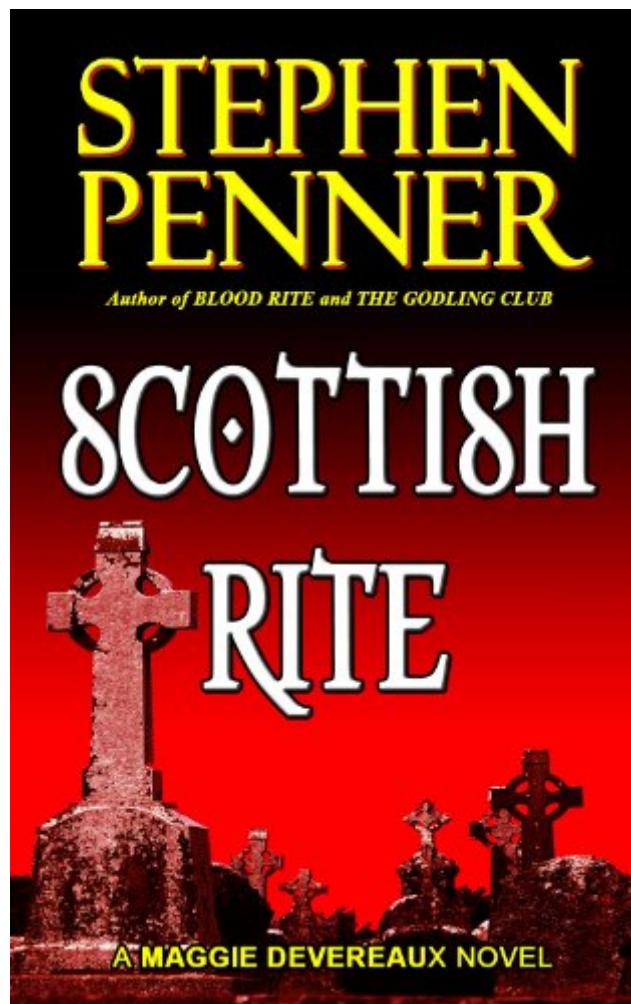


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# Scottish Rite (Maggie Devereaux Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

PARANORMAL MURDER MYSTERY, SET IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS. American graduate student Maggie Devereaux fulfills a life-long dream when she travels to Scotland to study abroad. Her dream turns to a nightmare, however, when a serial killer begins murdering women at the school. When Maggie discovers a lost book of Highland magic, she grows convinced the killer is following an ancient rite for summoning a demon. Maggie will have to open her mind to the possibility that the magic in the spellbook is real... because the magic may be the only thing that can save her from becoming the killer's next victim.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What a weird book! American Maggie Devereaux goes to Scotland to study Gaelic. She comes across a book of spells and decides to practice them. Meanwhile, evil abounds as young women on the college campus are brutally murdered. And then, the book gets even weirder. Spells and weirdness aside, the book drags. We read every detail about Maggie's activities. And Maggie's not that interesting. Maggie is rather self-centered and downright rude to the aunt and uncle she's staying with in Scotland, only interacting with them when it suits her. She is very demanding to

love-interest Iain, wanting him to skip his job to go traipsing about with her, and generally treats him badly. All in all, a long boring bad read with unlikeable characters, and a really over the top, totally unbelievable, dumb ending.

I picked up this book because the premise sounded promising. It still does....sadly the book doesn't quite live up to its potential. The problem with this book is the character development. The characters all seem to suffer from LDS (lack of depth syndrome). Every character written has the potential to be a very engaging person, unfortunately they are never developed to be more than somewhat engaging caricatures. I had hoped that the writer would find his stride in the second book, and to be fair the characters are better developed in book two, just not as fully developed as I'd hoped for. I still really love the idea behind the books....

I love this new series!! It reads like a movie. The characters are well developed and the plot really gets the reader involved. Maggie Devereaux is a great heroine. Alone in the country of her ancestors, with new unexpected experiences upon her... who can she trust? Maggie finds alarming facts about her ancestors that her Grandmother never told her. I couldn't put this book down. And I can't wait for more great books in this series!!! No spoilers here. Buy this and you will come back for the next book in the series!!

This was quite an enjoyable mystery, with magic thrown in to boot. I have to agree that Maggie tends to be self absorbed and can be quite manipulative at times. In spite of that, I liked the character well enough. It's a bit like having a friend who's exasperating at times, but in general means well. There are a few typos and missing words, but not many. Good read!

I enjoyed reading this book of an American in the Scottish highlands completing a life's dream of studying in the land of her ancestors and getting extra insight when her studies of an ancient language are brought to life. Murder and magic, what could be more interesting!

I really liked these books. They kind of remind me of Karen Ann Moening's Fever series. The first one does take awhile to get into. There is a lot of history and detailed description of language. These are not urban fantasy fluff but very well written. If you're a Scottish or Irish fan you'll love these books, I did. The only reason I didn't give it five stars was because of how much of the book it takes before we understand the reason for all the backstory. Even considered giving up on the first

book for a few minutes. So glad I didn't.

Thoroughly enjoyed this one, having Scottish ancestry I love just about anything set in Scotland. Maggie is a very engaging character, and I am looking forward to the other books in the series! If you like a little of the paranormal mixed in, you will enjoy this book.

I have to admit I got sucked into this book immediately. Loved the mythological and historical information and the danger Maggie found herself in almost from the start. There were a few too stupid to live moments, but I figured she's young and has more guts than sense. I highly recommend this book for mystery lovers.

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