

## The Doctors Lass

Eight folktales tell stories of romance, danger, and adventure in the ancient Scottish Highlands. In Scotland during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, traveling monks or harpers called seanachies passed down many legends. They would wander from village to village, where local families would take them in and give them food and shelter. In exchange, the seanachies would delight the families with stories they had heard on their journeys. *Heather and Broom* contains eight seanachie stories from the Scottish Highlands, including the tales of the woman who tricked the fairies, the young lairdie with a heart of gold, and the daughter of the magical seal king. The collection gives the reader a taste of the poetic, lively culture of the Celtic imagination.

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*Nae Mammie's Kisses* is a moving story, which will have the reader both laughing and crying while journeying through life with Maggie. Orphaned when she was ten years old, then separated from her brothers, Maggie's is a remarkable journey through life, as she fights against poverty, Scottish hypocrisy and the cruel hardship of Victorian standards, sustained only by her dreams of family love and togetherness. *Nae Mammie's Kisses* is a well-researched and accurate reflection of the social history of Maggie's time.

Once there was a Roman settlement on what is now Filey Brig. In Holderness, a prosperous town called Ravenser saw kings and princes on its soil, and its progress threatened the good people of Grimsby. But the Romans and the Ravenser folk are long gone, as are their streets and buildings sunk beneath the hungry waves of what was once the German Ocean. *Lost to the Sea: The Yorkshire Coast & Holderness* tells the story of the small towns and villages that were swallowed up by the North Sea. Old maps show an alarming number of such places that no longer exist. Over the centuries, since prehistoric times, people who settled along this stretch have faced the constant and unstoppable hunger of the waves, as the Yorkshire coastline has gradually been eaten away. County directories of a century ago lament the loss of communities once included in their listings; cliffs once seeming so strong have steadily crumbled into the water. In the midst of this, people have tried to live and prosper through work and play, always aware that their great enemy, the relentless sea, is facing them. As the East Coast has lost land, the mud flats around parts of Spurn, at the mouth of the Humber, have grown. Stephen Wades book tells the history of that vast land of Holderness as well, which the

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poet Philip Larkin called the end of land.

The Modern Odyssey is a recollection of the memories of a girl. Lass is a simple girl from the border areas of India's terrorist prone state, Jammu and Kashmir. Simple is not a suitable adjective for her. She was not Draupadi, a figure of Hindu mythology, but her fate was similar to hers. This woman possessed the indestructible will of Draupadi and never gave up. She was married five times but why is it only her fifth husband that was chosen by her? Why did she have to leave the idylls of her village, be dragged through a terrorist encampment and find refuge on foreign shores? This is a tale of intrigue, mystery, deceit and, above all, perseverance.

Follows six Harvard Medical School students from the crucible of Harvard Med's training, through demanding internships and residencies, to the loves, triumphs, testings--and for some, tragedies--that confront them as doctors

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