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Gifted Thief: Highland Magic Series, Book 1



Synopsis

Since the moment I was ripped from my mother's womb, I've been an outcast among my own kind. The Sidhe might possess magical Gifts, unbelievable wealth, and unfathomable power, but I don't want a thing to do with them. I ran away from their lands in the Highlands of Scotland when I was 11 years old, and I've never looked back. I don't need a clan. I've got my own family of highly skilled thieves who mean more to me than any Sidhe ever could. Unfortunately for me, the playboy heir to the Moncrieffe Clan has something I desperately need. To get it back, I'm going to have to plunge myself back into that world, no matter what the consequences may be. I suppose it's just as well I have a sense of humor. I think I'm going to need it.

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Customer Reviews

Not too long ago, I stumbled upon Helen Harper's Blood Destiny series and absolutely fell in love with it. I became a fan of Ms. Harper from that moment on. Needless to say, I jumped at the chance to get a copy of Gifted Thief and I was not disappointed. Gifted Thief is the story of Integrity, an outcast in the harsh world of the Sidhe. The story starts off with her 11-year-old self running away from her miserable life as a servant. Soon, she meets Taylor, who becomes a parent figure, and over the next few years she finds a family of misfits and thieves to call her own. I really loved Integrity because she's independent, smart, sassy and will do anything within her power to keep her family together. She was always an outcast with her own people, but I love the fact that she still managed to find a family of her own. She doesn't take an s***, but she's willing to step up to her

responsibilities as the last surviving member of the Adair clan. And she does it with mouthy sarcasm the entire way. My kind of girl. *swoons* Our other main character, Byron, is very interesting. He seems to be one of the few Sidhe who actually cares what happens to Integrity, for no other reason than he's just a good person, errr, fae. There's definitely a connection between the two, and I think it will develop into more later on, but in Gifted Thief the story does not revolve around the romance (thank the stars). The story focuses on Integrity and her growth as a member of Sidhe society. There's only one thing I thought could be improved. I would like to have seen more explanation to the world Integrity lived in. I was very confused as to the divide between Scotland and the rest of the world, or at least I think that's how it worked. I'm not really sure.

Integrity Adair is an orphaned sidhe princess, ostracized and hated by her own kind for crimes committed by a father she never even knew. She ran away when she was 12 and never looked back. Since then, she's supposedly earned a bad ass reputation for being a talented thief, but of course she's secretly an honorable person and never steals from anyone who doesn't deserve it (or so the author would have us believe). Now the sidhe clan leaders need her help and she's the only one who can save their world. This book reads more like a YA or NA book than an adult book but it doesn't seem to profess being either. It started out okay but it suffers from the same problems as this author's other books. Integrity, who, like all of this author's other heroines is TSTL, must solve a convoluted mystery (this time of who wants to kill her) and jump through one ridiculous hoop after another to prove to us how good and honorable (or in this case "pacifistic") she can be in the face of everyone's open hatred and disdain. There's also a sidhe guy she likes but probably won't get with until the very last book. There is barely any world building in this book and the characters are forgettable. The sidhe are basically just the upper class and they all have one power each. Integrity of course, would like nothing else then to have no power at all seeing as it's perfectly logical to wish yourself weaker in a world full of people who all have power (it's like she thinks she's October Daye or something). Practically the only thing memorable about Integrity is that she likes hot pink (i like hot pink too though so maybe that's why I remember).

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