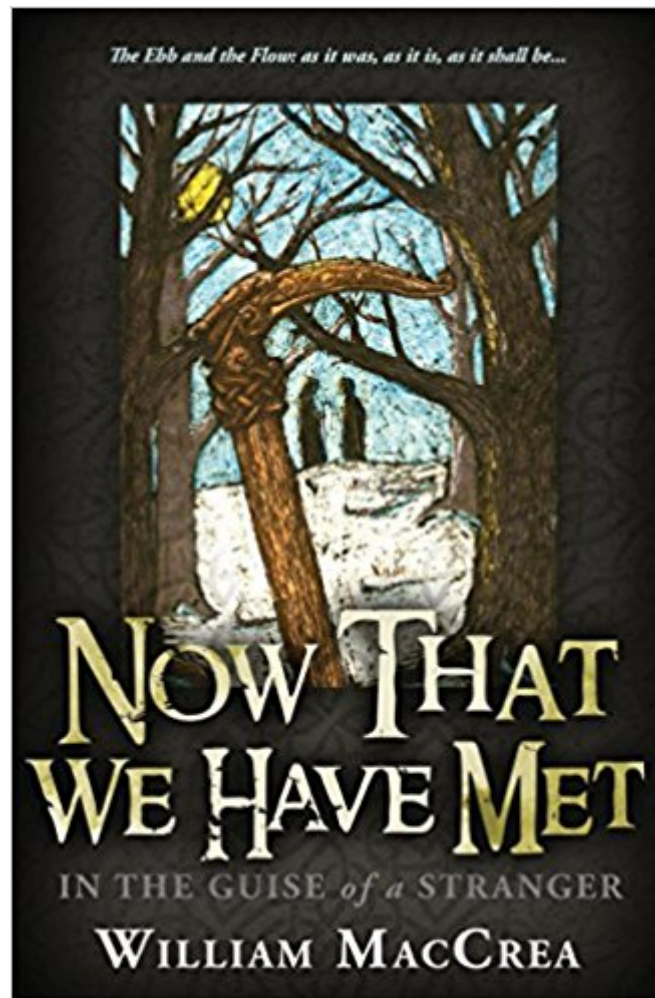




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In the early 19th century, the highlands of Scotland experienced "The Clearances": the uprooting of families and communities. The majority of those dispossessed folk crossed the sea to North America, while others went on to Australia, New Zealand and even Chile. Some of the exiles carried with them a spiritual sense called the "Old Way" - a wildly beautiful form of early Christianity. Deep, somewhat mystical and even "Druidic", it is spiritual, but not "churchy". It is the faith of a child who dearly loves a parent and knows that he or she is deeply loved in return. "God's Brats"? Perhaps. In any case, the seed which was carried out of Scotland found good soil in new lands. Each of us may be called upon to do the work of an angel, and to accomplish that work with no expectation of reward. Above all, we are meant to celebrate the life which we have been given and to rejoice in each day. May our eyes bless all that they see.

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Maybe it is fitting I should leave the first review. In full disclosure, I am an old friend of the author. He has been my mentor and spiritual guide for most of my life. The story he tells in this book is something of a composite of the stories I heard sitting at his side into the wee hours of the morning. As you read the story, if you allow your mind to slip its tethers, you will drift back into times both good and not so good. It is based on the story of his ancestors. As he was often telling me, had it not been for the clearances, our way of life might have been snuffed out within a generation or two by the English. He often described the dispersion of our peoples like the fluff of the dying dandelion,

floating on the breeze to germinate in a hundred places, places like Upper Canada, the Carolinas, Georgia and so on. Do not fret over keeping track of the generations or the names or the gaelic phrase here and there. The bigger picture within the story is the dissemination of an ancient faith. A clever reader will take note of the lessons hidden in between the story lines and find an accounting of one of the most beautiful branches of Christianity being revealed. If you must, read it through first for the stories sake, and then read it again for the deeper lesson. It will be a journey worth the travelling and a guide to a shining faith. In these pages you will find the knowledge I was given over the span of fifty years, treasure it.

This novel incorporates history, romance, and philosophy seamlessly. I found myself unable to put it down. Both imagery and character development allowed me to insert myself in the story as a participant. I have purchased two copies so that I can keep one and circulate the other within my family.

Interesting tale bringing Celtic ways into present life. A worthy read.

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