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A visit to the Highland games goes awry for Alasdair Buchanan when his cousin abandons him in the crowd. His guide dog is terrible at describing the sights, but he does a great job of finding the river. Too bad Alasdair has no clue where that river is in relation to his cousin's apartment.

When Trisha Wright stops to speak with him in her angelic voice, Alasdair is certain his cousin did him a favor by abandoning him. Trisha loves the Scot's flirtatious ways and basks in his compliments, but she can't shake the fear that he'll hate her when he learns the truth about her—a truth everyone can see but him.

## **Imperfect Beauty Details**

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## **From Reader Review Imperfect Beauty for online ebook**

### **JoAnne says**

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### **Jeanie V. says**

Short story. I loved Alasdair, loved his accent... loved the writing too. A sweet story about a Scottish lad who's blind and finds love. :) I just discovered my new Scottish book boyfriend lol! :)

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### **Aly says**

This book caused me to want to visit Scotland and go to a highland game. I really liked Alasdair and I could understand the different emotions Trisha went threw. It was a cute story that was finished to soon. I wish that there was more details about Alasdair and Trisha's relationship it was kind of to fast.

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### **Hannah says**

I really like short stories and I have a soft spot for physically imperfect characters. So this book seemed pretty perfect.

I really have to remember, however, how much "Scottish" romances bother me. As half of my family is Scottish and I go back to Scotland often to visit my family at least once a year, these like sort of stereotypical depictions of the Scottish and the way they behave really bother me. Not that I didn't like the story; it was cute and short and heart warming. But Alasdair was just such a stereotype! The stuff he liked to do, the words he said, his knowledge of Gaelic, his love of haggis... Ugh. But the thing that really bothered me was how he was like an "ancient Scottish Warrior". What? Really?

Mah, I enjoyed this as a sweet, short story but I need to stay away from "Scottish" books.

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### **Anna Marie says**

VERY short novelette about how only girls who are scarred will ever score handsome, talented blind Scottish dudes. And that right there was the first of MANY reasons not to like this cliched mini-book. I liked reading the blurb about the author more than I enjoyed her novelette.

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### **Sophia says**

Sometimes I'm just in the mood for something sweet and short and this one met my need perfectly. Some author's have trouble with plotting or pace when it comes to the shorter books, but that was not the case with this one.

The book is about a young man, Alasdair, who is from Scotland and visiting his cousin who has moved to the States. Trevor takes Alasdair to the local Ft. Wayne (IN) Highland Games for an afternoon of fun and then ditches him. Trouble is, Alasdair is blind and is in a strange location. He and his guide dog make it out of the crowd, but he is lost as to how to get back to Trevor's home from there.

And into his life walks, Trisha who sees his dilemma and comes to help. Trisha doesn't pity him or treat him as helpless, but she does spend the day with him and acts as a perfect guide because of her fun loving nature and ability to describe in such a way that he 'sees' what she is describing. They really hit it off and agree to see each other again.

The only fly in the ointment is that Trisha is keeping a secret. She is not the beauty that Alasdair keeps complimenting her to be. She loves that he thinks she is beautiful and hates not telling him the truth of what others see when they look at her. Her biggest fear is that once he knows the truth that he will only see her imperfection and not her.

The author uses Trisha's secret to build a little suspense by not allowing the readers to find out exactly what Trisha's 'ugliness' is until Alasdair finds out. I also enjoyed the theme of this romance- Two people that are constantly judged by others because of a physical flaw do not judge each other that way and find happiness as a result.

I highly recommend this short story to anyone who loves a sweet clean romance particularly if you are partial to highlanders in kilts. ;D

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### **Denise says**

I would have given this four stars, but it was just a shade on the short side and wrapped up a little too quickly for my taste. I was just starting to know both of the characters, but would have liked to know more before the end suddenly arrived. Great premise though!

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### **Claudia says**

A very sweet story - lovely

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### **Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says**

Originally posted at: <http://www.longandshortreviews.blogspot.com>...

What can a blind man do when his unreliable cousin abandons him in the middle of a Highland Games festival? Should he follow a woman who has a beautiful voice?

Alasdair Buchanan was blinded in an accident a few years ago and has acquired a helpful guide dog, Foster. However, attending a festival requires more than a guide dog to help him find where he needs to go, especially since it's only his third day in America. Trisha Wright happened to find him and Foster in front of a river and decided to help him out. She is actually glad that he can't see because she doesn't want him to view what has scared everyone else off. Trisha, a graphic designer, has the ability to describe with wonderful detail what is going on around them. However, she does so without being overly verbose, intrusive, or condescending, making Alastair enjoy himself immensely in her company.

I enjoyed this little story so much that I wanted to be the one who got to try the food at the festival! I loved the descriptions of surroundings much more than in most stories since I was trying to get what Alasdair was experiencing. One of the things that really intrigued me was finding out the reason Trisha was worried about Alasdair finding out about her face. The words of wisdom that came out of this story definitely made me contemplate about things in life. Ms. West has a wonderful way with words, spinning a tale so interesting that I couldn't believe I was already done with the story when it ended.

If your senses are in need of a treat, grab hold of your copy of Imperfect Beauty for this ride as Alasdair and Trisha navigate their way through the beginning of their relationship.

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### **Darla says**

This was a first by the author for me, a little too sweet for my tastes but not bad. This story is about Trisha and Alasdair. Alasdair is visiting from Scotland, he's at the Highland Games in Indiana and he's blind and recently abandoned by his cousin at the games. He ends up meeting Trisha whose voice does something to him. The two hit it off really well and spend days hanging out, but Trisha is worried that if Alasdair knew what she really looked like he wouldn't want to associate with her. Alasdair thought that from her voice she was beautiful, Trisha spent all her time mentally referencing her ugly appearance and how folks treated her, shoot for a minute I thought she was an ugly tart that the town just didn't associate with, but once I found out what her "issue" was, I was really disappointed. I was like THAT was the big issue, something she had no control over or could do anything about, but she considered herself to be this horrible ugly duckling! I could have understood her being self conscious, any woman would have been, but she was way left field with her belief in her ugly appearance. Of course, to make matter worse, though Alasdair is blind, he has black hair, and piercing green eyes, and is built like a true Scotsman (in a kilt to boot), so blind or not, he was noticeable for his good looks and his great sense of humor. Like I said, this was a little too sweet for my tastes, it wasn't bad, a quick short read. If you like sweet stuff, then have at it!

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### **Emily says**

Alasdair Buchanan has left his home to live in America for six months. Blind from an accident he relies on his guide dog and his not so reliable cousin. Left at a highlander faire and worried about how to get home he befriends a local girl named Trisha.

Trisha respects Alasdair and finds a bit more in common with him after an incident of her own. Knowing

others look at her as something hideous she relishes the time with Alasdair without any judgement. However as they begin to get closer she knows she has to tell him her secret before someone else does.

Sweet story. I would have liked it to be a bit longer. Always enjoy a highlander story, very quick read.

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### **Diane Burton says**

An enjoyable read.

A blind man and a scarred woman find happiness together in this charming short story. E.A. West brings together two people whose love for each other enables them to see beyond defects and embrace life. A little bit of humor at Highland Games in Indiana (haggis, 'nuf said), a faithful service dog and a cousin who speaks first/thinks later add depth to this heart-warming story.

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### **Shelley Chastagner says**

Fun, clean read. Loveable characters. Quick and very enjoyable. Being blind has its advantages, because Alasdair can see the perfect beauty of Trisha when all others can only see her scars.

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### **Karla says**

Very short, but sweet read. This had the potential to be a great book. So many possibilities, considering the premise, and I wish the author had explored it a little more. It would have been interesting to see Alasdair and Trisha's relationship develop. We got so little time to spend with them as a couple.

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### **Angela says**

PDF version via author for honest review

To add much more to the summary above would be to spoil the book due to it being a shorter story, so in contrast to my usual summary and then thoughts, I will go straight to my thoughts.

I thought this was a wonderfully sweet and romantic story. It shows the reader that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and not everyone has the same views on what beauty is. Alasdair is a wonderful character who doesn't let being blind stop him from doing things he enjoyed when he had his sight. He has also learned to view things in new ways and with an open mind. Trisha is a woman who was beautiful in every way, until an accident changed that. Now she thinks she is just an ugly woman who people shy away from. When she meets Alasdair it is magical because he sees her for who she is, instead of judging her by her looks first. I think this book gives off a wonderful message. I loved the flow of the book and it was very well written. Sometimes shorter books tend to be choppy or missing detail, but this one was neither of those things. It was very detailed and flowed very easily along.

If you are in the mood for a short, but heartwarming story, this is your read!

5/5 Stars!!

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