

THE LOCH

Synopsis: When award-winning photojournalist M.C. “Maggie” Warner decides to take a break from assignments in war-torn locales, she picks Balloch, Scotland on the shores of Loch Lomond to get away. She knew she would find solace and beauty around the Loch. She didn't expect to find love.

Enter Crispin Yates. Full-time literary professor. Part-time pub barkeep. He knew the day he met Maggie Warner he would marry her. Their conversations about photography and literature endear her to him. And he cannot get enough of tramping through the highlands of Scotland with her.

But their love is threatened by a family member who doesn't exactly like anyone not of the upper class. They will do anything to besmirch Maggie's name, including throwing high-born socialite Lady Camilla Knightsbridge Langdon at Crispin.

Can Maggie and Crispin's love survive the rolling moors of Scotland? Or will it be drowned in The Loch?



Excerpt

That brought Crispin back to leaning on the table, a little closer than before. “Ah... now that is a discussion for an evening in front of the fire with a bottle of wine.” Raising an eyebrow at her, he tapped her nose with the tip of his finger. “Full Tolkien including the Silmarillion.”

And there it was. Full Tolkien catalog discussion with a bottle of wine and Crispin Yates in her living room. Maggie's lips twitched. “Red or white wine?” The huskiness of her voice surprised her.

“Red. A rich port. With chocolate,” purred Crispin. He caught her, hook line and sinker, and didn't even feel the least bit guilty about it. Every fiber in his being screamed to be in her presence.

Laughing quietly, Maggie nodded. “Are you flirting with me, Crispin Yates?” She leaned her chin on her hand, staring at him. He was. She started the game, but he was finishing it. He was just as interested in her as she was in him.

“If you consider a discussion about Tolkien over a bottle of port wine and chocolate in front of a fire flirting, then yes, duckie, I'm flirting with you.” Crispin punctuated his words with a lopsided grin. He folded his arms over his chest. “Well?”



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"The Legend of Captain St. Pierre," her second novel, was written with her best friend, Mariam, and is the first book in a planned trilogy.

"The Loch" is her third novel.

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