

## **The Bloodlines-Touch Not the Cat Virtual Mystery Contest Tour.**



**with personal pictures & stories  
from the authors**

**Get an on line taste of the June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 Ballindalloch  
Bloodlines - Touch Not the Cat book event  
& win a special signed copy**

## Mystery Tour Contest Guidelines:

All answers to the 7 questions below are to be found in the genealogy mystery novel **Bloodlines - Touch Not the Cat**. (including the reader's notes)

Write the correct answers on the form below, mentioning the correct A, B, C or D choice behind the corresponding question.

*Question 1. ....*

*Question 2. ....*

*Question 3. ....*

*Question 4. ....*

*Question 5. ....*

*Question 6. ....*

*Question 7. ....*

Copy & paste your answers into a mail to : [info@touchnotthecat.com](mailto:info@touchnotthecat.com)  
subject: mystery contest.

Closing date: July 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

The 7 winners of a Ballindalloch June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 signed copy will be informed by mail no later than 31-07-2012.

When given permission by the winners, the names will be published on [www.touchnotthecat.com](http://www.touchnotthecat.com) in August 2012.

*Question 1.*

The beauty of the impeccably kept Walled Garden on the Ballindalloch Estate inspired the authors to include a scene in Bloodlines-Touch Not the Cat.

1: *Which Red Rose is mentioned by character John Macpherson?*

- A: The Bonnie Lass
- B: The Ballindalloch Rose
- C: The Linda Campbell Rose
- D: The Robert Burns Rose



(For some extra rosy entertainment click:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBCQMWMbeMU> )

*Question 2*

*2:* Which river depicted here, as it is running through the Ballindalloch Estate, is known as the fastest flowing river in the United Kingdom?

- A: The River Avon
- B: The River Don
- C: The River Spey
- D: The River Dee



### *Question 3*

While doing research in the area surrounding Ballindalloch Castle, Tom & Ingrid visited the Ballindalloch golf course and asked one of the locals how one would have traveled from Ballindalloch to Boston in 1895.

The surprising answer supplied them with a treasured feature in the book: Ballindalloch train station. Hidden in a small valley close to the castle, the stationhouse nowadays serves as a community centre.

When researching Alexander's route further the authors discovered another special train going from New York to Boston.

3. Which 19<sup>th</sup> century author wrote a poem about this "Ghost" train

A: Robert Browning

B: Mark Twain

C: Rudyard Kipling

D: Oscar Wilde



### *Question 4*

A visit to Scotland changed the political views of famed Belgian author/artist Hergé and inspired him to write the Tin Tin album “ The Black Island”.

While writing Bloodlines -Touch Not the Cat, Tom & Ingrid researched the impact Scotland had on Hergé and decided to include a reference to the comic strip albums in their mystery novel, even though it was difficult to establish how many people would still remember the Tin Tin comic books.

It brought a huge smile to their faces ,when soon after it was announced that Steven Spielberg was to release “ The Secret of the Unicorn” (2011) bringing Tin Tin back to public’s attention.

*4.* Which duo portrayed in Bloodlines-Touch Not the Cat; is compared to the Thomson & Thompson twins, except for the bowler hats missing?

- A: Cathy Stewart & Steve Hicks
- B: Angus Macpherson Jr. & George Macpherson.
- C: Wayne & Eleanor Stewart.
- D: Maggie & Euphemia



### *Question 5*

Even Cathy Stewart, who reluctantly flew from North Carolina to Scotland, had to admit while being driven from Dyce Airport to the Ballindalloch Estate, by Mr. Christie, that the highland scenery acts like balm to the restless soul.

*5:* How did Cathy and Mr. Christie find each other at the airport?

A: Christie was holding a sign saying: “Cathy Stewart”

B: Christie recognized Cathy as a Macpherson

C: Christie was given a picture of Cathy

D: Cathy had a picture of Mr. Christie.



### *Question 6*

When looking for a location to base the Bloodlines-Touch Not the Cat storyline, co-author Tom McKerley randomly chose an existing castle from the Internet. His main reason for selecting Ballindalloch Castle was that to this day the same family has lived on the estate for over 450 years. The name “Macpherson” came with the castle; even though the characters in the book are entirely fictional and have nothing whatsoever in common with existing people either in the present or the past.

*6.* The Ballindalloch website in the novel Bloodlines-Touch Not the Cat, also depicts a ghost that will not be found on the existing official site. Who is this ghost?

- A: Edward Macpherson who mysteriously disappeared in the Tay Bridge disaster of 1879
- B: Malcolm Macpherson, killed during the prohibition years in the United States, presumably by Al Capone himself.
- C: The Green Lady, in the nursery of Ballindalloch Castle
- D: Gordon Macpherson, who allegedly disappeared while salmon fishing on the Ballindalloch Estate.





## *Question 7*

Inveravon Church and burial grounds as well as the Inveravon primary school can be found close to Ballindalloch. Both are still in use.

7: *In Bloodlines Touch Not the Cat* a walking trail leading from Ballindalloch Castle to these two places is frequently used. What was its name in 1895, when Alexander walks to the Ballindalloch train station?

- A: The Church Walk
- B: The Lady's Walk
- C: The Wee Walk
- D: The Ballindalloch Walk

