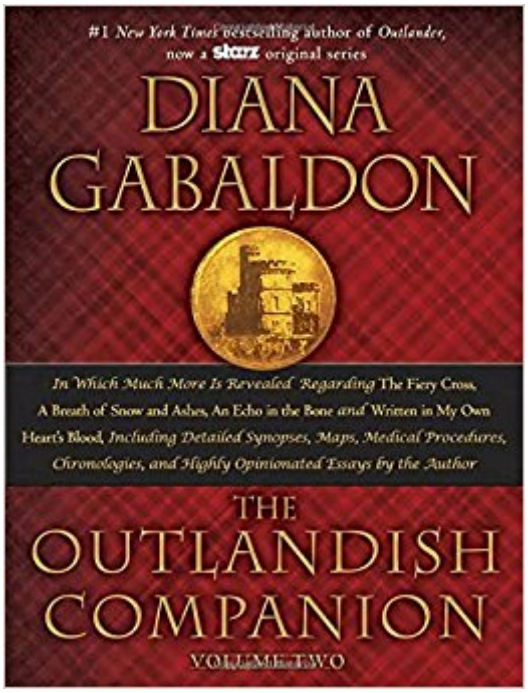
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Synopsis

More than a decade ago, #1 New York Times bestselling author Diana Gabaldon delighted her legions of fans with The Outlandish Companion, an indispensable guide to all the Outlander books at the time. But that edition was just a taste of things to come. Since that publication, there have been four more Outlander novels, a side series, assorted novellas, and one smash-hit Starz original television series. Now Gabaldon serves up The Outlandish Companion, Volume Two, an all-new guide to the latest books in the series. Ã Â Written with GabaldonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s signature wit and intelligence, this compendium is bursting with generous commentary and juicy insider details, including Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢ a complete chronology of the series thus far Ã¢â ¬Â¢ full synopses of A Fiery Cross, A Breath of Snow and Ashes, An Echo in the Bone, and Written in My Own HeartÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Blood Ã¢â ¬Â¢ recaps of the Lord John Grey novels: Lord John and the Private Matter, Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade, Lord John and the Hand of Devils, and The Scottish Prisoner Ã¢â ¬Â¢ a whoÃ¢â ¬â„¢s who of the cast of Outlander characters, cross-referenced by book Ã¢â ¬Â¢ detailed maps and floor plans Ã¢â ¬Â¢ a bibliographic guide to research sources Ã¢â ¬Â¢ essays on subjects as wide ranging as Outlandish controversies regarding sex and violence, the unique responsibilities of a writer of historical fiction, and GabaldonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s writing process Ã¢â ¬Â¢ a guided tour of the clothes, food, and music of the eighteenth century Ã¢â ¬Â¢ a ScottishÃ Â glossary and pronunciation guide Ã¢â ¬Â¢ personal photos from the author taken on the set of the Starz Outlander series Ã Â As entertaining, sweeping, and addictive as the series itself, this second volume of The Outlandish Companion is a one (or two)-of-a-kind gift from an incomparable author.

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Customer Reviews

Praise for Gabaldon's Outlander Series:"Gabaldon is an author who found a formula that takes myriad genres--historical fiction, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi, mystery and romance--and blends them into one (well, eight) hard-to-resist novels. . . . It's little wonder why for years producers have been salivating over the idea of translatingÃ Â OutlanderÃ Â to the big (or small) screen."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •National PostÃ Â "History comes deliciously alive on the page." Ã¢â ¬â •New York Daily NewsÃ Â "Triumphant. . . . Her use of historical detail and a truly adult love story confirm Gabaldon as a superior writer." Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Diana Gabaldon is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the wildly popular Outlander novelsÃ¢â ¬â •Outlander, Dragonfly in Amber, Voyager, Drums of Autumn, The Fiery Cross, A Breath of Snow and Ashes (for which she won a Quill Award and the Corine International Book Prize), An Echo in the Bone, and Written in My Own HeartÃ¢â ¬â„¢s BloodÃ¢â ¬â •as well as the related Lord John Grey books Lord John and the Private Matter, Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade, Lord John and the Hand of Devils, and The Scottish Prisoner; one work of nonfiction, The Outlandish Companion; and the Outlander graphic novel The Exile. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, with her husband.

This enormous book is the second companion volume to the popular Outlander series. As the title states, it covers the content of the series beginning with THE FIERY CROSS and ending with WRITTEN IN MY OWN HEART'S BLOOD. The book, however, really covers the entirety of the series including information and discussion about the hit Outlander television series. Along with the expected synopses of the books, this companion also provides various essays by Gabaldon in which she discusses issues regarding the series as a whole.The book includes:A synopsis of the entire series through MY OWN HEART'S BLOOD.Synopses of the novels in the series after THE FIERY CROSS (including the Lord John Grey novels which are a spin-off of the main series)A guide to the characters in the seriesAn Essay on Sex and Violence -- this was my favorite essay of the bunch. Gabaldon really examines and puts forth her opinions responding to the criticism of her

series with regards to the sexual violence depicted in them.An Essay on History and Historical fiction including the justification of falsity in historical fictionA guide to the Scottish language as used in the books including a pronunciation guideAn essay on writingA section on the people who work on the Outlander television seriesSome maps and floor plansRecommended booksBibliography of the books Gabaldon uses to underpin the writing of the Outlander booksSome photographs from the set of the television showOutlander family treeThis book is for fans of the series, but also anyone who wants to know more about the process of creating these novels. I like the series but am not a hardcore fan and I enjoyed learning more about the series and reminding me of details to which I didn't pay attention. This is a book that you can dip into at your leisure to explore different issues. I especially liked the incorporation of the information about the television series and the contrast with the actual books in the series.

Full of insights. The Gaelic section is completely re-organized and is much easier to use as a reference. The chapter on the craft of writing alone is worth the price of admission. Those of us who have secretly turned in first drafts our entire lives are exonerated! I truly appreciate Diana Gabaldon's willingness to share her creative process. It gives hope to us all. And then, of course, there is her sense of humor.....

If you're a fan of the Outlander books, this Outlandish Companion is great for keeping people and places straight, as well as giving a lot of interesting information about the settings and time periods.

Difficult to define as this is a collection of synopsis and essays relating to the last 3 books in the series generally just called "Outlander" . It includes, not only the synopsis of A Breath of Snow and Ashes, Echo in the Bone and Written in My Own Heart's Blood (MOBY), there are a list sources for information for Diana Gabaldon's research, The Gaelic, The Cookery, herbs, family trees, a list of all characters, also includes information on the television series based on Book One of the series.Even the writing about the synopsis of the books by Diana Gabaldon (aka Herself) is fun to read and gives great enjoyment. I go back to the original Companion frequently for information, I am sure this volume will also end up with numerous post-its as well.Well worth having to complete your library of books related to the series called Outlander.

I have the first Outlandish Companion, and was looking forward to this one for months before it was released. It has info on the books written since the first Companion was published, and quite a few

other great features. I loved the Gaelic dictionary, with personal anecdotes by Ãƒâ ¬dhamh Ãƒâ œ Broin (the Gaelic tutor on ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœOutlanderÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ TV show). And I also adored the drawings that show the layout of Fraser's Ridge, Lallybroch and the houses and cabins. There's also a very extensive catalog of all the characters, which reminded me of some of them I'd forgotten over the years.If you're a Diana Gabaldon fan, this is the perfect companion for the Outlander series. It's also the perfect time-filler as we wait for the return of the TV show and the next book in the series. This book would thrill any Outlander fan you know on Christmas morning, too.

This is a synopsis of the 5th - 8th books of the Outlander series as well as the Lord John Grey books that Diana Gabaldon has written up to this point in time. It does NOT give the complete stories, but rather synopses of each story and brief snapshots of the stories themselves. It also gives Herself's thoughts regarding rape in response to readers' criticism of this subject in her works.If someone is a true fan of Diana Gabaldon's work, as I am, they will love this book as it gives a brief overview of each story (and their many individual storylines!) without giving away "the meat" of it. Well worth the investment to further my collection of all things written by Diana Gabaldon!

Hard to rate a book for which the above categories do not strictly apply i.e. the music, the costumes, the gaelic language, the complex topics of sex and sadism, this is a support book NOT a story - so try another set of parameters for this and the first 'Companion' tome..I LOVE Diana Gabaldon;s work and rate ALL her books as absolutely tops, but clearly novels/novellas command different rating parameters to a book designed to explain the writing of four of her novels and speaks about the people who have influenced or contributed to the books covered by thiscompanion' edition. This is a theoretical companion to support stories written by the author.

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