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## Carolyn says

Re-Reading.

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## Brenda (b) says

I wasn't sure what to expect with this story. I mean, we've seen the time-travel scenario a couple of times now in this series, and it worked for me then. Where else was there to go with it? But that theme wasn't revisited here. I was happily surprised with Jack Stone and William Killkenny was an unexpected turn of events too. Jack's not a gigantically gorgeous Highlander like the past heroes, but as the story progressed I found myself falling for him. He was exactly what Megan needed and I'm not disappointed that Kenzie and Megan didn't get together. I'll wait for Kenzie's story since I'm sure it'll be as wonderful as everyone else's has been. And I'm curious to see if Camry - the last of Greylen's seven daughters who's still single - gets her own story.

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## Lover of Romance says

Megan McKeage went to work on the Canadian Tundra and met a Wayne Ferris where she fell in love only to have her heart broken by him, and now pregnant and returned back to her family, is determined to start a new and fresh start with her child. Only things hardly go as planned, especially if your from the MacKeage Clan. Then the new chief of police Jack Stone, she finds out in a unexpected way, is the same man as Wayne...and now after just buying a home for herself she has no idea what to do. Megan knows that she can't trust Wayne/Jack, because he hurt her once, and he definitely could do it again. Jack, still feels guilt over the way he had to hurt Megan, but he is a private eye, and had to keep who he was a secret, and when Megan was in danger he did the only thing he could in order to protect her...but at what cost?? Can Megan and Jack look past the hurt and betrayal to find and hold onto their love once more?....

Secrets Of The Highlander is the sixth in the Highlander series. After reading Megans' parents book I was excited to read her book, and I have just loved this series so far...and each book that I read I only want to read this author more and more. I feel like I am practically addicted to her writing and her stories, and I just can't get enough of them....definitely a well worth it read to be sure. Secrets of the Highlander is one of those romances that just pulls at your heart, I felt a kinship with Megan, and was on her side most of the time...because even though Jack is trying to protect her....he definitely needs to work for it to get her trust back...and I was entertained seeing him try....I just loved the wit and humor that is in this book...there were parts that I just burst out in laughter...and those of you who have read this book know exactly what parts I am talking about (LOL) and those that haven't well...you just need to read this series and you will laugh your heart out....but I did love the romantic side to the story as well...the wit I found was a perfect balance with the love story and with a spice of mystery and some fast paced action. There was such pure pleasure in reading Secrets Of The Highlander and I am thrilled to have found a new favorite author.

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## Quinn says

Hmmm. How to rate? How to rate? This series is a sentimental favourite of mine, and, like the rest of them, this one was a super-quick, easy, enjoyable read, but I didn't quite like it as much as I have all of the others.

I know it sounds strange, considering this is a series based around time-travel (although most of the books are set exclusively in the modern day), but the inclusion of the dragon really didn't work for me. I'm fine with the 1800 year-old druidh priest, the people reincarnated as animals, and the magic, but for some reason the dragon felt completely out of place. Go figure!

With the stories of the original time-travelling warriors having all been told, we are now reading the stories of their children, all born in the modern day but raised with the knowledge and acceptance of magic.

At the end of the previous book, *Only With a Highlander*, the author created expectations as to who Megan's love interest would be, and this was completely misleading. As a result, I ended up a bit disappointed. I never really connected with Wayne/Jack, and I didn't find him half as compelling a character as Kenzie/Gesader.

There was no great climax in this book, like there has been in most of the others, but I was fine with that. I find the writing engaging enough in its own right. But, unfortunately, because I didn't really feel the relationship like I have in the other books, I can't rate this as highly. And then there was the dragon... It was like the author felt the need to include something magical in this one, so just threw that in, and it really wasn't necessary.

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## BJ Rose says

Now here's a wedding to remember: the ceremony was performed by an 1800-year-old priest, and attended by two druidhs, six time-traveling highland warriors - and a dragon!

This was not really a 5\* read, but I upped it a little because the author resisted the temptation to have a last-minute confrontation with the villain or with any of his henchmen - you know, where the heroine does something stupid and is captured or imperiled by the villain, and the hero has to rush to her rescue. *This* hero out-planned the villain, and that was very refreshing. *And* it left time for other things to be resolved - remember that dragon?!

It has been fun to follow the stories of these time-traveling warriors and their offspring - one more to go!

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## Amy says

A great read! This contemporary romance brings in just the right amount of fantasy, magic, suspense and Scottish history to make this -- the story of Megan MacKeage and Wayne Ferris aka new Police Chief, Jack Stone, an extraordinary tale!

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## **Mareli says**

Not bad but I didn't like Jack (or Wayne) so much. Even if I can understand his need to get Megan far from they were I think he chose the wrong way.

And Jack is not alpha enough for me, I like him but I don't love him...

Onto the next one!

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## **Rhonda says**

Another great installment to the series. Each time I start the new book I think, "i don't know if I am going to like this one?" and then I am totally into it and can't put it down. I am so glad I started reading this series.

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## **Tonya Warner says**

A very nice continuation of the Highlander series.

Megan MacKeage knows in her heart there was more than there seemed to Wayne Ferris' rejection of her when he discovered she was pregnant. Finding out that the new police chief in town is Jack Stone aka Wayne Ferris, adds to her mistrust of him.

Jack knew when he sent Megan away to save her and his child, he would have to work to win her back. Finding out the secrets of his past and willing to embrace his heritage is what it will take to protect her and his son, he trusts her with his heart. Finding out Megan might not trust him is devastating to him, but he is willing to walk thru fire, and face a dragon to win her trust.

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## **Rick Bylina says**

Several mysteries play second-fiddle in this romance novel, but darn I wanted more investigation into the mysteries because at times they seemed more interesting than Megan and Jack's volatile romance with baby already in tow. Jack's character was perplexing. Strong, insightful, and resilient in one scene, he retreats into his alter ego, nerdish Wayne, in the next as the Megan and Jack play ping-pong with their heritage and emotional baggage. Still, it was a very good read that kept moving forward with the mysteries and romantic entanglements effectively wrapped up by the end of the book while setting the foundation for yet more Highlander adventures in Maine. True romance and mythological creature lovers will probably give it a five, but as a genre-straddling mystery reader, I'll have to bring it down half a peg.

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## **Kathryn says**

I read the first book by this author more than 10 years ago. I got it free from a book club for joining. I've read every one in the series. 8 years ago or so I posted a review in my journal about the book... and someone asked me how does it compare to the Outlander Series. I had never heard of the series. Now I can answer.... Janet Chapman has a different style. and in her books the magic was on purpose, and in Outlander they were accidentally traveling at first... and later traveling on purpose through time.

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## **Marcia Haskell says**

"He is the father of her child, but the secrets they are hiding are tearing them apart.... Megan MacKeage escaped the smothering protectiveness of the Highland MacKeage clan to work as a scientist on the Canadian tundra. But when fellow researcher Wayne Ferris breaks her heart by rejecting her, Megan returns to Maine alone.... Then she meets the town's new police chief, Jack Stone -- the man she knew as Wayne Ferris. Instead of the quiet scholar he posed as, he's an aggressive private eye who's willing to fight for what he wants, just like all the overbearing men in her clan. So why is Megan still feeling a dangerous attraction? And though Jack claims he followed her here because he loves her, can she ever trust a man with so many secrets"

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## **Bookcrazy says**

Diesmal geht es um Megan , die Tochter von Grace & Greylen MacKeage.  
Es geht also wie im Vorband bei dem es um die 7. Tochter ging um die nächste Generation.

### **INHALT:**

Megan kehrt zurück zu ihrer Familie nach Schottland. Sie ist noch enttäuscht von ihrem Ex-Freund, da sie schwanger ist, und er sich von ihr deswegen getrennt hat.

Ihre Familie versucht sie zu beschützen und will sie mit dem neuen Polizeichef Jack verkuppeln, bei dem es sich um niemanden anderen handelt als ihren Ex-Freund.

### **MEINE +/- BILANZ:**

- der männliche Protagonist ist kein Highlander :(
- er ist eine Art pazifistischer Schamane, dazu passt wohl eher nicht, dass er der neue Polizeichef ist, deshalb wird er auch bei einem Einsatz niedergeschlagen, da er keine Waffen dabei hatte
- + er hat Träume in denen er seine Familie, seine Urahnen sehen kann und mit ihnen redet
- er kann auch das Kind in Megans Leib sehen, seinen Sohn und ihn halten? Hatte er jetzt schon Babygröße oder war er noch ein kleines Würmchen? Hab das nicht wirklich kapiert
- er kann sich an seine ersten Lebensmonate erinnern und daran wie er im Babybauch war und seine Eltern Sex hatten???
- + er will Megan zurück
- + sie verzeiht ihm nicht so gleich
- Megan kauft sich ein teures Haus, neben Jack, ohne nach dem Preis zu fragen - ja klar!
- obwohl sie gewisse eigene Magie hat, verfährt sie sich dauernd
- generell fand ich die Meinungsänderungen (von beiden) auch etwas zu abrupt, zuerst kalt - dann heiß - ging mir tw. etwas zu schnell

- Kenzie, der sich in einen Panther verwandeln kann, wieso kam der am Anfang vor? und auch der Drache? Für ihre eigenen Bücher? Wenn Kenzie wenigstens ein Konkurrent gewesen wäre, aber so war seine Rolle etwas sinnlos für mich.
- der Drache auf ihrer Hochzeit - wie bizarr war das denn? Time Travel war ja bisher okay, aber die Veränderung in diese paranormale Gestaltwandler-Schiene finde ich nicht so passend und überzeugend

Trotz all dieser Kritikpunkte hab ich das Buch eigentlich recht gern gelesen, wobei für mich etwas zu wenig Chemie zwischen den beiden Protas spürbar war. Gegen Ende hin wurde mir aber die Handlung zu abstrus mit diesen paranormalen Elementen und deshalb kann ich diesem Buch nur

## 2.5 Sterne

geben.

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### Karen says

Another good entry in the Highlander series. Jack broke Megan's heart to protect her and she made him work for it to get her love back. And how can you not love Megan's protective dad. I love the humor and romance in these stories.

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### Beth says

I don't miss the honey pots, manhoods and velvety love caves of the 80's romance novels because, frankly, those words make me feel unclean. And I appreciate that many of the modern romance novelists are no longer replacing the words for those body parts with creepy, flowery euphemisms. A lot of them either say it like it is (which I'm vulgar enough to dig) or else leave the nitty gritty details of "insert tab A into slot B" to the imagination. **But** ... apparently one of my no-no words is "scrotum" which appeared on page 200 of this book. Ew.

I gotta say that I was disenchanted with this book long before I reached page 200 and even though I've been working on replacing most of the blood in my veins with Dayquil over the past few days, I never actually got high enough to get into this book.

#### Ridiculous Things About This Book That CONTAIN SPOILERS:

- The heroine, Megan, got knocked up by a man named Wayne Ferris in Canada. He told her he didn't want anything to do with her. Wayne Ferris shows up several months later, announces to all and sundry that he is really named Jack Stone and that he is a private eye and that he only told her he didn't want anything to do with her to protect her from a crazy murderer.
- Megan takes him back.
- The first time Jack and five-month pregnant Megan knock boots in the pages of this book, Jack backs off when the baby kicks him. He then announces to Megan that *he remembers his parents \$%#@#ing when he was in the womb*. Hold up! What??? WHAT?!?!? Um, no. No, no, no, NO!!!! NOT OKAY! That might possibly be one of *the creepiest* things I've ever read outside of a Stephen King novel.
- Previously mentioned, but the word "scrotum" appears on page 200. I can't get over it.
- Jack is descended from a family of powerful shamans and regularly dream walks and talks with his

deceased family members.

--Jack is a warrior shaman but doesn't want to admit it because he's "a pacifist."

--Jack is never told by any of the characters "in the know" that Matt Gregor is a druid but one day marches up to the Gregor's cabin and informs him that "you Celts aren't the only magic in town" and then asks Matt to make an earthquake happen somewhere in Canada (which will force the crazy murderer who is after Megan to stop).

--There's a dragon in this story.

--When Megan and Jack get married, they ask the dragon to be in the wedding party (not even kidding).

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