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Sky Raiders

Before Bobby Pendragon. Before Saint Dane. Before the war . . . Every territory of Halla has a Traveler. They lived for years—some even for decades—before learning of their true destiny. What was life like for Bobby Pendragon's fellow Travelers before they joined him in the fight to save every time and place that has ever existed? What led up to their becoming the guardians of Halla? The answers are here! In this first of three thrilling Pendragon prequels, read about Vo Spader's

death-defying adventures in the underwater world of Cloral, Gunny Van Dyke's race to find a murderer in 1930's Manhattan on First Earth, and the tough challenges Kasha faced on Eelong well before Bobby Pendragon arrived . . .

Rogue Knight

Anna Barrett is more comfortable filling tankards at the White Heron Theater than shopping for corsets. Her "take no prisoners" attitude has earned her a tough reputation. Where she was once innocent and naive, now she's vowed never to be ensnared by a man again. Except Robert Alden is not just any man.... Gorgeous, dashing and decidedly reckless, this playwright has left a trail of broken hearts across London. He's also a spy on a dangerous assignment. Anna cannot help getting embroiled in his mission—even if this seemingly untameable rogue is the last person with whom she should become involved....

Five Kingdoms: Sky Raiders

With the explosion in YA publishing, it's harder than ever to separate good books from the rest. Booklistmagazine's editors' deep and broad knowledge of the landscape offers indispensable guidance, and here they bring together the very best of the best books for young adults published since the start of the 21st

century. Drawing on the careful judgment of expert YA librarians, this book Includes a foreword by best-selling YA lit authority Michael Cart, who demonstrates how we have entered a new golden age of books for young adults Collects reviews which showcase the most stimulating contemporary YA titles Features an essay in each section, grouped by genre, presenting an overview and examining relevant trends Indexes selections by author, title, and genre for handy reference The thoughtful professional review coverage for which ALA's Booklist is known makes this volume an ideal tool for YA readers' advisory and collection development.

Scholar's Plot

LITERATURE AND THE CHILD, 9th Edition, offers thorough, concise coverage of the genres and formats of children's literature and guidance on using literature in the classroom. With a focus on diverse award-winning titles, this market-leading text includes beautifully written and illustrated discussions of exemplary titles for readers in nursery school through middle school. A stunning design features interior illustrations by Lauren Stringer, an award-winning children's book author and illustrator. Each genre chapter contains criteria for evaluating literary quality, equipping students with a resource to guide text selection in the classroom. Practical, research-based information about teaching appears throughout, including sample teaching ideas and an emphasis on the importance of selecting and teaching complex texts. Extensive booklists provide excellent, ongoing

resources and highlight texts that emphasize diversity. This text helps teachers understand how to select books that best serve their curriculum goals as well as the interests and needs of their students. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Booklist's 1000 Best Young Adult Books since 2000

Samantha Willan is a workaholic lawyer. She's grateful for some rest and relaxation in cottage country, and after a recent breakup she wants to stay as far away from romance as possible. Then she meets her irresistible new neighbor. There's something strange and mysterious about his eyes. Is it just her imagination, or are they locked on her neck? Garrett Mortimer is a rogue hunter. His last assignment united Lucian Argeneau with his lifemate, and Mortimer is hoping this one will be less . . . adventurous. He's here to track down a reported rogue, but fun in the sun is every bloodsucker's nightmare. Worse, he can't seem to get his mind off Samantha, especially when he spies her skinny-dipping in the lake. After eight hundred years as a bachelor, is he ready to turn a volatile attraction into a lasting love affair?

Rogue

Melanie, having finally met the love of her life, finds herself falling for her boyfriend's reclusive, younger brother and attempts to bring some joy into his life in this sequel to Real. Original.

Rogue

Lost and Found

Sara Grey is done hiding and done being afraid. The Master thinks he has her running scared, but she's taking matters into her own hands and taking her life back. With the help of her friends, she sets out to find the one person who can answer her questions about her past, and who may be able to lead them to the Master. On her journey, Sara faces new challenges and dangers, and learns that the world of good and evil is not as clear cut as she had believed. She makes new friends, unexpected allies, and reconnects with people from her past. As her powers continue to change and grow, she transforms from a struggling girl into a strong young warrior. But at what cost? How much is Sara willing to sacrifice in her need for independence and her quest for the truth? And will her newfound strength be enough to save her and the people she loves when she finally comes face-to-face with her powerful nemesis? Nothing could have prepared her for what is to

come, and it will take everything in her to survive the final test of courage and love.

The Paladin Prophecy

In the third in Katharine Ashe's Prince Catchers series, the eldest of three very different sisters must fulfill a prophecy to discover their birthright. But if Eleanor is destined to marry a prince, why can't she resist the scoundrel who seduced her? She can pour tea, manage a household, and sew a modest gown. In short, Eleanor Caulfield is the perfect vicar's daughter. Yet there was a time when she'd risked everything for a black-eyed gypsy who left her brokenhearted. Now he stands before her—dark, virile, and ready to escort her on a journey to find the truth about her heritage. Leaving eleven years ago should have given Taliesin freedom. Instead he's returned to Eleanor, determined to have her all to himself, tempting her with kisses and promising her a passion she's so long denied herself. But if he was infatuated before, he's utterly unprepared for what will happen when Eleanor decides to abandon convention—and truly live . . .

The Last Knight of Albion

A fifteen-year-old boy who has spent his entire life trying to avoid attention finds

himself in the middle of a millenia-old struggle between titanic forces when he is simultaneously recruited by an exclusive prep school and followed by sinister agents.

The Rogue Hunter

In this luminous memoir, an MIT astrophysicist must reinvent herself in the wake of tragedy and discovers the power of connection on this planet, even as she searches our galaxy for another Earth. Sara Seager has always been in love with the stars: so many lights in the sky, so much possibility. Now a pioneering planetary scientist, she searches for exoplanets—especially that distant, elusive world that sustains life. But with the unexpected death of Seager’s husband, the purpose of her own life becomes hard for her to see. Suddenly, at forty, she is a widow and the single mother of two young boys. For the first time, she feels alone in the universe. As she struggles to navigate her life after loss, Seager takes solace in the alien beauty of exoplanets and the technical challenges of exploration. At the same time, she discovers earthbound connections that feel every bit as wondrous, when strangers and loved ones alike reach out to her across the space of her grief. Among them are the Widows of Concord, a group of women offering advice on everything from home maintenance to dating, and her beloved sons, Max and Alex. Most unexpected of all, there is another kind of one-in-a-billion match, not in the stars but here at home. Probing and invigoratingly honest, The

Smallest Lights in the Universe is its own kind of light in the dark.

Rogue Knight

"Mesmerizing medieval romance! A vivid portrayal of love flourishing amidst the turbulence of the years after the Norman Conquest." -- Kathryn Le Veque, USA Today Bestselling Author
York, England 1069 three years after the Norman Conquest The North of England seethes with discontent under the heavy hand of William the Conqueror, who unleashes his fury on the rebels who dare to defy him. Amid the ensuing devastation, love blooms in the heart of a gallant Norman knight for a Yorkshire widow. A LOVE NEITHER CAN DENY, A PASSION NEITHER CAN RESIST
Angry at the cruelty she has witnessed at the Normans' hands, Emma of York is torn between her loyalty to her noble Danish father, a leader of the rebels, and her growing passion for an honorable French knight. Loyal to King William, Sir Geoffroi de Tournai has no idea Emma hides a secret that could mean death for him and his fellow knights. WAR DREW THEM TOGETHER, WAR WOULD TEAR THEM APART
War erupts, tearing asunder the tentative love growing between them, leaving each the enemy of the other. Will Sir Geoffroi, convinced Emma has betrayed him, defy his king to save her?

Literature and the Child

Want to identify fiction books that boys in grades three through nine will find irresistible? This guide reveals dozens of worthwhile recommendations in categories ranging from adventure stories and sports novels to horror, humorous, and science fiction books.

The Last Knight

A group of knights with nothing to lose joined the First Crusade and rode to Outremer. Six years later, they return home in search of a future—richer and more daring than they were before. Each has a mysterious gift to open upon his homecoming, a gift that is said to have the power to make that knight's dream come true... Cursed to take the form of the wolf by day, Rolfe de Viandin is skeptical that love can save him. All he wants is to return home from crusade by the Yule and even the pleasures of a magical palace cannot console him...until a beautiful and bold maiden arrives at his gates, seeking sanctuary, and Rolfe's hope is restored. Hunted in the forest, Annelise de Sayerne has to surrender her desire to wed for love, as the price of entering the only refuge is marriage to its enigmatic lord. She fears he must be a monster, but once she experiences his kindness, Annelise resolves to find love with her new husband—if she can just claim his heart. Even as Rolfe is beguiled by his bride and Annelise unravels his secrets, a spurned suitor pursues Annelise, determined to claim her legacy at any price. If Rolfe's curse is not broken, how can he defend his beloved wife from the villain?

Will their future be lost before it is truly won—or will Rolfe be convinced of the power of love in time? An earlier version of this story was published under the title Enchanted. *** Keywords: crusades, marriage of convenience, disguise, cursed hero, shapeshifter, wolf shifter, paranormal romance, fantasy romance, medieval romance, romantic comedy, action adventure, first in series, wolf shifter, shape shifter romance

Rogue Knight

The sixth and last book in the Knight and Rogue series in which Fisk and Michael attempt to rescue a genuine damsel in distress.

The Last Knight

A KNIGHT WITHOUT ARMOR IN A SAVAGE GALAXY Captain Dominic Flandry has been knighted for his many services to the Terran Empire³/₄an Empire which is old, jaded, and corrupt, as Flandry well knows³/₄but he also knows that the Empire is better than anything that is likely to take its place. And while that _SirÓ before his name may be an added attraction to comely ladies (not that he has ever lacked for the pleasant company of the same), he expects that it will also bring him less welcome attention from envious _colleaguesÓ within the empire. What it is not

likely to do is make him more of an object of interest to the alien Merseians, whose plots against the Empire he has repeatedly foiled. They already are as aware as they can be of how much simpler their plans to rule the galaxy would be if their most dangerous adversary were the late Sir Dominic Flandry. This is the sixth volume in the first complete edition of Poul Anderson's Technic Civilization saga. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). _These are stories of the classic science fiction tradition: hard science and tough characters in logically well integrated action stories.Ó ¾Jerry Pournelle _One of science fiction's authentic geniuses.Ó ¾Chicago Sun-Times _The winner of seven Hugos and three Nebulas . . . one of the towering figures of modern SF and fantasy.Ó ¾Publishers Weekly _Anderson fuses elegiac prose and a sweeping vision of man's technological future as only he can. . . .Ó ¾Booklist

Batman: Last Knight on Earth

Deserter. Traitor. ROGUE. Ember Hill left the dragon organization Talon to take her chances with rebel dragon Cobalt and his crew of rogues. But she can't forget Garret, the soldier of the dragonslaying Order of St. George who saved her from a Talon assassin--and by doing so, signed his own death warrant. Determined to save Garret from execution, Ember must convince Cobalt to help her break into the Order's headquarters. With assassins after them and Ember's own brother helping Talon with the hunt, the rogues find an unexpected ally in Garret and a new

perspective on the underground battle between Talon and St. George. A reckoning is brewing, and the secrets hidden by both sides are shocking and deadly. Soon Ember must decide: Should she retreat to fight another day or start an all-out war?

Rogues

Kasia Amon is a master at hiding. Who?and what?she is makes her a mark for the entire supernatural world. Especially dragon shifters. To them, she's treasure to be taken and claimed. A golden ticket to their highest throne. But she can't stop bursting into flames, and there's a sexy dragon shifter in town, hunting for her As a rogue dragon, Brand Astarot has spent his life in the dark, shunned by his own kind, concealing his true identity. Only his dangerous reputation ensures his survival. Delivering a phoenix to the feared Blood King will bring him one step closer to the revenge he's waited centuries to take. No way is he letting the feisty beauty get away. But when Kasia sparks a white-hot need in him that's impossible to ignore, Brand begins to form a new plan: claim her for himself and take back his birthright. Each book in the Inferno Rising series is STANDALONE: * The Rogue King * The Blood King

Player's Ruse

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Magic and danger abound in the second book in a series of “fanciful, action-packed adventure” (Publishers Weekly, starred review) from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Fablehaven and Beyonders series. Cole Randolph never meant to come to The Outskirts, but when his friends were kidnapped on Halloween he had to try and save them. Now he’s trapped in a world that lies between wakefulness and dreaming, reality and imagination, life and death. Cole’s hunt for his lost friends has led him to the kingdom of Elloweer. Accompanied by new friends Mira, Twitch, and Jace, Cole teams up with the resistance movement and joins the search for Mira’s sister Honor. But Elloweer has grown unstable. A mysterious enemy is wiping out towns, leaving no witnesses or survivors. And an infamous rebel known throughout the kingdom as the “Rogue Knight” is upsetting the balance of power. With enemies in pursuit, Cole and Mira must resort to a fascinating new kind of magic to protect themselves. Every move is filled with danger as Cole and his friends try to outwit the High King, who will stop at nothing to regain what he has lost.

The Rogue King

Elske

Rogue Royalty

Friends Are More Trouble Than Foes Sir Michael Severson and his squire, Fisk, were just beginning to enjoy the quiet life. They really should have known better. When Lady Rosamund runs away from home to marry a traveling player, former knight errant Michael makes a noble promise to help the object of his unrequited love. The quest takes our would-be heroes to the coastal town of Huckerston, where savage sea pirates called wreckers terrorize the coast. With the help of a reluctant Fisk, Michael plans on catching the wreckers and winning back his lady; but when mysterious murders and dangerous accidents threaten the town and its players, love might be the least of his problems. . . . Part buddy novel, part medieval whodunit, the latest installment of Hilari Bell's Knight and Rogue Novels continues the boys' saga with another classic tale of mishaps, wit, and adventure.

The Last Rogue 1

“Are you really a thief?” That’s the question that has haunted fourteen-year-old Ezekiel Blast all his life. But he’s not a thief, he just has a talent for finding things. Not a superpower—a micropower. Because what good is finding lost bicycles and hair scrunchies, especially when you return them to their owners and everyone thinks you must have stolen them in the first place? If only there were some way to

use Ezekiel's micropower for good, to turn a curse into a blessing. His friend Beth thinks there must be, and so does a police detective investigating the disappearance of a little girl. When tragedy strikes, it's up to Ezekiel to use his talent to find what matters most. Master storyteller Orson Scott Card delivers a touching and funny, compelling and smart novel about growing up, harnessing your potential, and finding your place in the world, no matter how old you are.

Lady's Pursuit

Knights errant aren't supposed to let the bad guy escape But Sir Michael and his squire Fisk were up to their necks in mayhem (as usual) and Fisk's old mentor, Jack Bannister, quietly slithered away. Now Michael has tracked Jack to the notorious city of Tallowsport-and it turns out Jack wasn't exaggerating when he said that the crime boss he works for runs the town. With the judicars and the sheriff working for the bad guys, a lone knight errant aided only by his trusty squire and a pack of ragtag orphans shouldn't stand a chance. But the thing that really gets in Michael's way is that Fisk refuses to see his old teacher hang

Get Those Guys Reading! Fiction and Series Books that Boys Will Love

With her trademark sensuality and action-packed style, Connie Mason presents the much-anticipated final book of the regency-era Rogue trilogy in which smuggling and intrigue abound along the Cornish coast.

Sir Dominic Flandry: The Last Knight of Terra

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Go beyond the film with a novelization featuring new scenes and expanded material. As the shadows of the Empire loom ever larger across the galaxy, so do deeply troubling rumors. The Rebellion has learned of a sinister Imperial plot to bring entire worlds to their knees. Deep in Empire-dominated space, a machine of unimaginable destructive power is nearing completion. A weapon too terrifying to contemplate . . . and a threat that may be too great to overcome. If the worlds at the Empire's mercy stand any chance, it lies with an unlikely band of allies: Jyn Erso, a resourceful young woman seeking vengeance; Cassian Andor, a war-weary rebel commander; Bodhi Rook, a defector from the Empire's military; Chirrut Îmwe, a blind holy man and his crack-shot companion, Baze Malbus; and K-2SO, a deadly Imperial droid turned against its former masters. In their hands rests the new hope that could turn the tide toward a crucial Rebellion victory—if only they can capture the plans to the Empire's new weapon. But even as they race toward their dangerous goal, the specter of their ultimate enemy—a monstrous world unto itself—darkens the skies. Waiting to herald the Empire's brutal reign with a burst of annihilation worthy of its dreaded

name: Death Star. Praise for Rogue One: A Star Wars Story “One of the best movie adaptations yet.”—Cinelinx “Rogue One bridged characters and elements of the prequels and original Star Wars trilogy in a visually stunning ride, but there are even more rich details hiding in the film’s novelization, [which] reveals and expands with inner monologues and character insights, political knots, and nuance.”—The Daily Dot “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story novelization deepens a tale of hope. . . . [Jyn Erso] proves to be even more fascinating here than she was in the movie.”—New York Daily News

Rogue's Home

"Twenty years in the future Bruce Wayne wakes up in Arkham Asylum. Young. Sane. And he's never been Batman. So begins this sprawling tale of the Dark Knight as he embarks on a quest through a devastated DC landscape featuring a massive cast of familiar faces from the DC Universe. As he tries to piece together the mystery of his past, he must unravel the cause of this terrible future and track down the unspeakable force that destroyed the world as he knew it."--

I Loved a Rogue

The Boys Are Back! Sir Michael Severson and his squire, Fisk, can't seem to keep

out of hot water. After five long years, Fisk has been called home to Ruesport to investigate who framed his sister Anna's husband, Max, as a blackmailer. Anna figures that Fisk, with his criminal past, is uniquely qualified to find out who set Max up. Of course Michael feels he has to come along to help his friend; but now he wears the tattoos of the unredeemed and fears he might be more hindrance than help. As in *The Last Knight*, Hilari Bell's first Knight and Rogue novel, *Rogue's Home* combines the banter of a buddy story with elements of classic fantasy, medieval derring-do, and mystery. Michael and Fisk are likable guys who just seem to be magnets for trouble. You never know what is going to happen to these would-be heroes next.

Thief's War

I was done with being a squire When squire Fisk quarreled with his knight errant, Michael Severson, neither of them wanted to meet again. So of course, just six weeks later they find themselves in side-by-side cells, when Michael is accused of murdering the man who got his brother Benton fired from the university. Michael needs to help his brother and Fisk needs to get out of jail-so when Michael's sister bails them out, on the condition that they work together to find the man who framed Benton, Michael and Fisk are forced to agree to her terms. But will unraveling the tangled web of blackmail, sabotage and murder bring knight and squire back together? Or will it drive them apart for good?

The Rogue Knight

Makenna is a young hedge witch, forced to flee her village the day her mother is murdered for practicing magic. In the wilds of the forest, she forms an unexpected alliance with the mysterious goblins, and together they resolve to fight back against the humans and the cruel Decree of Bright Magic. But as Makenna grows more successful and her goblin army becomes stronger, her existence threatens the ruling Hierarchy's plans for the country. She evades every trap they set, until a young knight named Tobin comes to the Goblin Wood hoping to regain his lost honour. And each of them finds something else instead

One Knight Enchanted

Cole Randolph was just trying to have a fun time with his friends on Halloween (and maybe get to know Jenna Hunt a little better). But when he and his friends break into a spooky house with the scariest rep in town, it turns out to be the start of an adventure on a whole different level! As his friends are mysteriously sucked away into another realm, Cole dives in after them and finds himself in a magical place called The Outskirts. Made up of five kingdoms, The Outskirts lie between wakefulness and dreaming, reality and imagination, between life and death. It's an in-between place. And once you find your way to the Outskirts, it's very hard to

leave...

The Smallest Lights in the Universe

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A thrilling collection of twenty-one original stories by an all-star list of contributors—including a new A Game of Thrones story by George R. R. Martin! If you're a fan of fiction that is more than just black and white, this latest story collection from #1 New York Times bestselling author George R. R. Martin and award-winning editor Gardner Dozois is filled with subtle shades of gray. Twenty-one all-original stories, by an all-star list of contributors, will delight and astonish you in equal measure with their cunning twists and dazzling reversals. And George R. R. Martin himself offers a brand-new A Game of Thrones tale chronicling one of the biggest rogues in the entire history of Ice and Fire. Follow along with the likes of Gillian Flynn, Joe Abercrombie, Neil Gaiman, Patrick Rothfuss, Scott Lynch, Cherie Priest, Garth Nix, and Connie Willis, as well as other masters of literary sleight-of-hand, in this rogues gallery of stories that will plunder your heart—and yet leave you all the richer for it. Featuring all-new stories by Joe Abercrombie • Daniel Abraham • David W. Ball • Paul Cornell • Bradley Denton • Phyllis Eisenstein • Gillian Flynn • Neil Gaiman • Matthew Hughes • Joe R. Lansdale • Scott Lynch • Garth Nix • Cherie Priest • Patrick Rothfuss • Steven Saylor • Michael Swanwick • Lisa Tuttle • Carrie Vaughn • Walter Jon Williams • Connie Willis And an Introduction by George R. R. Martin! Praise for Rogues “Not a single

bad story in the bunch . . . The table of contents alone will make fans from all genre aisles salivate.”—Library Journal

The Goblin Wood

An aristocratic birthright and the luxurious comforts of profound wealth did nothing to comfort Fontaine Pratina following the death of her beloved parents. After two years in the guardianship of her mother's arrogant and selfish sister, Carileena Wetherton, Fontaine's only moments of joy and peace were found in the company of the loyal servants of Pratina Manor. Only in the kitchens and servant's quarters of her grand domicile did Fontaine find friendship, laughter and affection. The life of a wealthy orphan destined to inherit loomed before Fontaine—a dark cloud of shallow, arrogant associations-of aristocracy, void of simple joys-and void of love. Still, it was her lot-and she saw no way of escaping. Yet, one cold winter's night, a battered stranger appeared at the servant's entrance, seeking shelter and help. He gave only his first name, Knight-and suddenly, Fontaine found herself experiencing fleeting moments of joy in life. Knight was handsome, powerful-the very stuff of the legends of days of old. Though a servant's class was his, he was proud, strong and even his name seemed to validate his persona-and he blissfully distracted Fontaine from her dull, hopeless existence. Still, there were devilish secrets-strategies cached by her greedy aunt-and not even the handsome and powerful Knight could save her from them. Or could he? And if he did-would the truth force Fontaine to

forfeit her Knight, her heart's desire-the man she loved?

The Taming of the Rogue

When the hunt for his lost friends leads Cole Randolph to the kingdom of Elloweer, he and new friends Mira, Twitch, and Jace team up with the resistance movement to search for Mira's sister, Honor, but enemies abound and Cole and Mira must use a new kind of magic to protect themselves.

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Whisked through a portal to The Outskirts, an in-between world, sixth-grader Cole must rescue his friends and find his way back home--before his existence is forgotten.

Rogue

Rogue

-Will West and his friends enter the alternate universe of the Never in order to

rescue Will's friend and mentor Dave from the dangerous and deadly creatures from beyond---

Book One of the Travelers

Elske is a girl with no future—until her grandmother's sacrifice saves her from certain death. Beriel is an imperious princess—determined to claim the kingdom that is her birthright. Fate brings them together, both exiles, one servant to the other. To Beriel, the mistress, Elske offers steadfast loyalty and courage—hard to come by in her dangerous quest to regain the throne she has been denied by treachery. To Elske, the handmaiden, Beriel's proud example provides a perhaps even more precious gift: the strength to find her true self.

The Last Rogue

Need a Hero? You've got one in Sir Michael Severson. Although there hasn't been a knight errant in over two hundred years, this young noble has decided to revive the trade. He's found himself a reluctant partner in Fisk, a clever rogue who has been given the choice of serving as Michael's squire or going to jail for a very long time. Now Michael and Fisk are on a quest to right wrongs, protect the innocent, and make the world a happier place. It's not going to be easy. On their first

attempt at rescuing a damsel in distress, they break a lady out of a tower, only to discover she was there for good reason: awaiting trial for poisoning her husband. Now the would-be heroes must find Lady Ceciel and return her to justice or be condemned themselves.

The Last Knight

Rich in the emotional depth and historical detail for which Candice Proctor (aka C. S. Harris) is renowned, *The Last Knight* is a haunting tale of sacrifice, passion, and redemption played out against the last days of Henry II. Brittany, 1189: Nothing is more important to Attica d'Alérion than honor and her duty to her family. For the sake of her house she has agreed to a dynastic marriage with the sulky 13-year-old heir to a powerful nobleman, and when she learns of a treacherous plot against the King that could threaten the life of her beloved brother, Stephen, she risks everything in a desperate ride to warn him. The dangers of the road force Attica to join forces with Damion de Jarnac, a black knight with the burning ambitions of a disgraced younger son-and a deadly secret of his own. Surrounded by shifting alliances and betrayals, the two are increasingly forced to rely on only each other. And as the world around them crumbles into war, they find it more and more difficult to resist the hopeless passion that flares between them. But they cannot escape the day when conflicting loyalties and the tragedies of their time will force each to make an impossible choice between love and honor." . . . rings with clinks

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of armor, political intrigues, galloping horses and near-death escapes . . . Proctor, a consummate storyteller, adeptly captures the splendor, romance, and brutality of medieval Europe."-Publishers Weekly"[a] superb tale of passion and redemption as one man's quest for glory becomes an unexpected crusade to save his soul . . ."

-from the original Random House edition

From Publishers Weekly: The year is 1189, and amid the swirling intrigues against ailing King Henry Plantagenet appear two spirited young people, each intent on a personal mission. Damion de Jarnac is a fearless rogue knight bound to his code of honor and by loyalty to his king. Attica d'Alerion, betrothed to a 13-year-old boy to cement a political alliance, honors family loyalty. Thus, when she learns a plot against the king may endanger her beloved brother, Stephen, she dons the disguise of a young boy and rides to warn him. Damion rescues Attica from a brigand ambush and agrees to escort her to her destination when he hears of the plot against Henry. He quickly realizes he is escorting a fearless young lady instead of a lordling, and a tumultuous romance develops between these strong-willed individuals. The book rings with clinks of armor, political intrigues, galloping chases and near-death escapes. As plot and tension escalate, Damion unhappily comes to see that Attica's brother is a traitor to the king, and he fears the decision he must make will forever banish Attica from his life. Proctor, a consummate storyteller, adeptly captures the splendor, romance and brutality of medieval Europe. Copyright 2000 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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