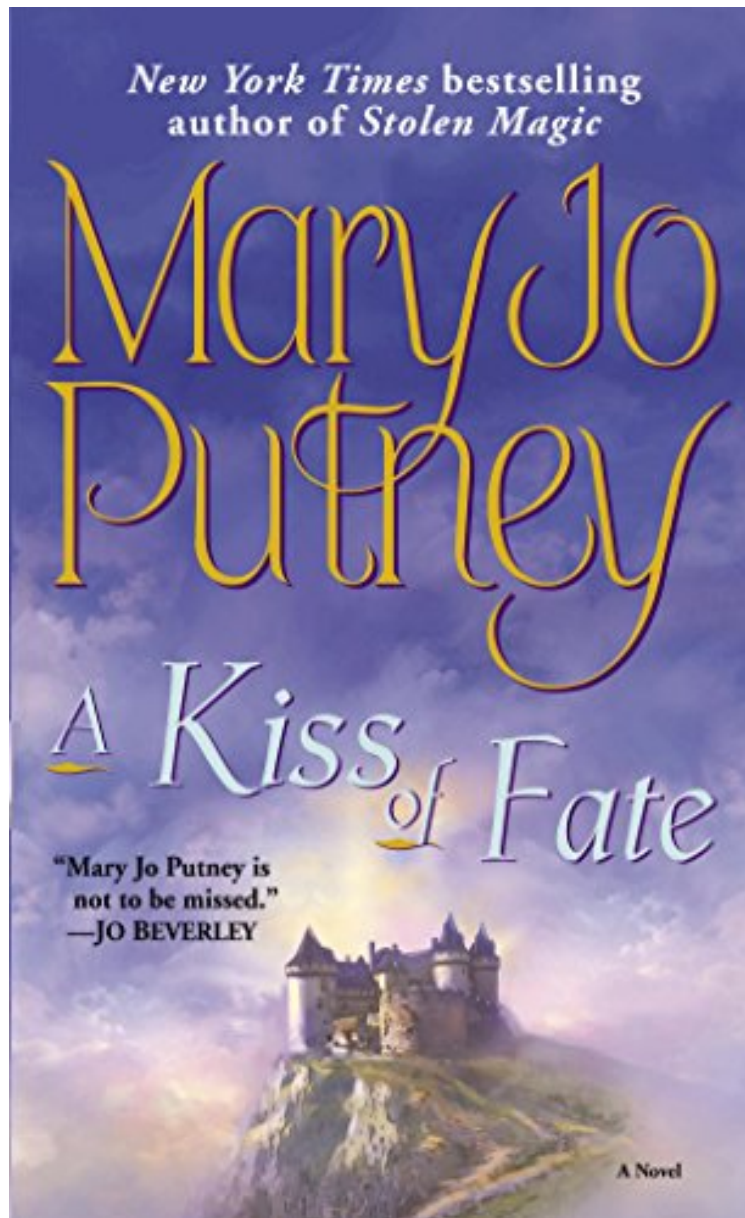


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Von Mary Jo Putney : A Kiss of Fate (Guardian) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Kiss of Fate (Guardian):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. very interesting premise handle indifferently Von Deborah Macgillivray There are supernaturally endowed Guardians who

lived amongst the Mundanes, mere mortals. The Guardians each have special talents, and were sworn to protect the Mundanes. Years ago, Gwynne's father, a powerful Guardian too a Mundane to wife. This was not forbidden, but was discouraged because a Guardian man needed an equally strong woman to balance and enhance his powers. As Gwynne grew up in her father's home, she inherited his love for history and lore. When her father died, she was seventeen. Alone in the world, she passively accepts marriage to a man over 50 years older than she. Over fifteen years pass, with Gwynne still working in the library of her childhood home, keeping companionship with her late husband's sister. She's content to pass through life like some hothouse flower. When Duncan McCrae, the Lord of the Storms, sees Gwynne he knows she is his destiny. Gwynne is a pain to Duncan (and the readers) by her willingness to avoid life. When Duncan makes it clear to her he wants her for his wife, she is shocked and rebuffs him. Gwynne believes she does not have any power and hesitates to welcome a union with such a powerful Guardian. Duncan accepts Gwynne's mandate to leave her alone and is preparing to depart for his home in Scotland. Gwynne is then summoned by the Guardian Council and told she must marry Duncan. Gwynne hesitates, but finally accepts as a member of the Guardian society she must marry Duncan. She is warned that war between Scotland and England is looming, and that Duncan will need her. He is a Scot, but his loyalties lay with Hanoverian rules in England. This will make his power as a Guardian very pivotal for both countries. Duncan and Gwynne marry within days and start their journey toward Scotland, just as Bonnie Prince Charlie has landed in Scotland to raise the Clans. Gwynne and Duncan soon discover she is an Enchantress mage, a woman who can control men through her sexual aura. She did not know this, because Enchantresses only unlock their power after they have slept with a man they truly love. Within short order, Duncan and Gwynne are tossed into the Jacobite rebellion and Gwynne soon sees her husband is using his power to help the Scottish cause, and only she can stop him. While the premise holds so much promise, this novel falls flat. The two leads just don't capture the emotions or the heart in true Putney Style. Thunder of Roses and all the Fallen Angels are just so much more than this book. Since it dealt with Scotland, and the lore angle, I REALLY wanted to love this book. It is an enjoyable read, just pale, as if she went through the motions not caring. The whole plot had so much potential she totally left untapped. Even the prose was stale - "her waist was so tiny he could span it with both hands"HOW many times has that overused phrase been trotted out in Historicals? A writer of Putney's strengths and talent should never fall back on something that worn out. And referring to Gwynne's wedding night as being "initiated in the ways of Aphrodite"...(groan)The second half of the book is much stronger and I was glad to see it picked up and started to come "alive", but it never overcame to "shallow" emotions of the characters. The novel is a weak effort from one of the most talented writers around. If you are a diehard fan, wait for paperback or get it at the library. This is a series. I still have high hope for the next one, but please more passion in the romance instead of sleepwalking. Putney is truly one of the greatest writers in Romance today. Thunder of Roses and Dancing on the Wind are prime examples of just how evocative her prose are. A Kiss of Fate is just not true Putney. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. W-O-W-! This is not to be missed! Von Detra Fitch Everyone carries a spark of magic in his soul. Guardians just have more ... "Guardians" have always lived among "Mundanes" (A.K.A. normal people). Guardians are those humans who have mage talents. There are several different types of mages with various levels of talent. Each take an oath, to swear to support what was good for the largest number of people. They were never to use their powers for harm, self gain, or to interfere with the normal process of the world such as war. Gwyneth Owens had, at one time, a Guardian father and a Mundane mother. She lived among the Guardians and took the oath, even though she had never shown any magical abilities. She would have been content to live out her remaining days in the vast Guardian library. Fate had different plans for Gwynne. She caught the eye of Duncan Macrae, Lord of Thunder, a powerful Weather Mage of Scotland. Though attracted to each other, Gwynne refused his offer of marriage. One with such power should marry his equal. However, the Guardian Council's scrying glasses showed dark times ahead. There was talk of a Jacobite rebellion. Prince Charles, The Pretender, had landed in Scotland and civil war loomed ominously. Gwynne was all but ordered to marry Duncan. No one could see why, but as his wife Gwynne would give him balance. She could make sure his emotions never clouded his judgement. As the Lord of Thunder, Duncan's power of controlling the weather could sway the outcome of the war, which was against the Oath. Soon Gwynne would learn about her own dormant mage talents and why they took so long to show. Only Gwynne's talents and her love for Duncan and the clan can keep the rivers of Scotland from running red with blood. ***** W-O-W-! This is not to be missed! It is the first of a new breathtaking series by the best-selling mistress of historical romance, Mary Jo Putney. Fans will want this one in hardback so it can be read many times in the future. (And just wait until you meet Gwynne's cat. It is half wild cat and very protective of her.) Excellent tale that will keep readers glued to the pages! *****Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.

Kurzbeschreibung Her captivating stories and vibrant characters have earned New York Times bestselling author Mary Jo Putney enthusiastic praise from reviewers and readers alike. Now, from the majestic mansions of eighteenth-century London to the mist-shrouded wilds of the Scottish Highlands, she brings you her most breathtaking romantic

adventure yet. Laird of an ancient, powerful Scottish clan, Duncan Macrae is committed to ending the ceaseless strife between Scotland and England. But he also has other, secret powers those of a Guardian, humans with mystical abilities to control nature's forces and see into the hearts of others. And from the moment he encounters the young and independent English widow Gwyneth Owens, his fiery spirit is irrevocably drawn to claim her as his own passion that will not only set his loyalty to his land against his sworn Guardian vows, but will also threaten everything he cherishes most. Though Gwynne's father was a Guardian, she believes that she has inherited only her mother's beauty, not her father's power. Then one kiss from the dangerously alluring Laird of the Macraes ignites a hunger that shakes her to her soul and reveals visions of a looming catastrophe that threatens England and Scotland both. Only by becoming Duncan's wife, and ultimately betraying the man she loves, can she avert disaster. As destiny and two mighty nations clash, Gwynne and Duncan must push their powers and passions beyond the most forbidden limits if they are to save their love and secure the future. With Mary Jo Putney's consummate skill and dazzling historical detail, *A Kiss of Fate* brings an unforgettable period to life and will forever enthrall your senses with memorable characters and sweeping emotions.

From the Hardcover edition.

From Booklist: Gwynne, the daughter of an eighteenth-century librarian and widow of one of the powerful Guardians, has always wished she had inherited the Guardians' magical talents, but she is an excellent librarian and scholar of Guardian history. Gwynne is consequently overwhelmed when she meets Lord Ballister, a Scottish laird and the most powerful Guardian weather worker in generations. And he is instantly besotted. Wanting nothing to do with him because of the visions of bloodshed she has when close to him, Gwynne nevertheless agrees to marry him at the behest of the Guardian Council, and her wedding night reveals that she really does have a Guardian gift. Then their love for each other and dedication to the Guardian cause bring new challenges when Bonnie Prince Charlie arrives in Scotland. Skillfully entwining fantasy with historical romance, veteran writer Putney presents a multilayered tale that takes its time in creating an authentically detailed world in which the magically gifted work in secrecy. Entranced readers will be delighted to know that Putney has other books planned in this alluring milieu.

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From School Library Journal: Adult/High School: An excellent historical romance with a nice touch of fantasy. The setting is Scotland during the unsettled time when Bonnie Prince Charlie tried to take the throne. Gwynne thinks that she is a mundane, an ordinary human, but she is well aware of the Guardians' mystical powers to cast spells and influence human events, albeit very slightly. When the powerful Guardian Council asks her to marry Duncan Macrae, she does not understand this request, but she obeys. After her wedding night, she learns that she is actually a powerful Guardian who receives her power after her first sexual experience. Conflicts develop as to how much help Duncan will give to Prince Charles. Putney is a master at describing the time period: the feuds, customs, and clan loyalty come alive with special flair. This story could be used to introduce mature readers hooked on romance to fantasy.

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