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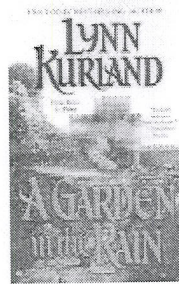
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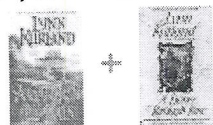
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Lynn Kurland Is my favorite romance author and she did not let me down this time either. This is in the same tradition of romance and humor that she laces all her books with. Once again she has a normal girl we can relate to, who is in the middle of her anything that could go wrong has gone wrong circumstances. But here comes her reluctant Knight in shining armour or black jeans in this case. The book has it's time travel portions as well as action scenes(so don't worry). But most of all it has a love story that will pull you in and have you laughing, hoping and rooting for that love we all find so magical. The story brings other Kurland novel characters back to life by keeping the family tree alive.

I couldn't stop reading and then passed it on to a friend who stayed up 'til 3:00 in the morning cheering on Patrick and his lady. The only other book I loved this much was a Dance through time, also by Kurland. Buy it, read it and you'll see what I am talking about.

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★★★★☆ **A bit disappointed.**, August 2, 2004

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I just went on a shopping spree one day and decided to buy whatever Lynn Kurland book I could get my hands on. As I read each book, I grew more and more impressed with Kurland's work - until A Garden in the Rain.

This story is about Patrick's character (brother of James McLeod in A Dance Through Time) meeting the love of his life in Madelyn Phillips. I was expecting just the same excitement in this spin off of "A Dance..." especially since Kurland wove a sense of mystery around Patrick's character, but A Garden in the Rain was lacking - lacking in the sense of urgency, danger, plot and character substance. The absence of these elements made this book dragging. I mean, how exciting is it for a heroine to be harrassed by her ex-boyfriend on a trip to Scotland, only to be saved by a medieval warrior who came through an enchanted forest? I may have missed something but where was the sense of danger, urgency in the book? Patrick didn't even act the hero and Madelyn was so weak, even someone like me who likes needy heroines, had to balk at her wimpiness. Even the brief appearance of James and Elizabeth in this book couldn't spice it up for me. I was a bit disappointed.

Ms. Kurland, I have a feeling you were rushed into finishing this book. Please take your time next time. I love your work and it inspires me. I know you can do better than this.



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Reviewer: **Misty Berry** (Eureka, California USA) - [See all my reviews](#)  
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