. The last light of the setting sun cast an eerie glow around them. When she fixed her gaze on Mason's stone form, her heart thumped. She scanned every inch of his silhouette, wondering about the spark of life within the stone that would animate him into flesh. A warm-blooded male with a heated touch and sensuous lips that made her melt."

"During the show, she studied him on stage. The way he strummed the guitar, the movement of muscles in his arms and torso, the sway of the tartan fabric with his movements. Her cheeks heated when she thought about running her fingers over his torso and under his kilt. Oh, the things he could do to her with that body."

"I'm consumed with thoughts of you. Have you bewitched me?"

One of the scenes that has stuck with me since I finished the book occurred as Mason took Kayla on a visit to his clan's homeland in the picturesque Scottish Highlands. As they flew above the rolling terrain, Kayla had looked down at the sheep populating the landscape and inquired as to what they were - since she'd never seen a sheep. "Sheep," Mason replied. "I once heard someone describe them as floating like clouds across the hills." That comment still resonates with me and I can still picture sheep as clouds.

I enjoyed this introduction to the characters on the island and the politics of living there. The author's

concept of gargoyles is quite unlike any of the previous gargoyle books I've read. I also liked both primary characters. The couple had a sweet and hot chemistry and, even though prospects for their romantic relationship seemed sadly doomed, I held out hope. Indeed, fate seemed to have their future and the island's intertwined. I would recommend KNIGHTS OF STONE: MASON to anyone who enjoys paranormal urban fantasy romances. I've already started the next book, KNIGHTS OF STONE: LACHLAN. Lachlan is the oldest of the brothers.

My review is posted at Reading Between The Wines Book Club. Please check it out there:
<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

Brittany says

I really wanted to rate this higher because I did love the Romeo and Juliet type romance. I mean who doesn't love a good forbidden romance? However, there was one thing I did not like. The author at points seemed to say that they were together for a long time then opps only a day or two had past. It just needed a clearer measure of time.

Ana says

Hot Gargoyles!!!!

OMG a hot gargoyle, who would have thought and now I want to read more about them.

Kayla is enthralled my the very hot and compelling rock star Mason.....And he is certainly a ROCK star, he is a gargoyle that puts on a very spectacular show with his brothers.

Mason is captivated by the tiny human who appears every night, he looks forward to seeing her and he must have her.

Are they destined to be together, they are supposed to be mortal enemies, a witch and a gargoyle. But how can that be when what they feel is so strong and passionate.

Will they be the future of their kind, the salvation?

Very moving and passionate story for adult readers, I look forward to more from the Knights of Stone.

Pam says

Loved the story of sexy Gargoyle shifters. Would not mind going to a concert where the statues turn from stone to Rockers....

?? Christine ?? says

I can never get enough of gargoyles and this one hit all the right spots!

Kayla and Mason are characters that were written with the perfect chemistry. They were made for each other and you could see this right from the beginning until the end.

The heat in this read is contagious! Honestly, throughout the novel I felt Mason's heat, his passion and most definitely what his hands were doing...

The author throws in some action that just helps you love the story even more along the way. Plus, it keeps you suspended on the edge of your seat!

This is a short read, but an amazingly written one that will keep your mind reading right until that moment at the end where you chuck a fit and scream 'what how could the author stop here! I need. more. NOW!'. This is not my first read by this author but I will definitely be reading more!

Judi Easley says

My Disclaimer:

I was provided a free copy of this book from the author's newsletter. I am voluntarily providing an honest review in which all opinions are fully my own. I am not being compensated in any way.

~ Judi E. Easley for Blue Cat Review

My Review: ★★★★

This was a fun read and I'm betting the rest of them are as well. The whole concept is such that it could either be really bloody or really fun. Since this one was fun, that's what I'm thinking the rest will be. The setting is an island. The magic system seems a bit all encompassing with the three races. The characters develop well, but you really only have these two main ones and some peripherals that come and go.

Kayla was born and raised on the island these magical races call home. There are magical boundaries to keep them apart, but these aren't too hard to get around for a bored witch. On stage, these huge stone gargoyles come to life for a rock concert and play long into the night. Not ugly little Disney gargoyles, but tall, ripped, gorgeous guys and Mason has caught her eye – five nights in a row. He's noticed her as well. So what's a smart, ancient, magical creature do when presented with another magical creature that it's dangerous to be near? He gets out of there fast, right?

Ha, ha. Yeah. No, not Mason. She petite and pretty and he's curious. To Kayla, once she gets past how great looking Mason is, the best thing about him is that he's been off the island and can tell her about what's out there in the wide world. Do they sit and chit chat all night? Yeah, right. No, they don't. They do kiss, a little.

At first, it's just a little. Then, of course, they get carried away. This is a paranormal romance here, folks. Should I mention that it's steamy hot? Yeah, I should.

But they have a serious situation to resolve here, too. Their magical shield over the island is deteriorating and the outside world will find them. The other magical race on the island needs the help of these two races, gargoyles and witches, just to survive. They must get the barriers between races down and help each other. Can these two fight the Witches Council and their friends to bring peace back to their home? Well, pick up the book and find out who loses some friends and who gets turned into a toad!

Shasha says

While the descriptions were lush at first, there was a vagueness to the plot and world building that kept me from immersing myself in the fantasy. I didn't get an adult feeling from the characters besides Ian even though they all are supposed to be 21 and up.

Insta-lust turned into insta-love with some uncomfortable sex moments. When the H thinks that the h's pleasure through pain is exciting, I gave up on the sex scenes.

I love gargoyles but this didn't meet my expectations.

Mature content

Country Goose says

Okay, but....

There was way more (not sexy) sex. The tension and lure of the forbidden fruit was there, but watered down. There wasn't a lot to the plot, just enough to add a bit to keep the story going, but it was too fast paced. Not enough substance. Time was a little warped, and flew by randomly. If it was meant to be erotica(ish), then the scenes shouldn't get skipped in the end, but I felt relieved when it did.

Shari Kay says

Read sample. Author's style not for me

Jacque says

Witches, shifters and gargoyles, oh my! With a little drama, good characters and lots of heat, Knights of Stone is a great start to what looks to be a promising series.

I liked Mason, really I did. However, this isn't my first gargoyle story and I (unfortunately) have a

preconceived opinion of what I expect in a gargoyle character. He's got to be sexy, check. He has to follow the gargoyle legend of stone by day, flesh by night - check there as well. Protector, big check. Now here is my gripe. I get this 'innocent' impression from him. Yes I get he lives on a island. However, for someone who is suppose to be a protector that has lived a long time, I expect him to be a bit more 'worldly' (for lack of a better term). Now Kayla, as sheltered as she is, I expected to be innocent. No disappointments there. I found her character to be very sweet. Although, not to sweet if she's sneaking off to go check check out rock concerts. Now that was a play on words - gargoyles playing rock concerts. *Snickers* Setting my giggles aside, I found this story to be very sweet and sexy. The whole 'everybody needs to work together' story is always a winner. Knowing this is going to be a series, I imagine Mason's brother will be getting themselves each a story. I hope some of them involves the wolf shifters.

I know this story was originally a part of a Highland Shifters paranormal romance boxed set. I've only had the pleasure of reading a couple of books in the set and, having read Ms. Carlisle's work before, was excited to see she was taking her entry and making a series out of it. Looking forward to the next book. A definite read for anyone who enjoys their PNR characters out of the norm.

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Stars – 3, Flames – 3
