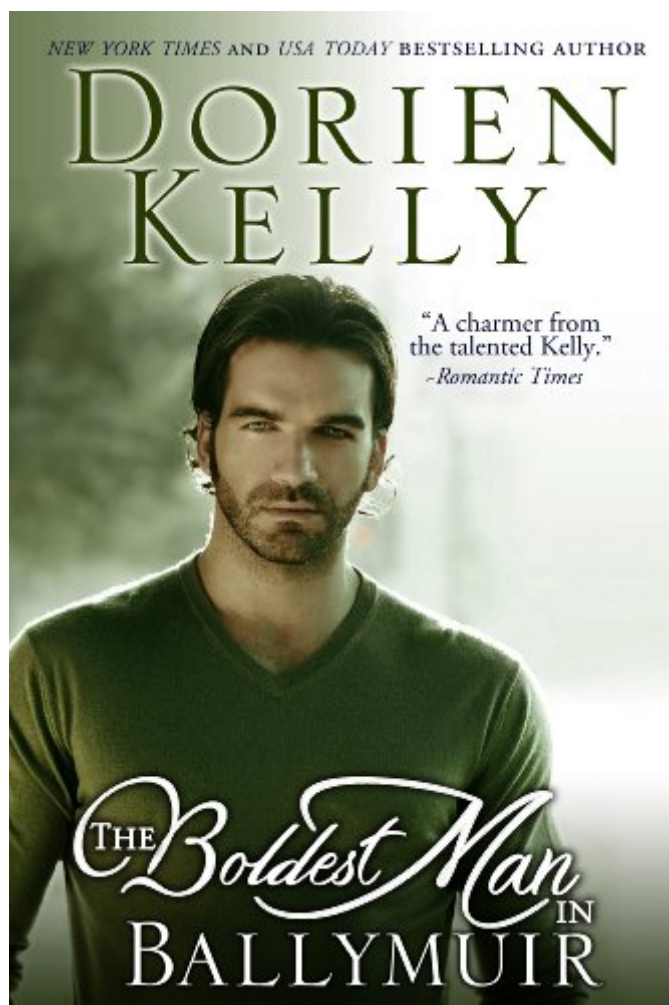




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# The Boldest Man In Ballymuir (Ballymuir Series)



## Synopsis

From New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Dorian Kelly: When bold and sexy businessman Devlin Gilvane arrives in the Irish village of Ballymuir, almost everyone is taken by his charm. Only American chef Jenna Fahey sees the threat he poses. She's highly suspicious of the way Dev is sniffing around Muir House, the old manor house she has leased and worked relentlessly to turn into a restaurant on the brink of international fame. Muir House has been Jenna's redemption from a dark past, and she will fight to the end to make it hers. Dev needs the property to reach the top of the multinational resorts corporation that employs him. He won't let one admittedly beautiful chef get in his way. But neither Dev nor Jenna expects the passion that ignites between them, or the secrets that reveal themselves as their lives collide. Praise for Dorian Kelly's Ballymuir novels: "Smartly written...with dialogue zinging between Jenna and Dev.... Kelly is an author who delivers first-rate reads." The Oakland Press "(T)he quirky folks who populate Ballymuir create a funny, affectionately drawn world to which readers will eagerly return." Publishers Weekly "(A) modern story graced with a little bit of old Irish magic." Booklist "A charmer.... The sights, smells, and atmosphere of Ireland permeate this appealing tale." Romantic Times "Dorian Kelly delivers stories with sparkle and charm." Janet Evanovich Pick up this book if you like Nora Roberts' "Born In" series or Maeve Binchy's work! This is a novel of approximately 90,000 words and was titled Hot Nights in Ballymuir when first released as a mass market paperback. The author has revised and updated it for this preferred e-book edition.

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I am in love with this series! It must be difficult to write an intelligent romance with believable characters and a wonderful plot. Or maybe I have trouble finding those books. But here I have found not only one, but three! This series includes those rare books that make you ignore the entire world until you are done. And Ballymuir sounds like a wonderful place...

I discovered this author and series with the reading of her first book, "The Last Bride in Ballymuir". I was hooked before the end of the first chapter! If you are going to read this book, I would encourage you to read them in order, as there is a bit of history given in the first book that flows into Jenna's story in this book, and from this book into the third one. Jenna is an American girl who loves to cook, and uses food as a way to keep her life in order and give it purpose. Devlin is an Irish lad who has given up his Irish roots and is on the British fast track to success. Throw a Porsche 911 and some organic butter lettuce in, and you can imagine how their initial introduction goes in the town of Ballymuir. These two are wounded souls that find one another, but not in the most ideal circumstances. Theirs is not an easy road - Dev learns that some things are more important than "the next big deal", and Jenna learns that hurts can be mended if you are just willing to put yourself out there a bit. Throw in a few friends and some unexpected family members, and you wonder if these two are ever going to catch a break! Ms. Kelly writes a story that is funny, poignant, and with a touch of magic that makes me wish I could visit Ballymuir.

I had read the first book in the Ballymuir series and thoroughly enjoyed it...so I of course took the next step and hunted down the two books that followed. I love finding a series AFTER they've all come out, no waiting for the next one to be published. In The Boldest Man in Ballymuir, Jenna's story is told. Since she was a very minor character in the first book I wasn't sure what to expect. I loved both Jenna and Dev. Dorien Kelly can tell a story that makes you care about her and him, you want to know all about them and how they'll reach their happily ever after. Jenna, the owner of an

old, almost restored mansion in Ballymuir, Ireland, and Dev, an executive in a company very much interested in buying her house in order to turn it and the surrounding area into an upscale resort, are attracted to each other from the beginning. If the deal goes through, it would not only completely destroy the home that she has come to love... but the love that has begun to grow between Dev and Jenna. There are a lot of secondary characters in this novel and MS Kelly makes us care about everyone of them. I love to read, some books I just keep reading in order to finally finish the things. This book definitely doesn't fit into that category at all. Instead, it's one you can't wait to finish and see what happens then you're almost sad that it's over and there's no more to be read. Hopefully, Dorian Kelly will follow up the first three books with Danny's and Pat's stories, the twin younger brothers of Michael (The Last Bride of Ballymuir) and Vi (The Brightest Flame in Ballymuir). I, for one, will be looking forward to reading those stories if she does.

Health and long life to you; the love of your heart to you; land without rent to you; and may you die in Ireland.-Irish Toast

In the second book of the Ballymuir Trilogy, Ms. Kelly takes us on a wonderful ride through the hillsides of Ireland. She again brings the land to life and has you dreaming of long walks along the shore with the man of your dreams. She has woven tales of long ago and mixed them with the problems of today. She has you looking for ogham stones and believing in spirits, the power of the mind and looking forward to the lighting of the fires to bring everyone and everything together. Jenna Fahey comes from a very wealthy, American family and has a past that she wishes she could forget as easily as her parents have forgotten about her. She's finally making a name for herself as a renowned Chef at her restaurant, Muir House. This is her passion, her love and her life. She has no time for men or the trouble that they would most likely bring. Then she meets Dev and something has come to life for her. She knows he's up to no good; she knows that she needs to steer clear of him; she knows that she could easily fall in love with him. She has to keep him at arms length for her sanity and for the sanctity of Muir House. Now, she needs to tell that to the rest of her body. As Muir House and the ogham stones sing to her, tell her stories and pull her in a direction that she does not want to go, she has to face the fact that she's fallen in love with Dev and knows, deep down, that he is going to tear her heart out when he takes Muir House out from under her. Devlin Gilvane is a brash, hard-hearted man with two things in mind. 1. Secure Muir House so that he could climb the corporate ladder; 2. Get Jenna in bed. Hmm, his second goal just may be as hard as the first. He has to find a way to get her to realize that the "sparks" between them are more than animosity and the attraction is running both ways. When he realizes just what Jenna may mean to him, he does everything in his power to try to find a just as suitable place for the new resort as

Muir House. He is feeling something that he has never felt before and he has no idea how to deal with it! With the help of Vi, who we met in "The Last Bride of Ballymuir" and his Mam, Dev's past and present come together. He starts seeing things more clearly. He starts learning to trust and love in a way that he never thought he would. He starts realizing that there is more to life than money or his job. He learns that the love of a good woman can fulfill everything that he has been trying to achieve and make him feel more whole than anything in the world. Now, to prove the Irish Legends of Muir House wrong .... an Englishman and an Irish woman can be together, the walls will not crumble, they will live happily ever after and have the life they have both dreamed of. "The Boldest Man in Ballymuir" pulled me in right from the beginning. I loved hearing the tales of old Ireland being told. Again, I could hear the Irish Brogue coming through on the pages. I could see Jenna and Dev on the hill at the ogham stone and feel the pull of the spirits bringing them together. Vi is one of the most wonderful, witty characters I have ever read. Ms. Kelly brought color and a sense of old Ireland to life with Vi. She also brought in a supporting cast that brought the whole book together: Kate (Dev's mam), Maureen (Jenna's sister), Brendan Mulqueen (a surprise when you read the book), Sam (Maureen's ex and a movie star) and all the wonderful townspeople of Ballymuir. We also revisit with Kylie and Michael for a little bit and find out how their lives are getting along. But, what amazes me the most with Dorian Kelly's writing is how she brings the old and new together, the mystery and the solution. There is never a "down" time in the book and you are always looking forward to turning the page just to see what is going to happen next. Please enjoy Jenna and Dev's book, they worked hard to be together and to get their Happily Ever After!

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