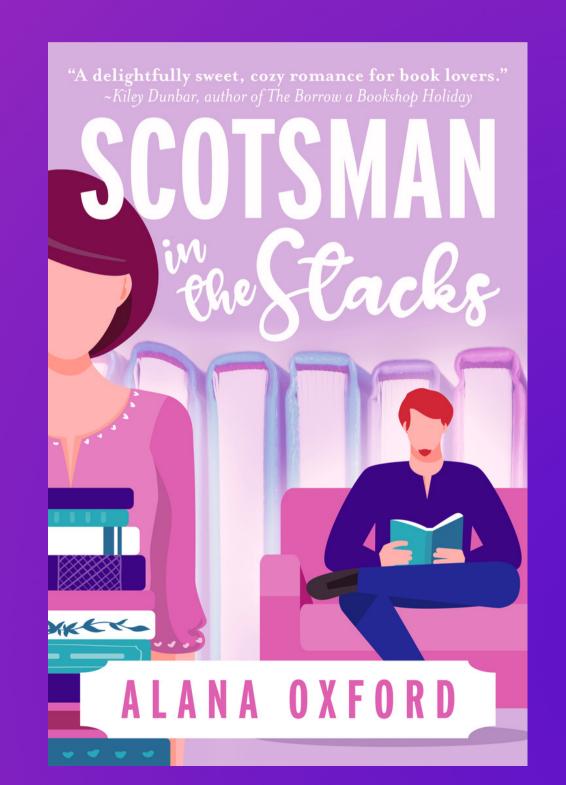


The Scottish Thistle

The first use of the thistle as a royal symbol in Scotland appears to have been on silver coins issued by James III in 1470.



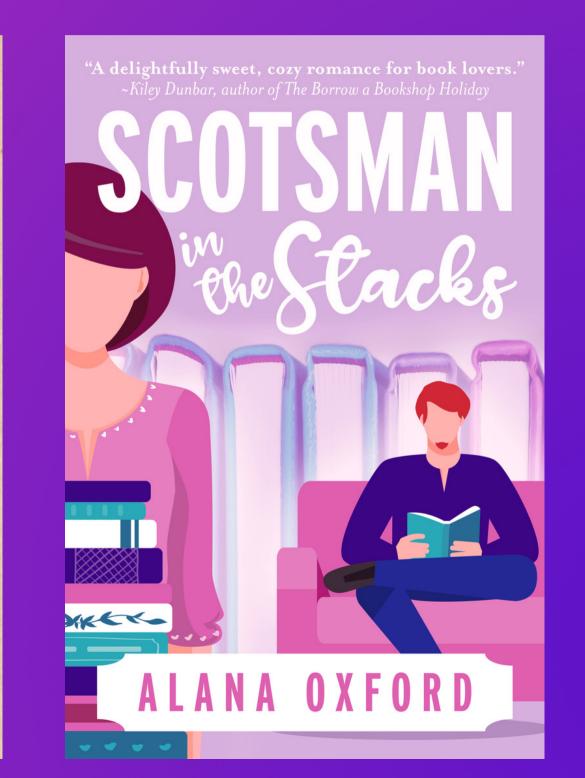




Glasgow, Scotland



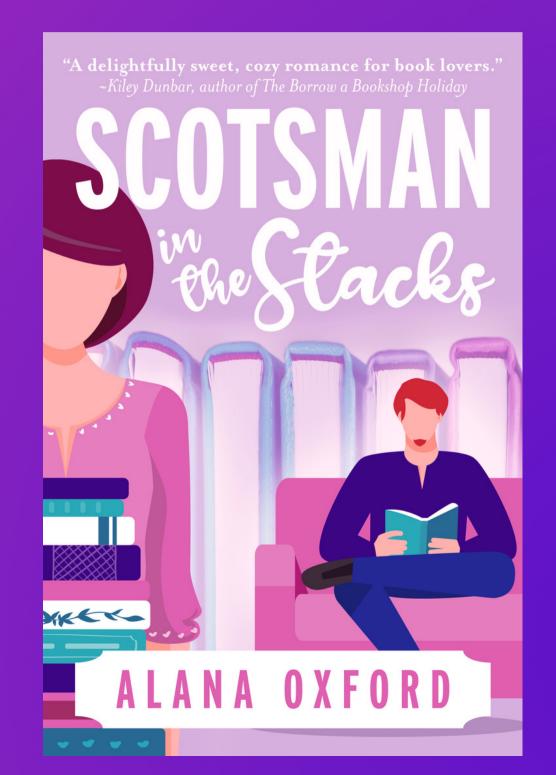
James hails from the most populous city in Scotland, Glasgow. Glasgow appears to have been founded in the 6th century when a religious community was settled there by St. Kentigern (Mungo.)





The Clyde Arc (known locally as The Squinty Bridge) crosses the River Clyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

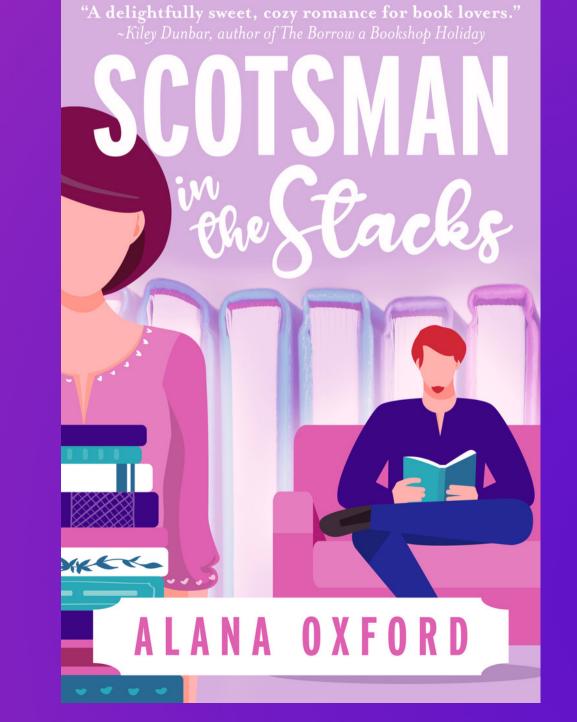






Edward Allcard was an Englishman who is credited with being the first person to sail solo across the Atlantic ocean in both directions.

He worked in the shipyards of Glasgow for a time.



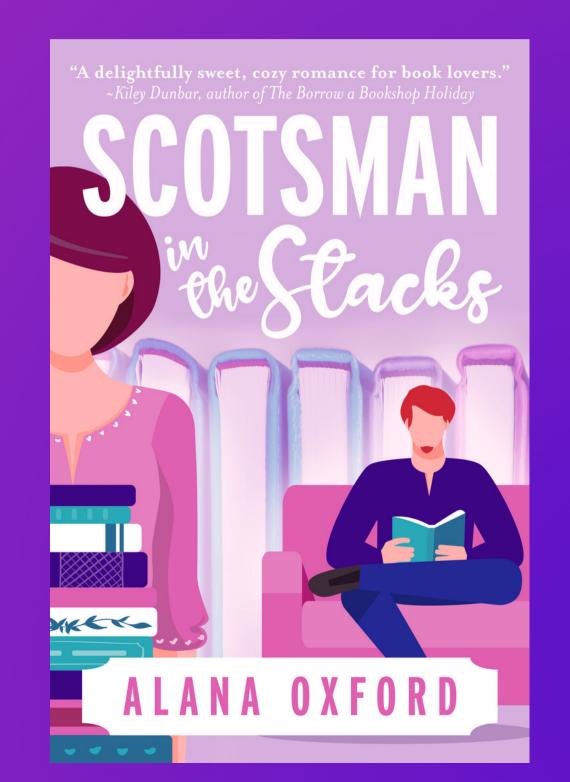


"Braw"



James teaches Paige that 'braw' means 'good' or 'fine.'

Ex. It's a braw day for a walk in the park.



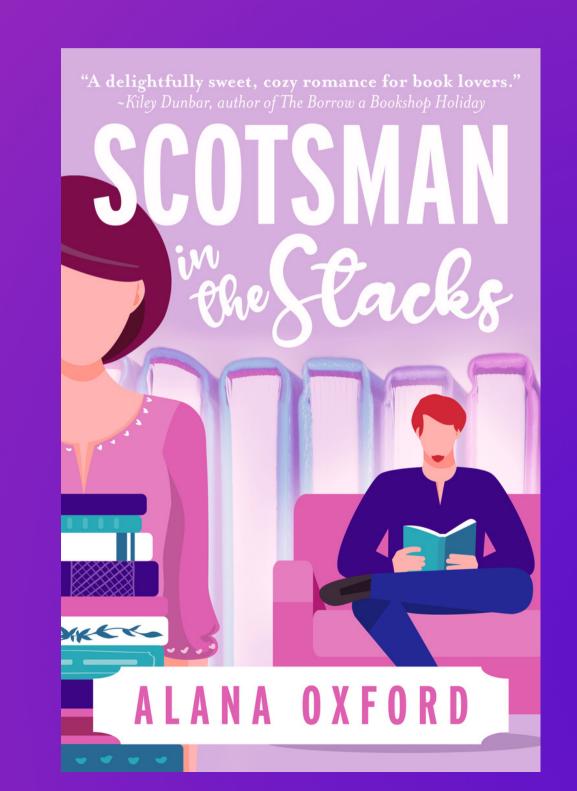


James has a half sleeve tattoo featuring Celtic knotwork.



One of the most ancient Celtic and Scottish symbols, Solomon's knot was even found in stone age carvings.

It is called the Solomon knot as it frequently appears in many ancient monuments and synagogues that were linked with King Solomon.

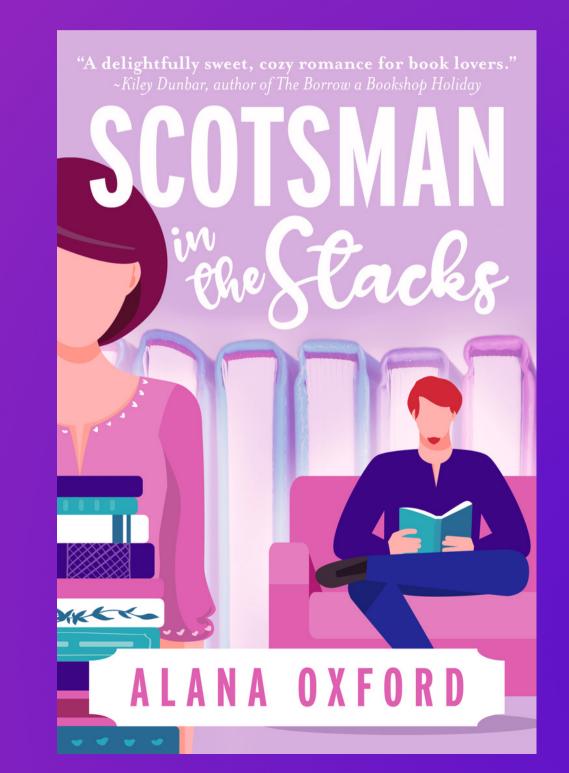




Loch Ness in Scotland is said to be home to an illusive sea monster.

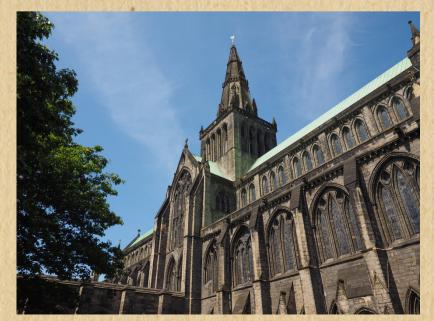
The first written account of the creature appeared in 565 AD.

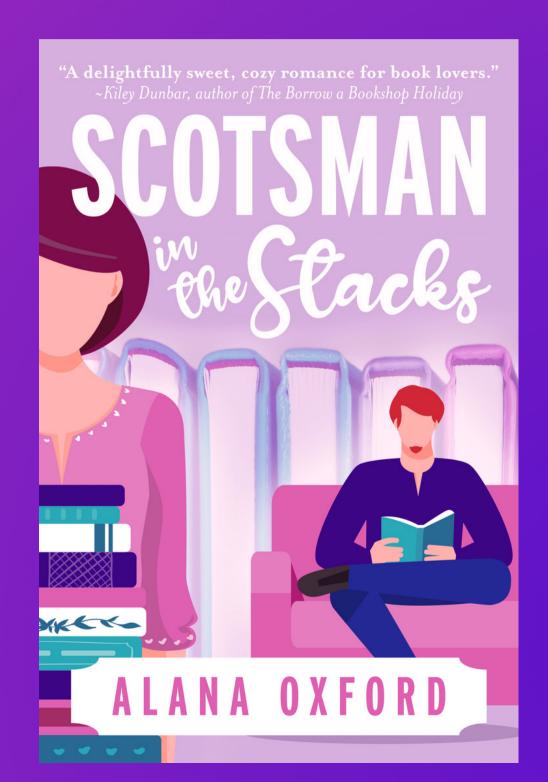
Paige brings her BFF a romance novel set in Loch Ness.





Glasgow Cathedral is the oldest cathedral in mainland Scotland and the oldest building in Glasgow, having been built in the 1100s.



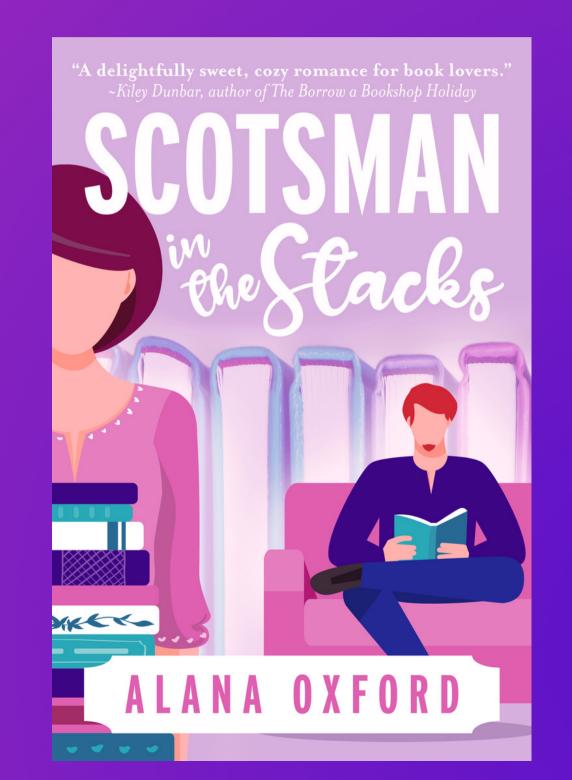




The River Clyde has been a center for shipbuilding for hundreds of years, with boats being built in the area possibly as early as the 15th century.

A shipbuiding landmark on the Clyde is the Finnieston Crane. It dates to 1931.







The official animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

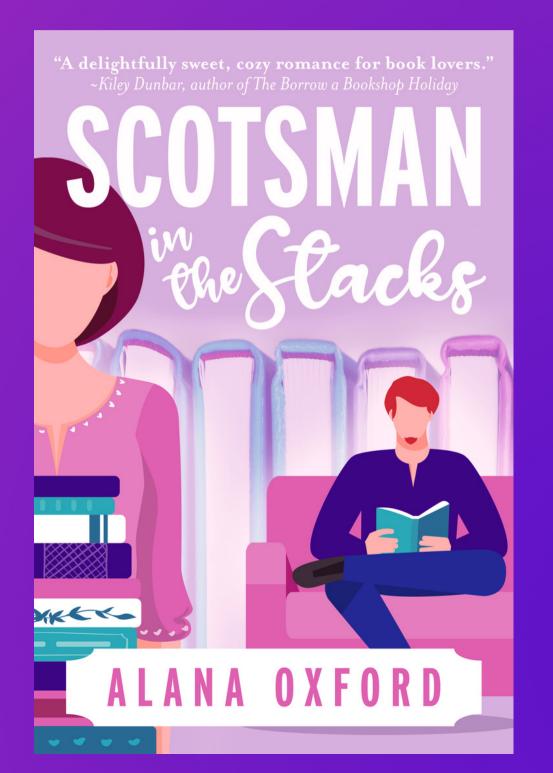
Scotland has approx. 790 islands

Scotland has "hairy coos" (coo = cow)









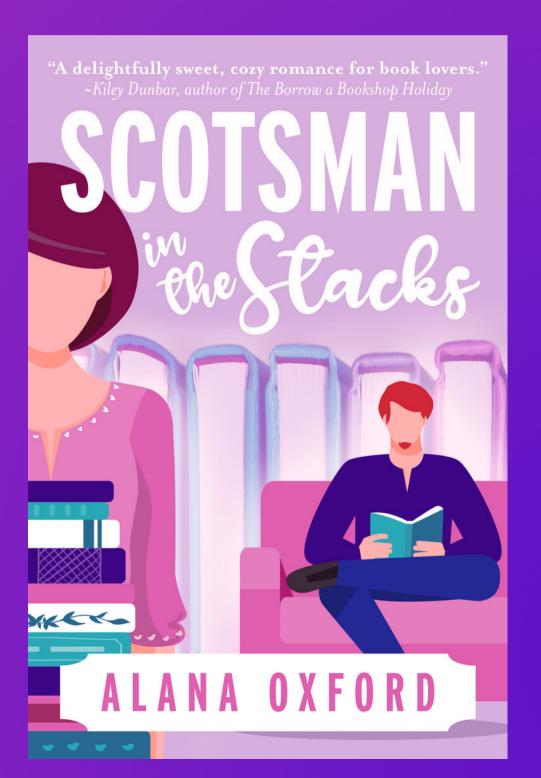


James doesn't wear a kilt in the book, but he does show Paige a picture of him wearing one for his cousin's wedding.



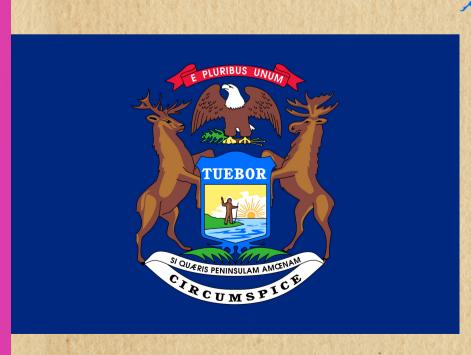








Michigan became a state in 1837.





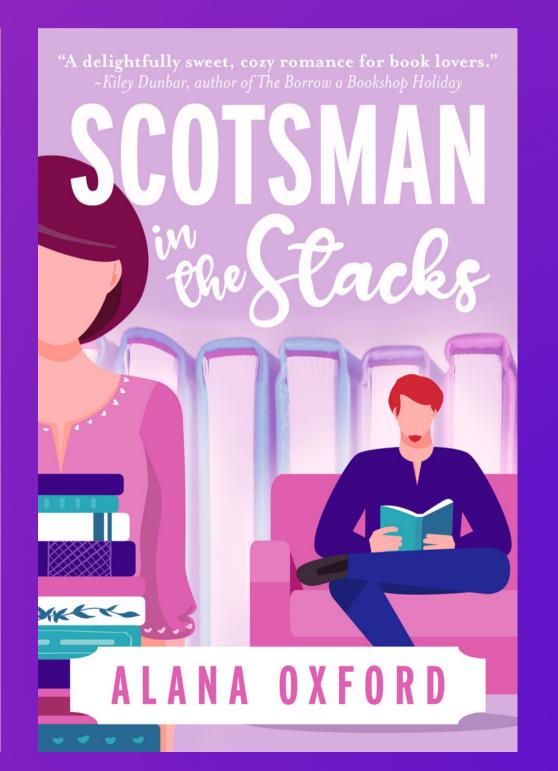




The Michigan city of Ann Arbor was founded in 1825.

It's home to the University of Michigan and is known for its cultural offerings.

It has a vibrant arts community, filled with galleries, theaters, and musical venues.



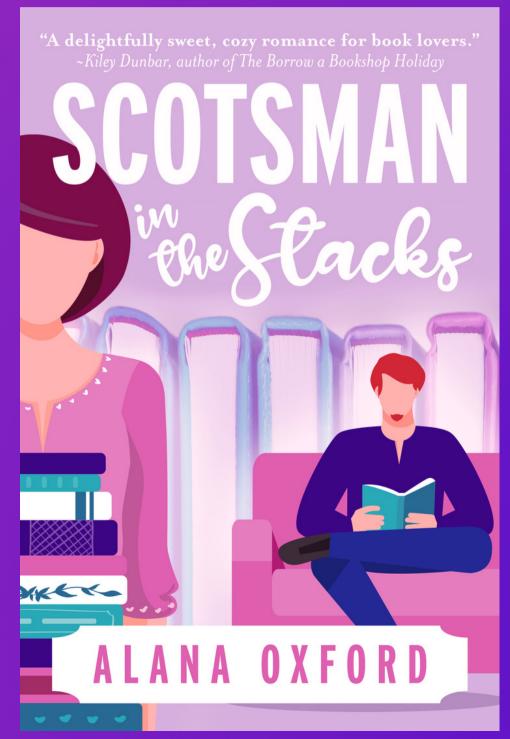


Frankenmuth is Michigan's "Little Bavaria." It celebrates the area's German roots and is a popular tourist destination for famous Frankenmuth chicken dinners and is also the home of Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, the "world's largest Christmas store."



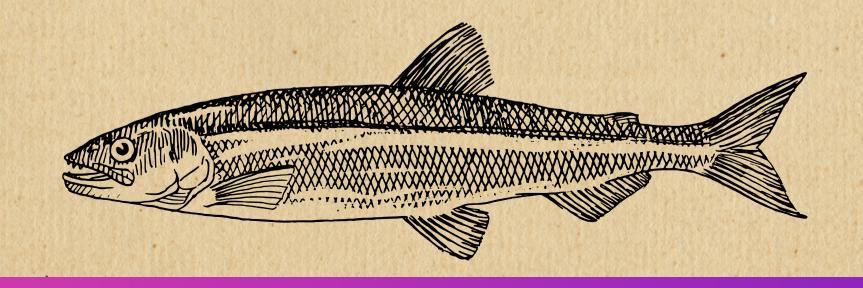








The Grayling Fish Hatchery was established in 1919 by Rasmus Hanson and several fellow sportsmen including Henry and Edsel Ford.







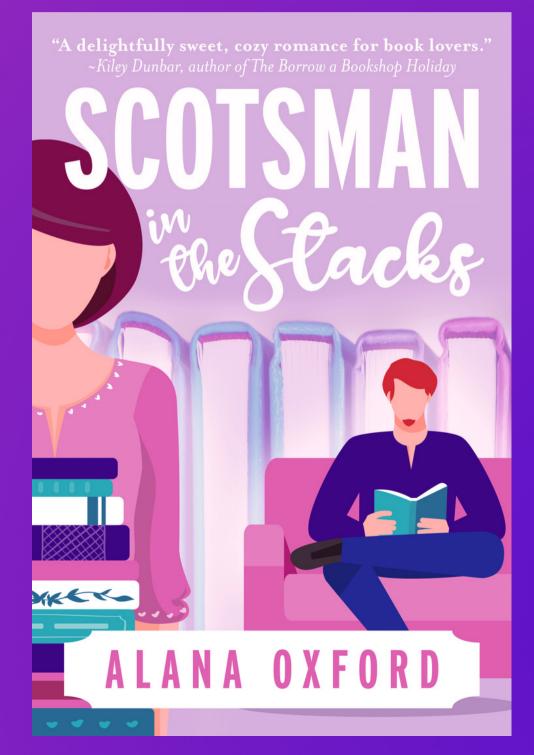
Goodale's Bakery & Deli is a delicious gem in downtown Grayling, Michigan. The perfect stop for a sweet treat, or a bite to eat as you continue on to Northern Michigan or if you're staying in the Grayling area.







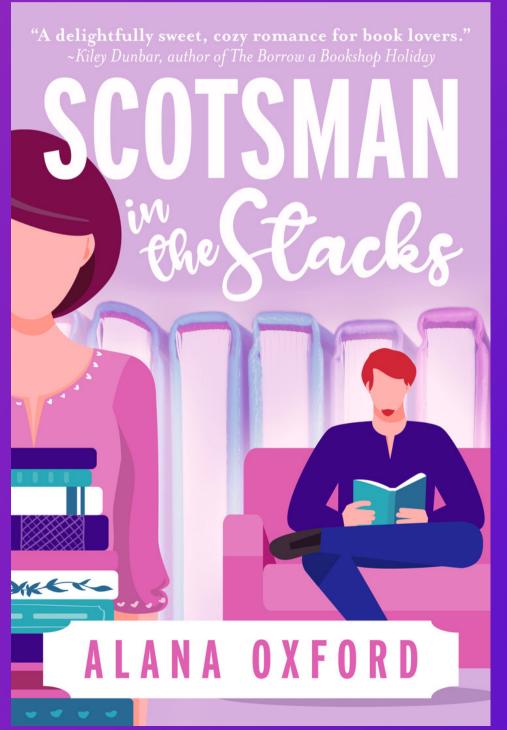






Mackinac Island lies in Lake Huron between Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas. It's also home to historic Fort Mackinac, founded in 1780. The siege of Fort Mackinac was one of the first engagements of the War of 1812.







The Mackinac Bridge aka The Mighty Mack is nearly five miles long over the frigid waters of the straits of Mackinac. It only takes 5-7 minutes to cross, but if you're like Paige, it feels like forever.



