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The Laird Of Duncairn (Fey Matter Book 1)



Synopsis

The year is 1882 Scotland, and the auld alliance betwixt king and fey has long been forgotten. Men of science, backed by barons of industry, push the boundaries of technology. When Sir Walter Conrad discovers a new energy source, one that could topple nations and revolutionize society, the race to dominate its ownership begins. But the excavation and use of this energy source will have dire consequences for both humans and fey. For an ancient enemy stirs, awakened by Sir Walter's discovery. Outcast half-fey Effie of Glen Coe is the Empire's only hope at averting the oncoming disaster. Effie finds herself embroiled in the conflict, investigating the eldritch evil spreading throughout the Highlands. As she struggles against the greed of mighty lords and to escape the clutches of the queen's minions, her comfortable world is shattered. Racing to thwart the growing menace, she realizes the only thing that can save them all is a truce no one wants.

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Customer Reviews

The story revolves around a young girl set in a quasi steampunk sort of setting, in Scotland. The story is more fantasy than steampunk which is what I preferred as well.

A wonderful start to this series. It features a fun, strong female lead and mix of quirky and interesting side characters. I really enjoyed the descriptive prose that brought the beauty of Scotland to life. Looking forward to the next book!

In *The Laird of Duncairn*, the reader is transported to the setting of Scotland in 1882. The alliance between the humans and the fey has long been forgotten, and scientists are pushing the boundaries of technology. Sir Walter Conrad discovers a new energy source that could revolutionize society. But excavating this source will have dire consequences, for both humans and fey, as an ancient enemy stirs, awakened by what Sir Walter discovered. Effie, an outcast half-fey, is the Empire's only hope. But the enemy isn't the only thing she has to fight if she wants herself and the rest of the world, to survive. I really enjoyed this book. It's unique. The setting is historical, but it's also an alternate world, where we have both humans and fey. Despite that, it reads a lot like an epic fantasy novel, but with some steampunk elements added in that I really enjoy. I also liked the explanation of the fey lore, and how it was all tied up with the steampunk side of the story and fantasy side. The writing was excellent, and the details the author added in didn't just make the time period, but the whole world come to life. Effie is an amazing character. I loved following her journey and seeing her change and grow. The book also has a lot of side characters which is pretty common for fantasy books, but here they all had distinct personalities, and I liked that. They didn't feel like cardboard figures, but felt like actual people with feelings and emotions. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys fantasy novel, especially if you like reading about the fey and fey lore. I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

The Laird of Duncan by Craig Comer is the first book in the Fey Matter series. This book follows Effie, a half-fey half-human known as a Sithling. In the beginning of the book she is a scared little girl, but by the end she acknowledges her own power and embraces it. This book has well rounded characters and the growth of the main character is steady as she overcomes numerous obstacles. While I cannot speak to the accuracy of Scottish geography, the story itself was very well done. It contains fairy lore, action, and even some romance. I greatly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to all readers, especially those interested in fairies or anything related to them. *I

received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This combines the pleasure of historical fiction with the joy of amazing world-building. Despite the various spirits and the presence of the peoples of the mound, the details feel real, as do the characters, and it's very entertaining to journey across Scotland. It has some slight steampunk elements, but in my book it's definitely Sidhepunk. A great read and enough of the world is left unexplored that I'm looking forward to the sequel.

High fantasy for me is one of those genres where I have a love-hate relationship. Comer's book definitely falls into the love category. Full of lush descriptions and beautiful settings, you feel just like you are right there experiencing everything along with the characters. Effie is a delight. Her nuances when discovering mysteries is very refreshing. Fans of Mercedes Lackey will really enjoy this one.

Talk about a whale of a story! It's set in the highlands, (one of my absolute favorite places in the world!) but it's the highlands of an alternate world, mixed with more than a fair dash of steampunk, fey, and a fat dose of whodunnit. The Laird of Duncairn is a fabulous story filled with intrigue, and takes a veiled look at the consequences of greed and the abuse of people different than oneself. It is entertaining, and makes you think all at the same time. I very much enjoyed it, thank you for the opportunity to review it!

Well-developed characters and plot make this historical fantasy a true pleasure to read and become lost in. Readers looking for a strong female protagonist will find her in Effie, who is believable and likeable. A very unique and fascinating story - I definitely can't wait for this series to continue!

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