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## **From Reader Review To Win a Lady's Heart for online ebook**

### **Cathy says**

I loved the way this book sucked me back in time to a land of Lords, Ladies, Knights and their steeds, and castles. The whole setting of this one almost felt real to me, the author really did such an amazing job with that.

The plot was awesome too, and I loved the way that the author has some notes at the end telling where she kind of got the plot from, so fascinating to see her process of how she came to it. I loved the way that the reader is as in the dark about who the villain is and the hero and heroine, that makes the book that much more interactive, because I for one was always puzzling out in my mind just who was after Lady Joanna and Sir Lukas.

Lady Joanna is simply amazing. I love the way that in the beginning you see what happens to her as a baby and then you see the result for both her and her father. I loved that she was able to grow into the amazing and caring young woman that she was with no real guidance from a parent figure, her mother had died and her father keeps her at arms length with no real love and affection.

Then there's Sir Lukas. He's simply coming to Moreland Castle to thank the man who had helped his mother many years before. But he gets caught in the intrigue accidentally and is left for dead. Lady Joanna finds him and makes sure he gets the care he needs before he dies. I love that he is a true, honest and noble knight, willing to enter the tournament for Joanna's hand in marriage and willing to help her right the wrongs with the peasant people without thought for his own safety.

I loved everything about this book, it kept me up late at night because I wanted to know just how the story ended. So amazing!

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### **Julie Carpenter says**

I was perusing audiobooks today and came across this one. I was so excited! I've been eyeing it since it came out. How could I not, I mean look at that cover! So gorgeous. The dress and that horse?!!! Not to mention that the synopsis called to me and many friends absolutely loved it when they read it several months ago. So I selected it and turned it on. It was a fabulous companion for my day. I had a lot of prep work to do for an upcoming trip and so while I was cleaning, doing laundry, making food and being mommy chauffeur I listened to, enjoyed and finished this gem. I can't resist a good medieval love story, fraught with danger, tournaments, horses, archery, angst, friendship and budding romance.

While I was mommy chauffeur, my daughters were hooked. And when I say hooked, I mean absolutely deathly silence in my car. Not even one little peep came out of them. They weren't asking me questions, they didn't have any little fights with each other. Just completely, 100% hooked on the story. They of course came in at the last 15% of the story so it was a little bit more intense as it was building to the climax but they loved it!

The beginning starts with a bang, or a roar, or a something to convey a traumatic experience. Altering a young baby's life for many years to come. Not only is baby Joanna's life altered but many other people

belonging under the protection of Lord Gilbert have a big change in their lives. Flash forward many years and Joanna comes upon the remains of a dangerous scene. Once she does, she cannot turn back time and change her course. But the course it puts her on is dangerous and will unravel all secrets that have been held at Mooreland since the death of her mother when Joanna was born. Will she survive? Will she be able to protect those under her care? Can she reach her father's aloofness for her and break through his barriers to save their people?

The love story was sweet and a good part of the story but I would say that it wasn't the main focus of the story. It does drive the story forward in several parts but the peril and mystery felt like it was more the main focus. I have enjoyed the books I've read by this author. My first book was *Forgotten Notes*, back when I was a young teenager. My copy has been read and reread so many times (by me and others) that the binding has come completely unglued and has sections of the book that are falling apart. I hate to replace it because it's a well loved copy but it just might be a necessity. LOL!

Content: Clean. Some peril, nothing overly graphic and only a handful of sweet kisses.

Audiobook copy from Deseret Bookshelf plus. (I'm loving this! Got a gift subscription that will last me several months and it has thousands of books that I love and that I haven't read yet! You'll be seeing many, many, many audiobooks going through my shelves in the upcoming months!)

Happy Reading!!!

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

A wonderful cast of characters give heart to this medieval tale of loyalty and betrayal. I loved Lady Joanna's compassion for the peasants in her father's land, and her determination to champion their cause since they couldn't for themselves. Her secret relationship with Agnes and the two young men Agnes cares for proves to be beneficial when they come to her aid as the kingdom seems to be falling apart. The arrival of Lukas was timely as he helps solve the mystery of the stolen wool and reveal the culprits who are behind the plot to rob Joanna's father of everything. His goodness shines through in his kindness and devotion to Joanna, and I was rooting for him to win the tournament and her heart. Lord Gilbert's loyal knight Sir Edwyn was a steadying influence in Joanna's life as a father figure and his connection to Lukas brought the story full circle. This is a book that will be enjoyed by fans of Melanie Dickerson and I highly recommend it for both young adults and adults.

(I was provided a copy of the book by the publisher; all opinions in this review are my own)

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### **Bonnie says**

This was a delightful read. I'm familiar with the legend it was based on so I was excited to see how that would be incorporated into the story. It was done well. The characters were true to their upbringing as well as the individual challenges that life brought them. It was fun to see Lady Joanna's growth throughout the story as well as her father and Sir Lukas. I'm always a sucker for a good tournament with the wrong guy in the lead. This is a well written love story that anyone will enjoy and appreciate. I highly recommend it.

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## **Katie W says**

I've always had a soft spot in my heart for stories of brave knights, beautiful and strong ladies, dastardly villains, and dangerous plots. With a fantastic assortment of characters, this story stole my heart and captured my attention from the first page.

Lady Joanna is a devious young woman--but in a good way, if that makes sense. She takes risks to make friends, help others, and enjoy life a little, but has to do so secretly. She's the type of character that a reader can't help but adore, with her headstrong ways and her good heart. Sir Lukas is exactly the type of hero that charms the socks off a girl. He's strong, brave, loyal, and willing to do whatever it takes to uncover the glimpses of evil that he catches. With danger lurking around every dark corner due to a challenge that will win one lucky man Joanna's hand in marriage, it's up to this duo to save the day--in more ways than one.

This book is just what my soul needed. I love the way the plot is spun into a swoon-worthy tale that has all the right elements to make a very intriguing story that is sure to enchant any reader. I was taken back to my youth, when I would dream of tales such as this becoming my reality, yet the book is realistic and consistent enough to be believable. I believe that good will conquer evil and that true love does exist. But I also know that it takes a lot of hard work to get to that happily ever after. This journey is definitely one worth reading about.

Content: mild-moderate violence; mild romance.

\*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher. I voluntarily reviewed this book and all opinions expressed are my own.\*

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## **Crystal (Books Are Sanity!!!) says**

Book Summary:

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My Review:

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I quickly fell into Lady Joanna's world and became so wrapped up in her life. I could see the castle, the ocean, Agnes's cottage and even Joanna's wolfhound Cona. My heart broke that her father was so cold and distant from her and chose to keep her at an arm's length. Then Lukas showed up and the story took an unexpected turn full of mystery and double crossing. The archery tournament was a perfect stage for any true fan of the medieval times. I just really loved this book, it kept me up reading because I had to know how it would end! The setting, the huge wolfhound Cona, Joanna's kind and pure heart, Lukas' true knightly traits and a nefarious scheme that the heroes needed to uncover...this book has it all! I received a copy of this book for free, all thoughts and opinions are my own.

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### **Charissa says**

This medieval romance starts out with a heartbreaking scene that set the tone for the rest of the book. Lady Joanna is kind and good, yet she is guarded by her father's wolfhound and never given any freedom or touch of concern except from her lady's maid and Agnes, the healer who was banished from the castle years ago. When she finds a wounded man on the cliff trail as she sneaks away from the castle, she seeks Agnes's help to care for him. Wool goes missing and her father announces that her hand in marriage will be given to the winner of the archery contest Moreland will host soon. Lady Joanna is distraught to be seen as an object instead of a person by her father and the knights entering the contest.

The things I loved about this enchanting tale were the great setting in medieval England along the rainy cliffs near Moreland. Medieval fiction is fun because there are castles, warrior knights, the poor women who must be strong in that world, and lots of action. The characters were great too, with many layers to peel away to discover the gems inside. The plot had nice twists and mysteries to solve, as well as lots of action. The budding romance between Joanna and the handsome stranger from Cornwall was sweet too. Overall, this was a great treat to read. \*\*\*I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Heather says**

I really enjoyed this book. Don't let the sappy title fool you. Yes, it is a romance book, but it had a good plot with layers of intrigue. The story was full of interesting characters; I enjoyed watching as the relationships changed and developed. Overall a good book that readers of this genre will enjoy. (This book is squeaky clean and has a little bit of a Christian feel to it -- for those who care.)

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## **Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says**

I love books that take me back to the time of Knights and Castles. There is always that imagery of chivalry that takes me back to childhood dreams of being a princess with a handsome knight (or two) to save and protect me. Now that I am older, I know that the dream had a dark side, that of vassals, outhouses, poverty, etc.

This book had a great mix of my childhood dream and the realities of the time period. Lady Joanna is the daughter of a Lord. She is kept in beautiful gowns and has servants to wait on her. While she may have comforts, there are many aspects of life she missed. She was not given freedom to roam away from her home. She is basically a prisoner to a small geographical area, mainly the castle. Her father is distrustful of most and doesn't give her time and attention. Lady Joanna is concerned with the vassals. She understands their concerns about paying taxes and does her best to try to help them not end up in the dungeon,.

Sir Lukas comes to Moreland to give thanks to a knight that his mother owes a debt of gratitude. He is immediately set upon by men up to no good and now has information that may help end a ring of thieves.

I loved the writing style of the book. I also love the time period and theme. Sian Ann Bessey gave me descriptions that helped me form images in my mind. I love it when an author can do that. She described the story in a way that appealed me.

I also liked that there were dimensions to the characters. Lord Gilbert has demons from the past that effect the man he is in the story. Sir Edwyn made a decision that illustrate how a good decision can have impact on the future. Joanna shows a soft side, but she is a woman of determination and intellect.

This is a clean romance with adventure, mystery, and some violence.

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## **Shauna says**

This tale will leave you feeling enchanted! You will read of a king and his castle. You will revel in knights and thieves. Your heart will melt for a simple-minded man, a young boy, and a women forbidden from the kingdom. Lady Joanna and her wolfhound with capture your attention and keep you reading long into the night. I completely recommend this book! ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!!!

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## **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

I love books set in medieval times with loyal and brave knights, beautiful ladies, archery tournaments and sinister plots! This book has it all. I just loved it!

The characters were all so vivid in my mind. Lady Joanna is the perfect picture of kindness and loyalty. She loves her land and her people and has a desire to help them both thrive. Her frustration comes from not being allowed to really participate in decisions regarding either one and instead is shoved off to the side as a pretty ornament.

Sir Lukas is the stuff of every young girl's fantasy. He is strong, smart and chivalrous. I loved his

determination and his honor.

This story played out like a fantastic movie in my head. I loved the characters, the setting and the way the writing made me feel enveloped. Love from beginning to end!

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### **Melissa says**

What a way cute story, I wanted more! Bessey is a good author, I've always liked her. This was such a well put together story, I just wanted more of the characters and the scenery and the feel of the medevil world. I handed it to my teen who loves midevil stuff. There is talk of God and some prayers this was just a sweet book, a little violence, but not detailed.

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### **Shauna says**

I'm rounding up on this one because I'm such a sucker for this period. I would have liked to see Lord Gilbert a little bit more developed and his relationship with his daughter flushed out, but the arrows fly straight to a happy ending that is still satisfying.

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### **Lu Ann says**

Lady Joanna's mother died at her birth. Her over protective, grief-stricken father, Lord Gilbert, has seldom ever offered her kindness and barely acknowledges her existence. Thanks to a dear Lady's maid, a noble Knight, a banished healer, and a devoted Wolf Dog, she was raised with love and respect. The only problem is, in order to visit the healer - which is forbidden - she has to sneak out just before dawn, through a secret tunnel. She was in the process of doing so when she came upon a stranger, lying in a clump, badly beaten and bleeding . She made a tourniquet out of her skirt, then ran to the healer's place for help. Two of the healer's "adopted children" assisted the ladies in rescuing the man and taking him to the cabin on the shore. it was doubtful he would survive.

Lady Joanna was late so had to hurry back to the castle and hopefully sneak back in undiscovered. After arriving, her maid scolded her and informed her, Lord Gilbert had summoned her. To Lady Joanna's dismay, Lord Gilbert informed her of an upcoming occasion in which she had no say. With this, the fear of the poor man dying, and a doomed future, Lady Joanna felt she could no longer fight the tears. Was there no hope? The plot steadily unfolds and there is daring and danger, as well as, drama, intrigue and romance. the character seem real, the book cover and title are a great fit. The background scenes are also portrayed well.

^This book was gifted to me but in no way does that influence this honest review.

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### **Julie says**

I loved the last book I read by this author, so I was excited for another. This one has a sweet story with likable characters. The beginning sucked me in right away and the pace is just right, but I found the plot just a bit too predictable.



