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Following instructions contained in the pating gift from her Grandmother when she set out for Isle Of Skye, would lead to startling surprises for *Cathy MacLeod*. She and her standoffish cousin *Don*, would be drawn in a search for answers to baffling puzzles. New friends and thrilling adventures wait for *Cathy* where she learned to love the mountains and legendary magic of her Grandmother's beautiful isle. The greatest surprise of all came when she least expected it....

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Cheryl says

Not her best work, and it hasn't aged well. Even when this was fresh and new you would have had to groove on your Scotch/Celtic heritage to really enjoy it. The characters were flat and exist only to move through a guided tour of Skye.

Laura Bang says

When Cathy's grandmother falls ill, she has to stay with other relatives for a while. Her uncle and his family are off on a trip to the Isle of Skye, where their family is from, so Cathy is invited to tag along. Her grandmother arranges an adventure for her, by way of sending her off with a carry-on bag full of packages to be opened at certain points of her journey. (International adventures arranged through letters/packages is one of my fave things -- like Maureen Johnson's 13 Little Blue Envelopes.) It's not really a proper mystery, but it's an enjoyable ramble across the Isle of Skye, with wonderful descriptions of the terrain and I enjoyed Cathy's quest to find the meaning behind her grandmother's "assignments."

C. says

I've wanted "**Mystery On The Isle Of Skye**" for years and encountered a perfect copy. **Phyllis A. Whitney's** mysteries are worth reading anyplace you can acquire them. This one starts out with the awe of travel in 1955; when a plane ride would be momentous. *Kathy* is meeting her Mom's family for the first time, en route to her Grandma's birthplace. She encourages *Kathy* to explore Skye while she is healing in hospital.

Aside from this airport atmosphere that has become common for us, this novel is timeless. It's about feelings and a stout landscape that hasn't changed. Ancient beliefs and customs sparkle with the same mystique in modern times. We have no trouble riding along with a girl who wishes her elder cousin would be less sour and shares secrets with his young brother. **Phyllis** turned the format of adventure on its head. *Mystery* doesn't find her in Scotland: she brings it! To maximize the trip for *Kathy* and introduce her homeland as well as she can from afar; Grandma wrapped a variety of errands. They are well-timed tasks each set to her with a note. A sacred stone to put back from whence it came, a page to return from a borrowed book, and their clan head to meet at tea in a castle.

Other than locating the right mountain for Grandma's stone, the page makes the most compelling puzzle because hers only partially shows what looks like a famous battle; won by asking the help of a fairy flag. Celts regard fairies seriously but I was taken aback by the degree of Skye's etherealness. It stands apart from other Scottish places and I long to see it. Even if there were no mystery, this book beautifully describes unusual, magical terrain. We are immersed vividly into their culture.

Jennifer says

Phyllis Whitney was one of my favorite authors when I was younger. This is just a re-read of one of my

favorites to see if I still like it so many years later.

Judy says

Phyllis A Whitney was one of my favorites as a kid! I'd love to get my mitts on her books and read them again:)

Michelle says

O.K. plot--nice ending--easy reading--not suspenseful

Amber Dulaney says

It was an entertaining young adult mystery. The main appeal for me was Isle of Skye, Scotland. It is now my dream vacation. I had fun seeing it through the eyes of the characters.

Nancy says

When I was a little girl, this was a favorite book of mine; so much so that I've always wanted to go to Skye, even though I have little Scottish heritage or know much about its history. I finally went, and it was delightful. Decided to re-read the book, and am so glad I did! It has its weaknesses, but overall, it really stood the test of time. The only ways in which it felt "dated" were welcome, little glimpses of how the world has changed since it was written. A charming book, although less a "mystery" than a coming-of-age tale.

Crystal says

boring. that's about it. I picked this up because I enjoyed Lois Lenski's work, and I love anything about Scotland. I thought for sure I would enjoy this. But it was dull. You can old fashioned in a charming way, like Little Women or Anne of Green Gables, or you can have just dated, like this book. I did learn a little about the Isle of Skye that was interesting, but otherwise it was just a story about a girl trying to find a family, but disguised as a mystery. oh well. I've read worse.

Charlotte Osborn-bensaada says

I just read another book set in the Hebrides and it reminded of this book I read way back when I was in 4th grade.

CLM says

My favorite Phyllis Whitney - American Cathy visits relatives in Scotland, where she is drawn into a mystery.

Allie says

I remember reading this a long time ago... it immediately rang a bell while I saw it in "Quidditch Through the Ages."

Plethora says

Review to follow...delightful read.

Kathleen says

Different cover than shown. mainly bought because Calhouns are from Isle of Skye!

Rebecca Berinstein says

A very interesting mystery and puzzle. even with countless rereadings I can never figure out the ending.

Terri Edwards says

The only reason I'm giving this one three stars is because it was definitely written for kids and didn't really appeal to me; otherwise, Phyllis Whitney's descriptive writing and her ability to teach me about other places is, as always, a pleasant experience.

Scoozer says

I read all of Phyllis A. Whitney's books as a teen and want to reread them.
