

## Matthew and the Highland Rescue

**M**atthew Walker is a troubled boy. He's being bullied at school, his father has been missing for nearly a year, and his mother is romantically involved with the man who is supposed to be looking for him.

During a fishing trip at Loch Kinord, whilst on holiday in Scotland, Matthew and his cousin, Rory, discover something strange about the historic island in the loch. When they return to investigate, they are somehow transported to the 11<sup>th</sup> century and are asked to stay at the court of Warrior King Malcolm III and his saintly wife, Queen Margaret. The cousins attend the first ever Braemar Gathering, have a run-in with the ghost of King Macbeth, and witness the gruesome Battle of Monandawan. They soon realize that they might possibly be trapped in the wrong century forever. Then Matthew faces a new dilemma entirely, and it results in a life-changing experience not soon to be forgotten!

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