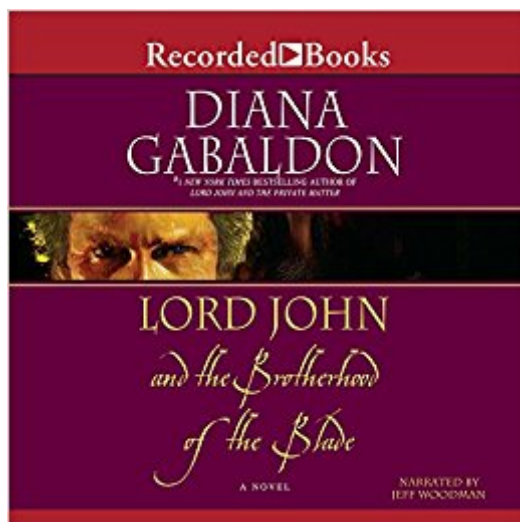


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Synopsis

Diana Gabaldon, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Outlander saga, brings back one of her most compelling characters: Lord John Grey. Here Gabaldon weaves together the strands of Lord John's secret and public lives—a shattering family mystery, a love affair with potentially disastrous consequences, and a war that stretches from the Old World to the New. It's been seventeen years since Lord John's father, the Duke of Pardloe, was found dead, a pistol in his hand and accusations of his role as a Jacobite agent staining forever a family's honor. Now unlaidd ghosts from the past are stirring. Lord John's brother has mysteriously received a page of their late father's missing diary—and John is convinced that someone is taunting the Grey family with secrets from the grave. So he turns to the only man he can trust: the Scottish Jacobite James Fraser. But war, a forbidden affair, and Fraser's own secrets will complicate Lord John's quest—until James Fraser yields the missing piece of an astounding puzzle and Lord John must decide whether his family's honor is worth his life.

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Customer Reviews

Woodman's masterfully reads Gabaldon's latest historical mystery. His light British accent and occasionally delicate tones make protagonist Lord John Grey's rare bouts of passion and anger seem even more profound. Grey's regiment is wintering in London, and his mother's upcoming marriage rekindles an old mystery about his father's death. Grey's investigation leads him to Hellwater, where Scottish Jacobite James Fraser is being held on

parole. Woodman reads Fraser's lines with a light and occasionally ferocious Scottish accent, reminding listeners of his prisoner status. From Irish soldier hooligans to Grey's Prussian friends, the characters receive distinct treatments. Listeners may find some provocative homosexual sex scenes a bit disturbing, but this shouldn't bother Gabaldon's legion of fans.

--Jessica Moyer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gabaldon provides a rich, abundantly researched, entirely readable portrait of life among the English upper classes in the 1750s. From London's literary salons and political intrigue to fearsome battle scenes in the Seven Years' War, her writing is always vivid and often lyrical.

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It's a good book. Like most Lord John Stories it is somewhat of a mystery. In other reviews I also mention how Lord John reminds me a bit of Tris of Veronica Roth's *Insurgent*. John has always known (view spoiler at Goodreads), a family secret, but has been ever silent about it. It has always been disgraceful to the family (view spoiler at Goodreads). Because there were rumors relating to (view spoiler at Goodreads) Jacobite sympathies, this leaves some considerable stain upon John's family name. His brother Hal, so embarrassed by this family disgrace he refuses all family titles he rightly deserves, by birth. Alternately, John, Hal's younger brother, retains his title of Lord. It all eventually becomes clear in this mystery story. John being gay does add some suspense when his desires so frequently place him in a position to be discovered. A discovery would make his current family's rumor tainted disgrace a full fledged disaster. Diana is an A Class writer, the thread in this story that carried my interest was in John's search to discover a way to remove the stain of his family's rumored Jacobite sympathies. Unfortunately, it seems that this primary plot thread is largely a mystery as well. Shop from <https://smile.com> and your purchases count towards your favorite charity. All My Goodreads Reviews:[...]

Meh...I read the first Lord John book quickly, but this book took me forever to get through. Having read all of the Outlander books and patiently waiting book 9, I thought I would read all of the Lord John books to gain some insight into the LJG/Jamie relationship. To be honest, I've never understood their "friendship" and I felt like I was missing something that happened in *Voyager* that made them friends. The "mystery" of this novel felt secondary to LJG's relationship with Percy and its aftermath, the preparations for the 7 Years War, and the moral dilemma that LJG constantly finds

himself. I didn't mind these passages, but they seemed to drag and the plot was often times meandering. All in all, the book was just okay for me.

I like it a lot....but I suppose four stars because I had hoped for the intensity of the Outlander books. Would give 4.5 if they had it. It's a nice fill in while waiting for the 9th Outlander book, and I find myself liking and understanding Lord John more with each book. He's a somewhat tortured soul in a difficult time in history. I will read them all, forget how many so far...but I thought The Scottish Prisoner was really great.

Not going to pussyfoot around with this book review. At first, I was thinking I wasn't going to every really get into this book. I can't remember where, but things took a change! I couldn't put it down. I'm thinking somewhere around when the O'Higgins brothers attacked John! This book was great! She did a superb job at making this book a mystery. I'm really good at guessing who done it. Not this time. I didn't see this one coming! In this novel, we get to know Lord John on a way intimate level. His brother Hal, who I hate come to just love. Percy, the betrayer. John's mother, who is a calculating, persistent, brilliant woman. Plus many more great characters. The sex in this book was not my cup of tea. But Diane did a good job at writing about it, but not to where you were disgusted. I know it's fiction, but I have so much respect for Lord John and his family. This book was so well written! Bravo Diana Gabaldon!

I really enjoy Lord John's adventures and consider him to be a main-worthy character! I like his friendly, generous personality, his humor and his ability to adapt to an ongoing situation. The sex? Not my style, but fairly well written and always adds small parts to his personality--from his choice of partners (he's neither desperate nor profligate) to the way he moves in society in general, including flirting with the ladies at various venues. So I don't mind the sex scenes, because they aren't graphic, and I feel they do add to the story, just as the sex scenes between Jamie and Claire add to the story. Meanwhile, back to the book in question here: Brotherhood of the Blade. Brotherhood of the Blade is the sequel to Lord John and the Private Matter. Both books fit easily into the Outlander series, but you really don't need to read them to finish the series. In fact, you don't need to read all of them, or even in the right sequence to enjoy them. Each book and story can stand on its own, and is enjoyable on its own. This book concerns the brothers Grey attempts to find out the real story of how their father died, who killed him and why. It falls on the eve of the Prussian war which adds an increased aura of danger and mystery. I won't give away any more, but believe me, there is so

much more to this book than sex scenes of any kind that if you don't read it because of those scenes, you deserve to miss the fun in this one!

I can't get enough of the outlander characters, and this one is just as gripping as each previous read. Lord John doesn't disappoint, and I find learning more about his family as well as his motivations gives me much greater insight into the times, despite my lack of historical knowledge previousl. Great job - keep them coming!!!

I normally very much enjoy Gabaldon's books but got very bored with the never ending story of Lord John's infatuation with his male lover. Flipped thru too many unread pages as a result. I felt that the majority of the book was about John's gay relationships vs the story of his fathers murder.

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