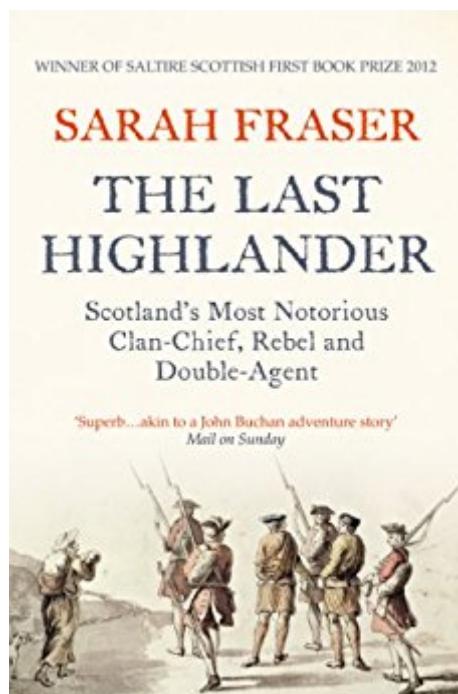


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The Last Highlander: Scotland's Most Notorious Clan Chief, Rebel & Double Agent



Synopsis

Saltire First Scottish Book of the Year 2012Fans of Outlander must read this Saltire Society Literary Awards Scottish First Book of the Year. A great non-fiction adventure about Scotland's most notorious clan chief. Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, was the last of the great Scottish chiefs and the last nobleman executed for treason. Determined to seek his fortune with the exiled Jacobite king in France, Fraser acted as a spy for both the Stuarts and the Hanoverians; claimed to be both Protestant and Roman Catholic. In July 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie launched his last attempt to seize back the throne, supported by Fraser and his clans. They were defeated at Culloden. Fraser was found hiding in a tree. This swashbuckling spy story recreates an extraordinary period of history in its retelling of Fraser's life. He is surely one of Scotland's most notorious and romantic figures, a cunning and ambitious soldier who died a martyr for his country and an independent Scotland.

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Customer Reviews

A look into Scotland's politics at the time. A great insight into Scottish life, and how Simon Fraser

saved his clan. Also how the Scottish had to navigate British rule. A great read, anyone interested in Scottish history before and after the 1745 uprising should read it. Once I started reading, could not put down. Coming from an American History buff

A lot of history is crammed into this book; Ms. Fraser has written about Scotland's famous 'first' family, The Fraser's. She researched thoroughly and the book reflects the details. It is easy to get a little confused; I found I needed to reread portions of the book. While it would have been complex to prepare, a genogram would be helpful with the generations of Frasers and the use of common names. Beth Bristow

Entertaining and extremely informative about "The Old Fox" and by the time you are done reading, you both hate him and admire him all at once. He must have been a character, but he sure knew how to play the game, until it caught up with him, but....well, you'll have to read for yourself!

If you are fascinated by the 18th century, with Scotland, the Highland clans, and the complex religious, political, legal, and cultural disputes of the period in Scotland, England, and the wider European world, this book is a must-read.

Interesting story that leads up to the battle of Culloden. After visiting the battle site this has always been interesting to me. I knew very little about the clan system before I read this. A very interesting read. The only complaint I have is that it was made hard to follow because he kept calling people by different names. The main person had at least 3 names: Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat (often just shortened to Lovat) and MacShimidh. Others had multiple names and they would change when they became a lord, so they would go from Simon Fraser to Lovat for example. This was confusing. I think he should have mentioned their different names but as far as telling the story just used one name for them because they were the same person.

This is another of the books that I wanted to read as I am very interested in Scottish history but try as I might I could not keep up with the names as it jumped around trying to cover all of the things going on at the time.

"The Last Highlander" is a factual account of Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, Chief of the Fraser Clan during the Jacobite uprisings. Sarah Fraser's narrative is lively and colorful and at times

uncomfortable because... well the truth can be uncomfortable. Lord Lovat was a politically active Highland aristocrat who often worked with which ever side he felt would preserve his Clan Fraser, 'Clan' society in general and the Highland way of life.

I read this on KIndle and couldn't figure out if it was fictionlized history or just what. After I had finished the book I discovered the notes and remarks that didn't appear in the Kindle text. It changed my view of the book for the better.

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