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As a mechanical engineer in 1981 Chicago, Connie designs plumbing systems. She has also designed her life to perfection, right down to the man she hopes to marry. But when Mr. Right proposes, she can't say yes. A head-clearing vacation brings her to the Scottish Highlands, where her free-spirited twin wishes for Connie to find true love. Neither sister expects the wish to send Connie hurtling five hundred years into the past.

Wilhelm Murray, heir to the barony of Dornoch, hopes to one day hold a seat in parliament and bring urgently needed reform to Scotland. But everything changes when a woman slated for execution proclaims her innocence using the most peculiar language. Powerfully attracted to the brave beauty, he rescues her even though it means becoming a fugitive and forfeiting his dream.

As Connie and Wilhelm evade capture, she discovers his passion for justice. Scotland needs his ideas. It needs him. And so does she. But in order to clear Wilhelm's name, she will have to turn her back on everything she's worked so hard for and embrace the magic of love.

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Cynthia says

I so very much enjoyed this novel. I love that Constance was afraid to love, she had set plans for herself, but she forget to find that one thing that made a difference, she was purpose to by the man she was seeing and instead of saying no, she went to Scotland to be with her Twin who was the free spirit of the two of them. While there they went to a Druid site and her sister stated that she wanted her to find love and made a wish and pop she was in Scotland 500 years before and going to be burned alive with another young woman who was pregnant by the Baron who was trying to kill her. She has a wonderful hero and his cousin and they save the both of them. It is turns out the other woman was pregnant and they brought them to an Abbey outside of the Baron area. Wilhelm falls in love with Constance, but it takes Constance awhile to fall for him. She wants to go back to her time but realizes that will not be possible and she finally admits she loves him and makes wonderful choices to save the both of them. And he understand her being from the future.

Abby Ang says

"There was instantly no question that Aifric's cervix had dilated to ten centimeters because a bluish scalp with matted black hair pressed at a perfect tight circle of flesh like a cereal bowl coming through a hole in a sock."

Laura Hamadi says

I am loving Jessi Gage, and I am LOVING this series!

There's something mystical about being able to travel back and forth in time. I can't resist a novel that involves time travel; it draws me and then drowns me slowly, allowing me to luxuriate in the bliss of it all. The characters were like old friends, having been previously introduced in the first novel. The kind of friends that when you meet, it's like starting up the conversation where you left off. I adored getting to see a younger, more independent Connie.

I was excited to finally get a peek at Connie and Wilhelm's story, although I must admit I was slightly disappointed. I was really hoping to learn more about the story between King Magnus and Anya's sister. Hopefully, the lovely Ms. Gage is working on something right now! I can dream, right?

If you're looking for a wonderful time-travel romance, that has (dare I say it?) more "fluffiness" than Outlander, this series is a must-read. No offense to the author on the "fluffy" comment, because these books are definitely well written!

Inishowen Cailín says

2.5 stars

This was a nice story but it was a bit slow for me. The beginning was fast paced and grabbed my attention quickly but I began to lose interest about a third of the way through the book and it didn't pick up, for me, until the last 20% of the story.

Dawn Brown says

So, what do you get when you take a career focused girl who has everything in her life planned and structured, send her to the past 500 years, take her out of her element? Only to have her questioning the choices she has made? Then add a sexy highland lord to the picture that is fighting for justice and reform that rescues her from being burned at the stake? You have a clash of wills and a struggle of the heart, but which will win out. This is a must read, although it took me a couple of chapters to get into the story, once I did, I couldn't put it down. Jessi has once again put together my two favorites, time travel and a sexy highland lord. So, grab this read, settle in for an adventure and see how these two soulmates meet and struggle through finding their happily ever after.

Dawn says

++Possible Spoilers++

4 stars

I don't usually care for time travel reads, but I will admit that I enjoyed this one more than I expected.

The last 20% made up for the slower moving, slightly repetitive beginning and raised what was originally going to be a 3 star up to a 4 star.

The pace was steady and accelerated at 80% leaving me hanging on the edge of my seat until the very end. The characters were well developed and the world building was good. The antagonist was not cartoonishly evil, and his motivations were logical, but I felt he was a bit too evil and could have been a bit more developed.

The hero was perfect! I completely loved him. The heroine was relatively likable but it bothered me that she kept trying to distance herself from the hero and only wanted to go back to her time (for a while anyway) luckily this didn't drag on too long and she finally chose to stay in his time.

What brought down the stars was the fact that the heroine who is supposed to be rather intelligent (an engineer) said some pretty stupid things regarding the future. I would think an educated person would have used different terms (not modern ones) knowing that she would not be understood in the 1400's. But this is pretty minor, and it wasn't difficult to get past it.

I also didn't quite get, or even care for, the heroine's bad attempt at an English accent. To what end? I thought the Scots didn't like the English! Why would you do this and risk further wrath? Especially since she didn't do the accent very well.

Overall, I liked it very much and plan to read the others in this series. I would recommend it.

Safety-

Hero-Virgin. Heroine is his first, only & last

Heroine- Experienced. (apparently the hero didn't catch on to this either).

OM/OW-No

Cheating-No

Violence-Yes. Not terrible

Abuse-some. Some characters are beaten including the hero. (all live)

Rape-Yes. One secondary character was raped. Not detailed, in the past.

Cursing-Mild

Adultery-No

Sex-Yes. 2 or 3 love scenes not very spicy, but somewhat detailed.

Isabel Winsor says

Loved it! I was just about to pre-order Jessi Gage's new book, *Choosing the Highlander* when she sent a copy to me for a review!

Just as she had with the first two books in this series, Jessi's characters and her masterful storytelling enchanted me. It's the 80's and Connie has run away from a successful career and a sort-of-fiance to Scotland with her twin sister. But when she stands in a magic circle, she finds herself in Medieval Scotland. About to be burned at the stake as a witch, she is rescued by Wilhelm Murray.

I was glued to my ereader, sneaking in pages when I cooked dinner, after putting my son to bed and late into the night.

As Connie and Wilhelm slowly fall in love, the suspense of what will come between them just about killed me. You know something terrible has to happen - the villain in this book is a real nasty piece of work - and when the stuff hits the fan, just turn off your phone and hide from your children because it's a page turner until the end.

Thank you Jessi for such an enjoyable read. I can't wait to the next one!

RJ says

Virgin hero completely besotted from the get-go. Nuff said.

Boundless Book Reviews says

Choosing the Highlanders is a story that takes readers through time to provide the perfect combination of love, drama, action, and magic! The characters were well developed and easily relatable.

It was a quick and smooth read. I loved it. I rate it with 4 Boundless Stars.

<http://www.boundlessbookreviews.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/BBReviews>

Nikki Barrett says

Fantastic book!! Full review to come...

Listener says

I somehow managed to enjoy this and the first book in the series despite the insta lust/love thing and the fact that they were often OTT and completely unrealistic, besides the time traveling plot obviously. I skipped the second book as I didn't care to read Anya's story to see if she redeemed herself.

Tiblu says

I had a really great time and I wish I could go there too..

I really enjoyed this story you can easily see just how much work and care Ms. Gage puts into all her works,I Loved "Wishing for a Highlander" ,I just Adored Melanie and poor and very sweet "big" Darcy (I always laugh when I think of Darcy's so called problem thou it's caused him a great deal of pain,and seemed to make the girls of his time run away but was the kinda " problem" that would had all the girls running to him NOT from him) ;) and while I was thrilled to have the chance to read the story of two very wonderful characters from the 1st book,having soo enjoyed Constance and the very wonderful Wilhelm who help save and protect Darcy and Melanie, I gotta say Connie through most of this book!

She was more in her head than anything else and a story where the characters,especially there two leads spend more time in their heads thinking than with their mouths talking is really quite frustrating!!!! Especially when you have a woman who was a slow to get a clue as she was, dissatisfied with the present life she works towards and the engagement she'd orchestrated she's in Scotland to think things thru and after plunging over 500 years into the past and surviving almost being burned at the stake and being rescued by a incredible man like Wilhelm and all the rest she keeps fighting her feelings and instincts , for what? Her twin? Her family ? All of the 20th century? No, she keeps talking about That guy Milt (the guy she didn't really want) and a life that didn't make her happy... A lot of things would have made sense to hold on to but after a while I was wanting scream at her for all this bs about Milt and Chicago ,a life and a man she didn't really want while an amazing man was pulling her towards him and she was resisting it for something she didn't even really want... I was extremely frustrated til almost 70% of the book when she finally started to get a clue... And if I didn't already completely love and adore Wilhelm I fell hopelessly in love with him when he asked her to "kindly relieve me of my virtue ".... O Wow!!!! A gorgeous,wonderful,kind,sexy,yummy Highlander who's all yours and a Virgin??? I couldn't believe one of those existed, one hand with Wilhelm's wonderful strength of character is not too hard to imagine on the other hand where/when you EVER get this situation? I bet even in the romance type stories where the characters are still in high school it's almost always the guys had some experience while the girl is a virgin between the two ...

I just loved that moment!!! Wilhelm was everything you could ever possibly want in a man inside true to his own convictions and yet open minded to learn new things and allowing others their own beliefs and intelligent and caring and forward thinking plus a sexy yummy loving warrior!!! Wow!! A complete package and them some ;)

I'd love to learn what happens to Leslie and more stories in this series,thou Connie was on my last nerve most of the story I'm glad we both got there in the end...

Only wish Ms. Gage could write me into a story like this and the let me go live with my own Highlander ;)

Barbara? says

Another beautiful romance by Jessi Gage. I was so glad to have Connie and Wilhelm's story after reading about them in the first book, Wishing For a Highlander.

BookPauper says

DNF 88%

Sooo slow. It also bugs me when the "smart, independent woman" spends so much time wondering if the man thinks she's pretty, she tells him not to touch her but *why won't he touch her?!* while being simultaneously baffled by her quivering lady biz. You went to college, ya simple b! (Hell, teens are hormonal horn dogs. School has nothing to do with it.) You've had sex. You should at least recognize the concept of attraction.

It picks up after a while, and I would have finished it...but I didn't want to.

The audiobook didn't do this any favors. The voice for the heroine came off as whiny to me. I just couldn't hang.

Anne says

Once again a well written story full of exciting characters and a lovely romance. Well recommended
