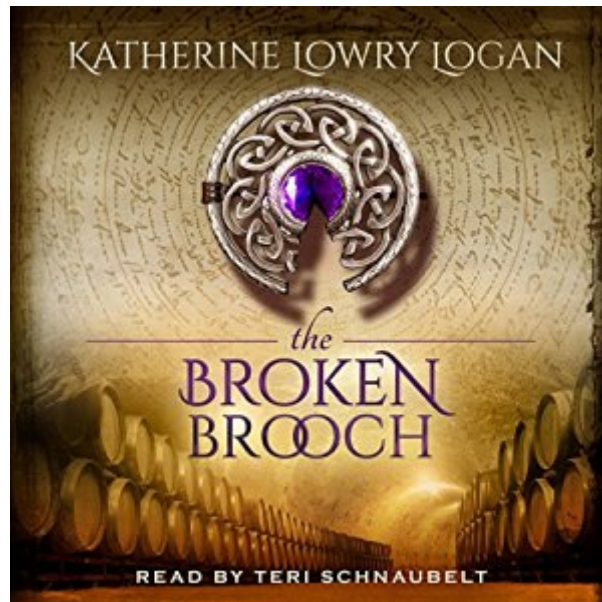


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# The Broken Brooch



## Synopsis

When a brooch is broken, some of its magic is lost. When NYPD detective JL O'Grady is invited to be her brother's plus-one at Montgomery Winery's end-of-harvest gala, she plans to enjoy a fabulous weekend in Napa drinking wine, enjoying sunset dinners on the veranda, and watching her brother's high school basketball tournament. Instead, she's pulled into a murder investigation hauntingly similar to a New York City racketeering and drug case that nearly ended her career. The local cops insist she steer clear of their investigation, but JL's gut instincts - and fears for her brother's safety - drive her deeper into the case. With help from MacKlenna Corporation's irresistibly handsome and charming CFO, Kevin Allen, she searches for a connection between the two cases, while at the same time her connection with Kevin rockets from mild to scorching in a New York minute. When another crime hits too close to her heart, the stakes escalate and endanger not only JL, but the entire MacKlenna Clan as well. Now it's up to JL and Kevin - with a little help from David McBain - to solve the case. With time running out and danger closing in, JL and Kevin rush to discover the killer's identity before someone else is murdered, and while they're at it, they might just find what's been missing from both their lives for far too long.

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## Customer Reviews

Another wonderful Celtic Brooch story from Katherine Lowry Logan - full of romance, humor and enough suspense and plot twists to keep me on the edge of my seat all day. JL O'Grady was multi-dimensional and great fun to read (and as a plus, she comes from Pearl River - just a few minutes down the road from where I grew up), Kevin has grown from a goofy sidekick into a

remarkable man, and the rest of the assorted M's are as wonderful, and occasionally infuriating, as ever. The younger crew are starting to come into their own now as well, I can't wait to see what stunt teenaged James Cullen comes up with next! The Brooch lore is developing, but there is still a great deal we don't know yet. I loved the lead in to next year's Diamond Brooch as well and can't wait to follow along as Jack pursues his destiny (note: it's a lead in, but just like its predecessors this book is a complete story, it won't leave you hanging).

Unlike the previous brooch books, this one has no time travel involved. Don't let that deter you from reading it. There's TONS of adventure and intrigue, not to mention family mystery. All the usual players are involved in this....Elliott, Meredith, Kenzie, David, etc.... James Cullen has a pivotal role as he's a little older now. Plus he spills the beans along the way. A New York PD. Cop JL comes to the winery to visit the brother she raised named Austin. He's in town going to a special basketball high school. During her visit, upon arrival a dead body was discovered by her brother on the premises. Things only get bigger from there. Mysteries revealed, lots of intrigue....Plus we get a glimpse of who is involved in the next book coming later this year. I HIGHLY recommend this wonderful book!!! If you haven't read any of the series, then STOP, don't pass go and immediately read at least the first book (The Ruby Brooch) to see how it all began. This series will instantly grab your attention and your heart. It's about family, friendship, history and lots of fun adventures. Take a chance and read this genius series.

I wasn't sure if I was going to like this latest installment from Katherine Lowry Logan in her time traveling brooch series as much as the others because the author makes it clear there is no time traveling in this book. But while that element may have been what drew me to the series initially, I discovered with The Broken Brooch that its the delightful characters and their relationships with each other that really has me loyally reading each book on the day it's released. My only complaint, if it can even really be called that, is that I was hoping for a little bigger of a come to Jesus moment with Elliott and Kevin. I would have liked Elliott to show a little more emotion towards Kevin now that his big secret was out and I kind of feel like that moment got glossed over, but it definitely won't stop me from reading it again and again. Looking forward to Jack's story in The Diamond Brooch!

I was disappointed in this latest book by Ms. Logan. It felt disjointed and rushed throughout the story. I almost gave up in the first couple of chapters. The story begins with JL and Kevin meeting and within an hour they are both in a sexual frenzy and the first two chapters deal with their

immense physical attraction to the exclusion of everything else. It reads more like the story of two horny teenagers who can't keep their hands off one another without even a pretense of character development and story building. I managed to read through all the sexual tension and angst trying to get to the heart of the story which involves a murder and a possible take over of the vineyard by a drug cartel. But once again the story was jumbled. Everyone at the vineyard is supposed to be in great danger and then everyone is fine and going to a basketball game. The drug cartel are supposed to be at the vineyard and are kidnapping and murdering people. But once everyone is saved they just all go back to normal although nothing has been resolved about the murder or the drug cartel. Then of course the lead characters are in danger again. I have loved the other books in this series but I cannot recommend this one at all.

I've read everyone of Katherine Lowry Logan's books in the Celtic Brooch series and this one, despite not being a time travel story, was just as difficult to put down. I love meeting up with old characters just as much as getting acquainted with the new ones. Each story on its own is a fabulous read, but as they build one after another, you can't help but get more invested and feel like you are part of their clan. In this instalment, Kevin finally gets his turn at meeting his soul mate. JL is definitely worthy of the strong women who precede her. The story develops at a steady pace and moves you along so you are never bored with either the plot or the characters. You can't wait to see what happens next. I definitely can't wait for the next instalment in the series and to see ultimately the meaning behind the brooches. And on a closing note, I do hope we get to meet Kit once again at some point along the way!

When NYPD Detective JL O'Grady is invited to a gala at the Montgomery Winery as her brother's guest, she's ready for some downtime and a bit of vacation fun. What she finds instead is that she's been thrust into a murder scenario that may have ties to an organized crime case that she worked on a few years earlier. She's also unprepared to meet the sexiest man she's ever met but decides to have a 'vacation fling' with him not knowing that he will save her life and that they will become soul mates - all thanks to a broken brooch given to her by her mother. When the missing piece of that brooch is put in its place the magic, as only Katherine Lowry Logan can write it, begins. From the first page of the first brooch book, I was hooked on this series. The Broken Brooch is a bit shorter than the others and no time travel takes place in this one. But that doesn't detract from a killer story (pun intended). The character development here is awesome and with each turn of the page something new is revealed; whether it's about a character or their family, or clues about the murder

investigation there is something new so don't skim the pages on this one. As an author myself, I like to read at least a couple of hours a day. But with The Broken Brooch I actually spent almost a full day with the book just to see how it ended. I was not disappointed. The story also provides a great set up for the next book in the series, The Diamond Brooch. And with the next generation of MacKlennas, Montgomerys, McCabes, McBains, and Frasers coming into their own, it promises to be another spell-binding tale. NOTE: You need not have read any of the previous novels as this story stands alone but having a 'wee bit' of knowledge of the players will add to your reading enjoyment.

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