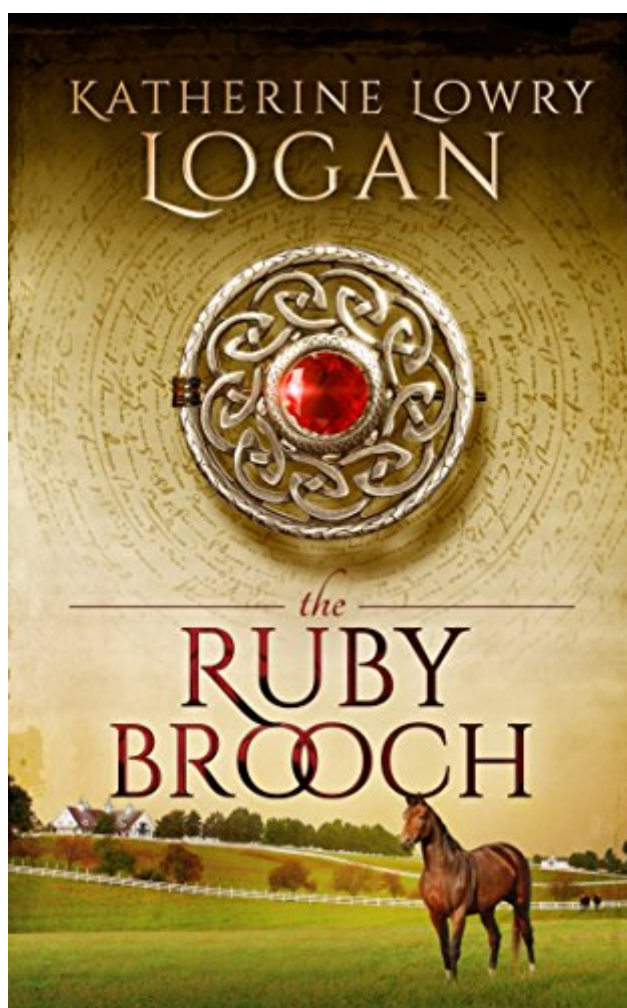


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# The Ruby Brooch (Time Travel Romance) (The Celtic Brooch Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

She's searching for the most important thing...Can she find it before it's too late?Armed with a mysterious ruby brooch and a duffel bag judiciously packed with modern conveniences, paramedic Kit MacKlenna swirls through time, appearing in 1852 on the Oregon Trail with only one goal in mind--find her birth parents before their murderers do. A serendipitous meeting on a wagon train with sexy lawyer Cullen Montgomery, who resembles the ghost who has haunted her for years, just might set her off track. Her desire for secrecy collides with his pursuit of truth. If she can survive the dangerous journey and thwart his attempts to expose her as a fraud, she might uncover the identity of her birth parents and return home to reassemble the shambles of her life. As the journey continues westward, a mutual spark of attraction ignites and grows too strong to resist, forcing her to question what she truly wants. When disaster strikes, she must decide whether to stay in the past with her heart, or return to her home in the future--a place she believes she no longer belongs?

~\*~ The Celtic Brooch Series

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## Customer Reviews

I can't remember where I first heard of this book, but I found it on my own page wish list and had obviously thought about it at one of those times when even a kindle book was outside my price range. But I got an gift card as a birthday present recently, and right before I went to buy a copy of Two Loves Found, a sequel to a book I had just read by Sandy Graham - I found a copy of that book arriving in my mailbox as an unexpected gift. So anyway, I actually had book \$\$ and nothing in mind to spend it on, and found that I had saved The Ruby Brooch to my wish list - So on a whim, I ordered it. I didn't even check to see what it was about, trusting my own taste even though I could obviously no longer trust my memory. I have never been more grateful that I had waited to get a book. Yes, I enjoyed it a lot, and yes it was a blend of many of my favorite things, but it really was way too close to my own middle grade novel, Double Time On The Oregon Trail, for me to have been comfortable having to say I had read it before I wrote my own. In fact, I'm pretty sure I never could have written my book if I had read this first, how would I ever have know for sure that my ideas were not lifted from this story? So what we have here is a young woman, in 2012 who has recently lost her family in a horrible way, and then finds a letter telling her, that they are not her birth family, but that she was a baby, found on a doorstep, wrapped in a bloody, monogrammed shawl with a ruby brooch that, by the way, transports people and things through time. When she learns this, she understands why her Dad has raised her with a ton of outdoor skills, and taken her on Oregon trail reenactments. She makes her plans to find out who she is, and uses the brooch to place herself at the start of the Oregon Trail in 1852. I love time travel and the Oregon Trail, which is why I had a girl from 2002 communicating with a girl from 1850 in my novel - and traveling the highways that retrace the trail now it is always fun to compare my swimming pools and air conditioning to their dust and drought and campfires but Ms. Logan has so many different

comparisons to think about that I was immediately hooked into her novel and couldn't put it down. It was also interesting to see that even in the ten years between my modern 2002 and her 2012, there were changes such as my girl had a phone card, but her woman had a iPod, mine had printed pictures but hers had a digital camera. I did have to wonder about one thing, I get that she could use a solar charger and charge the iPod, and show saved information on it back in 1852, but I'm wondering how they managed to get hooked in to see you-tube videos? I'm not usually one to read romances, but her novel also had a few wonderful characters who felt real, and when I realized that her next book has one of them involved in a romance, non time travel, I still had enough of a balance on my card that I bought this sequel as well. I really wanted to know that this person was ok after seeing where The Ruby Brooch left him at the end. I guess caring about the characters so much means that yes, I am recommending this book

Can't wait to read the others. A captivating love story of time travel from 1800's to 2012. A fascinating weaving of the two times into a good story. Life in the Oregon Trail is tough but even more so for one from the 21st century. Could I survive?

I really liked this book, the characters, the plots (since it is time travel), the outcome. I'm actually reading it a second time & making notes so I can tie everything & everyone together by the end of the book. I also have the next installment on my Kindle ready to go but will hang tight till I skim The Ruby Brooch this second time. Very enjoyable!!

This book was a nice surprise. It was one of the books featured in The Fussy Librarian daily newsletter on October 22, 2013. I'm sucker for time travel novels and honestly, I was a little skeptical when I read the description in the newsletter. "A paramedic goes back in time to Independence, Missouri, in the year 1852, to solve a family mystery. Her quest is jeopardized when she meets a lawyer who resembles the ghost who has haunted her since childhood." I mean, who would choose to time travel to Independence, MO?! Despite the skepticism, I clicked through to .com to see if there was more information. The description on a .com really drew me in and I purchased the book. Just two days after starting it, I'm finished. As a fan of Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series, I was drawn in immediately by Kit and her family history. Much of the book actually takes place on The Oregon Trail. And as a child of the late 80's/early 90's who played Oregon Trail on an Apple IIe, I was hooked. Beyond the engaging characters who are full of personality and the tough life on the Trail, there is true love and the mystery behind The Ruby

Brooch to keep you moving forward. The story ends on a hopeful note. You know just enough about the characters to be satisfied with the ending and wondering how their lives will continue now that there are no more pages left. Thankfully, Katherine Lowry Logan wrote a sequel, *The Last MacKlenna*.

I really enjoyed this novel and the way the author wove the plot in and out of time, where the heroine and her family planned their lives around a special time travel enabling Ruby Brooch, was really interesting and rang differently from other time travel romances. I liked, too, that the heroine had unprotected sex and then got pregnant, which is what happens. I like my reality and fantasy mixed and this novel gave me heaps of interesting Oregon Trail detail as well as a delightful and satisfying romance.

Loved it. Will start the next in the series soon. I loved that the time travel twists and turns are not as I expected, but still with a redeeming ending. I have read other time-travel books that created such a convoluted mess I had to stop reading from the sheer angst! This had some nail-biting but I was really happy with her resolutions. I'm now a fan!

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