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Once Upon A Kiss: A Medieval Romance (Medieval Heroes)



Synopsis

THE book that launched Avon's Romantic Treasures line, Once Upon a Kiss also received a 4 Â Gold and a K.I.S.S. Award from RT Book Reviews and was a HISTORICAL ROMANCE OF THE YEAR Nominee. She came to wed his brotherâ | and stole the Dragon's heart. To settle a feud, Dominique Beauchamp is prepared to sacrifice in order to heal their ravaged lands. Offered in marriage by her brother to the lord of Drakewich, she arrives to take the d'Lucy name ... never counting on losing her heart to the brother of her betrothed--the notorious Black Dragon. Loyal to his brother unto death, Blaec d'Lucy mistrusts Dominique from the beginning, believing her to be part of her brother's endless perfidy, but he is powerless to resist the fiery vixen who rides so proudly into their midst... and their forbidden love is sealed ... once upon a kiss.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book. I enjoyed every minute of it. There was a bit of everything here but the main theme was love - man/woman love and brotherly love. The tension between the hero and heroine was high with both fighting the attraction until it combusted. The relationship between the brothers was particularly heartwarming ... a twin both alike in character as it relates to honesty and integrity

but unfortunately for the firstborn totally unlike in looks. This cruel twist of fate coupled with their father's mistrust of their mother resulted in the old earl disinheriting the first born Blaec and giving everything to the second born Graeham . Despite this there continued to be warm loving relationship between the two brothers. Blaec , strong and heroic was determined to protect his younger brother at all costs even suppressing the instant lust/love he felt for Dominique who was supposed to marry Graeham. Graeham on the other hand felt guilty that he was getting all the things that should be his brother's by right. Read the book.....

William Beauchamp offers his sister, Dominique, in marriage to Graeham d'Lucy as a means to secure peace between the families. Blaec d'Lucy, Graeham's brother, desires her from the start, even as he tells himself, "do not covet thy brother's bride". He also does not trust Dominique's intentions behind this marriage and he certainly is suspicious of her brother. Dominique will do whatever her brother requests; if she can help achieve peace, then she will wed Graeham. However, she feels an almost physical pull toward Blaec d'Lucy, even though she has heard of his fierce reputation and knows that he has suspicions toward her and her brother. Also noted is the devotion Blaec feels for his brother Graeham and the guilt that he feels for desiring his brothers' bride. I recommend this book.

First time reading this author and all I can say is Holy Wow!! Steamy, sexy, intelligent. And yummy Blaec. Dominique wasn't insipid and ridiculous. I can't wait to read more of her novels. I'm starting on the Highland series as soon as I submit this review.

Simply enchanting. You start reading and you can't put it down even for a moment. You forget sleep and all the world around you and delve into the magically interwoven plot. Really brilliant writing, with great attention to detail, which really takes you to the there and then of the story. Even though a lot of elements in the story are not new to this genre, the author brings them to the reader in a fresh new way that every encounter, thought and feeling burns unto the reader's mind and heart. Moreover, she keeps the reader on the edge, with surprises even toward the end.

I really enjoyed this story, although I found the language kind of difficult to keep up with at times. I would love to know how to pronounce the name blaec, makes me think blech, but I called him Blake.

My rating for this book: 3 stars To be honest, I wanted to read the book just because of the cover. I mean, c'mon. Look at this cover. *swoon* I wasn't really wild about this book but it still was a nice read. Dominique Beauchamp was a decent heroine. She has the stubbornness that some heroines possess. I liked the banter between her and the hero in this story. For much of the story, they absolutely loathe each other and I found myself smiling at some of the stuff they would say to each other. He was the cause of her discontent. He was the bane of her existence. Blaec d'Lucy is a good character. He's the typical tall, dark, and handsome hero we all seem to love and appreciate. Once they finally give in to temptation is where I start to enjoy the story more. Slowly, his eyes closing, he bent to kiss her mouth, his lips quivering, his fingers digging into her shoulders. The look she saw upon his face made her heart fly into her throat, made her want to cry out in sheer pleasure, for it seemed as though he relished the very thought of kissing her, hungered for it, even. As did she. His tongue slid seductively along the curve of her lips, his breath trembling as he lapped her, embraced her. Feeling the pounding of his heart against her breast, she opened to him readily, sighing with the joy it brought her. Dear God, she loved this man. She wanted to tell him so. There's humor, action, betrayal, and love in this book by Ms. Crosby. I wish I could've enjoyed it more than I did. I just felt like something was missing throughout the whole story. Not sure what.... just something. The secondary characters are very enjoyable. I enjoyed reading about Alyss and Graeham's budding romance toward the end. Would I recommend this to anyone? Of course! While I found it somewhat lacking in some parts, I still think it's a nice read.

Dominique's brother William arranges marriage between his sister and Graeham as a means to join their families and lands. Unbeknownst to Dominique peace is the farthest thing from her brother's mind and the treachery begins to unfold upon their arrival. What William didn't count on is the strong bond of the twin brothers and Blaec beginning to foil his plan from the moment of their arrival. The character development is outstanding.. you will grow to love and hate them as the story unfolds. I thoroughly enjoyed the writing, story line and tension. A highly recommended read from me.

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