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LOS ANGELES, CA - MAY 31: 'Outlander' author Diana Gabaldon speaks at a Q&A during a special Barnes & Noble in-store appearance at The Grove on May 31, 2015 in Los Angeles, California. (Photo by Imeh Akpanudosen/Getty Images)
When fans pick up the Outlander books for the first time, it’s extremely common to start with the book that was first published. That’s probably the way most of us started reading, whether it’s because it was the first book that we were introduced to because of the series or it just seemed to make sense starting with the first published book.However, the Outlander books haven’t been written in the universe’s timeline order. At least, that’s the case when you add in the novellas and side stories. Diana Gabaldon has fleshed out the stories of Ian Murray and Lord John Grey, for example, in novellas that fit at various points in the timeline.To ensure the Outlander timeline makes sense, here’s the chronological order to read all the books.Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for Entertainment WeeklyStarting with the first three booksThe good news is if you started with Outlander, you’ve started with the first book in chronological order in terms of the longer books. Gabaldon’s first three novels are the first three you want to read: “Outlander,” “Dragonfly in Amber,” and “Voyager.”However, “Virgins” is a short story you may want to start with. Set in the 1740s, this story takes you through Jamie and Ian’s time together as brothers-in-arms. A 19-year-old Jamie and 20-year-old Ian are in France to become mercenaries, where you get to learn a lot more about those encounters with certain women we met in “Dragonfly in Amber.”You may also want to start with “A Leaf of the Winds of All Hallows,” which is set in 1941-1943, so just before “Outlander” starts. This very short story tells the tale of Roger Wakefield MacKenzie’s parents and what really happened to them.So, it technically runs:“Virgins”“A Leaf of the Winds of All Hallows”“Outlander”“Dragonfly in Amber”“Voyager”It’s after this that you’ll need to start picking up the shorter novels before you move onto “Drums of Autumn.”The Lord John Grey novellasPhoto credit: Voyager/Penguin Random House; Acquired via Penguin Random HouseThe next novellas take place during “Voyager,” so will be the next novels that you’ll want to read. Three of them are part of a collection of stories called “The Hand of the Devils” collection, while the others are standalone shorter novellas to fill in a few gaps. They go into Lord John Grey’s life between Culloden and Ardsmuir prison for the most part, although a couple run after that. They run:“Lord John and the Hellfire Club” (Lord John and the Hand of the Devils)“Lord John and the Private Matter”“Lord John and the Succubus” (Lord John and the Hand of the Devils)“Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade”“Lord John and the Haunted Soldier” (Lord John and the Hand of the Devils)“The Custom of the Army”“The Scottish Prisoner”“A Plague of Zombies”Continuing the main storylineNow it’s time to move onto the main storyline again. Pick this up with “Drums of Autumn,” which picks up where “Voyager” left off. You’ll be taken through Claire and Jamie’s life in the Colonies while seeing Brianna and Roger in the 1960s as they navigate their future together.Run your way through all the longer stories, so you’ll go through:“Drums of Autumn”“The Fiery Cross”“A Breath of Snow and Ashes”“An Echo in the Bone”“Written in My Own Heart’s Blood”After that, you can move onto the novella “The Space Between.” This takes place in 1778 in Paris, so somewhere within the timeline of the end of “An Echo in the Bone” and within the timing of “Written in My Own Heart’s Blood.” Young Ian’s older brother Michael and Marsali’s younger sister Joan are in Paris with a few familiar (and some believed dead) faces from Outlander Season 2.Once the ninth book, “Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone,” is finished, it will sit after “The Space Between.”Read the novellas whenever you likeOne thing Diana Gabaldon does say is that the smaller novels can be enjoyed whenever you like. The Outlander books are in chronological order for the timeline above, but the novellas are supplementary reading. Just make sure you read the larger books in order so you don’t miss important details!Which order do you like reading the Outlander books in? Which is your favorite big book and novella? Share your thoughts in the comments below.Like Claire and Jamie on Facebook to get to know the Outlander books more. Aimee Spinks Outlander season 5 ended on May 10, 2020.Work on season 6 has begun, according to Sam Heughan, though Caitriona Balfe confirmed that filming is delayed. Diana Gabaldon, author of the original book series, has provided clues on how Outlander will end.The Outlander universe has two overlapping fanbases: Those who strictly watch the Starz series, and the folks who first fell in love with Jamie Fraser (Sam Heughan) and Claire Randall Fraser (Caitriona Balfe) in the Diana Gabaldon books that inspired the adaptation. But show fans and book fans share something in common right now—both are facing a looong wait. Fortunately, those who’ve finished watching season 5 and/or devoured book eight, Written In My Own Heart’s Blood, can take solace in the fact that Gabaldon has previously shared a few hints about how Outlander ends. [Warning: Show spoilers below!] What’s more, she’s spilled on when it ends. As in, how many more years the Frasers have to live on the page and onscreen. "I think the Outlander books will end in about 1800 in Scotland," Gabaldon said in an interview printed in 2015's The Outlandish Companion. "If this tells you anything, more power to you."Actually, it kind of does. There are eight books in Gabaldon's series so far, and each season of Starz's Outlander is based on a volume. Season 5 ultimately drew on two installments—book five, The Fiery Cross, and a smattering of the sixth, A Breath of Snow and Ashes. The action in those takes place in the lead-up to the American Revolution, from 1770 to about 1776. Much of Written in My Own Heart's Blood, the eighth and most recent book in Gabaldon's series, occurs in the years 1778-1779.Book nine, Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone, has no release date yet. However, there's also no reason to believe it'll skip the last two decades of the 18th century, which gives us hope that Jamie and Claire will grow old together! Diana Gabaldon told EW in 2016 that end of the story "is probably book ten." So that's when we'll finally get an explanation for why Frank saw Jamie's ghost in episode one. In the same interview, Gabaldon offered this forecast for what to expect in the final Outlander installment. "And yes, the last book will have a happy ending, though I confidently expect it to leave the readers in floods of tears, anyway." Yup, that tracks.Of course, in a season 5 episode, "Monsters and Heroes," Jamie already got something of a happy ending when Claire used some, uh, "handy" skills under the covers to distract him from his near-deadly snakebite. But that's not what Gabaldon means, most likely. In any event, here's hoping Gabaldon pens more episodes in season 6. For more ways to live your best life plus all things Oprah, sign up for our newsletter! This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported onto this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content at piano.io
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OutlanderOriginal cover of Outlander (1991), the first novel in the series
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Outlander is a series of historical fantasy novels by American author Diana Gabaldon.[1] Gabaldon began the first volume of the series, Outlander, in the late 1980s, and it was published in 1991.[2] She has published eight out of a planned ten volumes.[3] The eighth and most recent volume of the series, Written in My Own Heart's Blood, was published in 2014. In March 2021, Gabaldon finished writing the ninth novel, Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone. The publishers have recently announced a release date of 23 November 2021.[4] The Outlander series focuses on 20th-century British nurse Claire Randall, who time travels to 18th-century Scotland and finds adventure and romance with the dashing Highland warrior Jamie Fraser. The books have sold over 25 million copies worldwide as of August 2014.[5] Among the many derived works are two short stories, three novellas, a novel series featuring recurring secondary character Lord John Grey, a graphic novel, a musical, and a television series.[6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15] Publishing history
Outlander novel series
Novels
Outlander (1991) (published in the UK, New Zealand and Australia as Cross Stitch)
Dragonfly in Amber (1992)
Voyager (1993)
Drums of Autumn (1996)
The Fiery Cross (2001)
A Breath of Snow and Ashes (2005)
An Echo in the Bone (2009)
Written in My Own Heart's Blood (2014)
[16]
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone (2021)[17]
Audiobooks
The Outlander series has been released in unabridged (read by Davina Porter), and abridged audiobooks (read by Geraldine James). Several of the Lord John books have been released in audiobook form, read by Jeff Woodman. Novellas and short stories
"A Leaf on the Wind of All Hallows" (2010), a short story in the anthology Songs of Love and Death, later collected in A Trail of Fire (2012),[18] and Seven Stones to Stand or Fall (2017). It tells the WWII story of Roger MacKenzie Wakefield's parents Jerry and Dolly, as Jerry discovers for himself the mystery of the standing stones.[19][20][21][22][23]
The Space Between (2013), a novella in the anthology The Mad Scientist's Guide to World Domination, later collected in A Trail of Fire (2012),[18] and Seven Stones to Stand or Fall (2017). It chronicles a journey undertaken by Joan MacKimmie (Jamie Fraser's step-daughter) and Michael Murray (Jenny Fraser Murray's son).[24]
Virgins (2013), a novella in the anthology Dangerous Women,[25][26][27][28] later available as a standalone e-book,[29] and collected in Seven Stones to Stand or Fall (2017). Set in 1740 France, it introduces 19-year-old Jamie Fraser as he and his 20-year-old friend Ian Murray become young mercenaries.[25][26][27][28]
"Past Prologue" (2017), a short story published in the anthology MatchUp. It is written as a collaboration by Steve Berry and Diana Gabaldon, in a story that crosses over their two fictional universes, with Cotton Malone from Berry's novels meeting Jamie Fraser. A Fugitive Green (2017), a novella published in the Gabaldon collection Seven Stones to Stand or Fall. It features Hal Grey, brother of Lord John Grey, and his future wife Minerva. Graphic novel
Main article: The Exile: An Outlander Graphic Novel
In 2010, Gabaldon adapted the first third of Outlander into a graphic novel, illustrated by Hoang Nguyen.[10][11][12]
Lord John series
Main article: Lord John series
The Lord John series is a sequence of novels and shorter works that center on Lord John Grey, a recurring secondary character from the Outlander novels. The spin-off series consists of five novellas and three novels, which all take place between 1756 and 1761, during the events of Gabaldon's Voyager.[6][7] They can be generally categorized as historical mysteries, and the three novels are shorter and focus on fewer plot threads than the main Outlander books.[7] Several of the Lord John books have been released in audiobook form, read by Jeff Woodman. Other
The Outlandish Companion (1999), a guide to the Outlander series containing synopses, a character guide, and other notes and information; revised and updated as The Outlandish Companion (Volume One) (2015)[30]
The Outlandish Companion (Volume Two) (2015)[31][32]
Characters
Main article: List of Outlander characters
Core characters include: Claire Beauchamp Randall Fraser, the titular Outlander, a 20th century nurse (and later doctor) who travels through time to the 18th century
Jamie Fraser, Claire's 18th century husband
Frank Randall, Claire's 20th century husband
Brianna Randall, Claire and Jamie's daughter
Roger Wakefield, a 20th century historian
Jonathan "Black Jack" Randall, Frank's sadistic 18th century ancestor
Lord John Grey, a secondary character in the main series and the focus of the spin-off
Lord John series
Musical
In 2010, a 14-song cycle based on Outlander was released under the title Outlander: The Musical.[13] With music by Kevin Walsh and lyrics by Mike Gibb, the project was approved by Gabaldon after Gibb had approached the author in Scotland with the idea to adapt her novel into a stage production.[14] As Gabaldon recalled, "I laughed and said, 'That's the screwiest idea I've heard yet – go ahead.' So they did, and the results were stunning."[14] Though the stage production remains in development,[14] the 14-song cycle is available on CD from Amazon.com and for download on iTunes.[13][33][34]
In 2012, Broadway composer Jill Santoriello began collaborating with Gibb and Walsh on the project, writing the music and cowriting the lyrics with Gibb for a new song called "One More Time."[15][34] The song was recorded with vocals by Rebecca Robbins.[15][34]
Television series
Main article: Outlander (TV series)
In June 2013, Starz ordered 16 episodes of a television adaptation, and production began in October 2013 in Scotland.[35] The series premiered in the US on August 9, 2014 with Caitriona Balfe and Sam Heughan starring as Claire and Jamie.[8] It was picked up for a second season on August 15, 2014,[9] and for a third and fourth season on June 1, 2016.[36] On May 9, 2018, Starz renewed the series for a fifth and sixth season.[37]
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