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She married the king. She wanted the man.

Guinevere's marriage to Arthur was a political partnership, never a romance. Merlin knows that the king's court, newly restored at a medieval theme park, will only be complete if Arthur has his lady. Little did anyone suspect that once Guinevere gets a taste of twenty-first-century freedoms that this ancient queen would lose interest in belonging to any man—even a royal one.

It takes a dragon, and some passionate nights spent in each other's arms, to lure her back to her husband's side. Arthur is willing to accept Gwen's help in protecting the new Camelot from a fae menace, but the bigger challenge will be wooing back Guinevere for a second chance at love...

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Saruuh Kelsey says

4.5 stars

Oh hey, this was awesome.

I had some reservations in the beginning, when Arthur was (accurate to his era's attitudes, to be fair) controlling, belittling of Gwen, and an all-around DICK. But the best thing about this book by far is the GROWTH. These characters grow so much, Gwen from a downtrodden woman who has no voice to a woman who talks up for herself and takes action despite the restrictions placed on her, and Arthur from a domineering, controlling prick to a man who listens, learns, and does better. Honestly, I love how flawed they are. Their relationship is a real one - messy, hurtful, and ultimately hard won and hopeful and fulfilling. The writing is exceptional, and made the love, the hurt, (and yeah, the awesome fantasy elements) so vivid and real.

To touch on the fantasy an action parts of this book (of which there were SO MANY MORE than I expected, which I loved), there's so much myth and legends and awesome creatures packed into this - it's exciting from page one. Arthurian legend, a theme park, dragons, fae, and knights, all packed into modern day times. One of the things I love about romance series is I can (like I did with this book) come into the series at any book, but I really want to read the first two of this series!!

Fantasy, mythology, and vividly real romance make this book stand out. I loved it!

Janet says

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Phoenix77 says

Royal Enchantment and the books in the Camelot Reborn series work under the premise that King Arthur and his Knights were suspended in time in order to defend humans against a future magical threat by Queen Morgan le Fae and her people. It sounded like something I might enjoy since I've loved stories of Camelot ever since I watched Excalibur as a young girl. Unfortunately, the book was less about chivalry and romance and more about a clueless king and the needy woman he left behind.

The marriage between King Arthur and Queen Guinevere was never as romantic as the legends would have us believe. For five years they lived as virtual strangers in Camelot as Arthur spent his time managing his growing kingdom while Guinevere was left to more womanly pursuits. Their complete estrangement comes on the heels of Gwen's attempt to negotiate with a visiting dignitary who instead uses her to learn of Arthur's weaknesses. From that moment Arthur begins to see betrayals in everything Gwen does at court, including her friendship with Lancelot, and Gwen can do nothing to redeem herself in Arthur's eyes. When his battle with the Fae reaches a stalemate, Arthur decides to put himself and his men in an enchanted sleep so as to be ready for the threat when it returns; however he barely gives a thought to the wife he'll be leaving behind in the past.

Years pass and Arthur and his knights have awoken in modern-day Washington to face a new threat from the Fae while Gwen has been forgotten in time. What Arthur didn't know is that Merlin had performed the same sleeping spell on Gwen, knowing that a king of Camelot must always have a queen by his side. After years of searching Merlin finds the crypt where Gwen's body has been held and uses his magic to revive her. Gwen awakens from her slumber angry and reluctant to be reunited with Arthur considering he left her without any explanation. Arriving at Arthur's apartment Gwen is shocked by the modern conveniences but is also surprised at the lack of servants, courtiers and the small size of the space. When Arthur arrives back at his home the awkward reunion of king and queen is a reminder of the problems in their marriage and Arthur's refusal to let her into his private study shows Gwen that centuries haven't changed her husband. Fortunately a spell of knowledge from Merlin enlightens Gwen to the opportunities for women in the 21st century. Realizing that the old ways and the old Camelot are gone, Gwen questions if her role as consort to an out of place monarch is what she wants out of her new life.

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Payton (Payton's Book Thoughts) says

For the full review, please visit paytonbookthoughts.wordpress.com

This is the third installment in the Camelot Reborn series and I have anxiously been awaiting its release. Fortunately for me, the author reached out to me to review her book. I was supposed to have the book read and reviewed by its release date, which was July 1st. So needless to say I'm a horrible blogger since I'm just now getting around the the review, even though I finished the book about a week ago.

If you follow my blog and read my review of the second book in the series, Enchanted Guardian, then you know I was really wanting this story to be about Arthur and that's exactly what we got!

This book was all about King Arthur and Queen Guinevere's love story. I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about these two! I was not expecting to this kind of story in this book, but I'm really glad this is the route it took.

I loved Guinevere from the very first page she made an appearance. She was just a well written character and I sympathize with her so much. The struggle she faced throughout the whole story was one I could relate to. Her decision to be who everyone expected her to be or to be who she wanted to be in this new time she was brought to.

King Arthur on the other hand, I really didn't like him before this book because he was seriously just a jerk. For most of this story he still was a major douche, but I think the fact that we got to see more inside of his head and what his intentions were helped to soften me towards him. By the end he completely redeemed himself. AND PRAISE JESUS HE DID because I love this series and I really didn't like despising a character! LOL

There were so many things to love about this book. I wish I could get my hands on a physical copy of all 3 books in the series, that's how much I loved them!

Of course, I 'm still absolutely loving the Camelot tie in! That makes things so interesting and unlike anything I've ever read before. I enjoy it so much!

There is however, a new villain in this story who I hate even more than Morgan LaFaye. Or maybe that's the

issue. Morgan LaFaye was such an awesome villain that his new one just couldn't stand a chance. The only thing he was good at was animal cruelty and I HATED HIM WITH A PASSION! So much that I can't even remember his name. LOL

I know the series isn't over because the main premise/issue of the story hasn't happened yet, but I'm not sure where the next installment could be going. Maybe we will finally get to see a love story for Merlin! That would be awesome. But that's just me guessing and the story could literally lead anywhere. That being said, I cannot wait of the next book!

Caitlyn Lynch says

Once upon a fairy tale, Merlin put King Arthur and his knights into an enchanted sleep, to await a future time when they would be needed. I think the line I recall was 'to defend Britannia in her darkest hour'.

However, what would happen if some wealthy entrepreneur happened to buy up the church where the knights lay in their enchanted sleep and relocated the whole thing lock, stock and barrel to the United States? Camelot is now on American soil, and as the knights begin to wake in the modern world, they have to adapt to many things they never expected.

The last thing Arthur expected, after months of working hard to fit into the mortal world, is for his wife to reappear.

Merlin, you see, neglected to mention that he put Guinevere into an enchanted sleep as well.

Married at seventeen to seal a treaty, Guinevere respected the warrior king who was her husband, but the truth was that she barely knew him, and he certainly didn't know her. Left behind again and again as he took his knights off to war, she grew tired of being a queen in name only, an ornament for the king's court. So when Merlin told her that he'd had no choice but to put Arthur in an enchanted sleep, to await some nameless peril in the distant future, Gwen was of no mind to be left behind again.

Waking up in the twenty-first century, she's still pissed with Arthur, who I felt a bit sorry for even while fully understanding Gwen's point of view. Married to a beautiful young girl who he saw as a beacon of brightness and hope in a world full of war and death, Arthur was desperate to keep her safe, untarnished by the darkness he spent his life fighting against. Finding out that he almost lost her to an illness she contracted nursing sick soldiers the one time he allowed her to come to battle, I completely understood his desire to protect her.

Arthur's journey to acceptance of Gwen's free will isn't an easy one, and when he has to contend with dragons and other mythical beasts a rogue fae seems hellbent on loosing on the world, it's very tempting for him to act like an autocrat, especially considering the status of women in the time he was born to. In the end, however, he accepts Gwen's need to be queen in more than just name. They find their way to a true partnership, and the love both of them always wanted in their marriage besides.

While this is apparently the third in the Camelot Reborn series, it is quite readable as a standalone. I confess to a massive weakness for Arthurian legends, starting with T.H. White's classic *Sword In The Stone* when I was about eight years old, and I'm just as happy with modern versions as medieval ones.

This is a really great story. I loved Guinevere and Arthur together, but I was a little disappointed at Merlin's 'magical cheating' which enabled her to 'just know' lots of things about the modern world. Making

discoveries about the modern world could have had lots of comedic potential; perhaps that's my own tendencies to look for the laughs when writing showing. Maybe one day I'll write my own tales of King Arthur and his knights waking up and having to contend with massive culture shock.

Until then, I highly recommend you give Royal Enchantment and the other books in the Camelot Reborn series a try. They're well worth a read. Five stars.

Disclaimer: I received this book for review from NetGalley.

Sasha says

First I would like to state that I received this book through the Goodreads giveaway in exchange for an honest review. I would like to thank the author for giving me this opportunity and honor in being able to read this book. When I received this book I began reading it at once. I really enjoy the authors writing style, the author pulls you into the book from the very beginning and you don't want to put the book down. It kept me on the edge of my seat reading from cover to cover. This book was a very interesting read. The author kept you interested from the first chapter to the very last. It pulls you in quickly and keeps you hooked wanting to read and find out more of what is happening. I would recommend this to anyone. This book is incredible. A must read!

Amelia says

The Camelot Reborn miniseries is truly intriguing because of how the distinctive characters known from legend are brought to life in order to keep the human population safe. The group of knights known for their fighting skills plus bravery will put their lives on the line for anyone, but in this story, someone very dear to King Arthur might perhaps be in need of his expertise. When Guinevere comes back into his life, they both must confront the emotional issues which affected their relationship in the past, as these troubling matters could keep them from moving forward in the present. I became totally caught up in the many happenings this couple had to face, from problems caused by the fae to those linked in how they perceived the other. ROYAL ENCHANTMENT is noteworthy because Sharon Ashwood has made every moment believable.

A long time ago when King Arthur aligned himself and his knights with the fae to keep humans from harm, one upcoming battle was disastrous to any being who was a Faery and they vowed revenge. Merlin then enchanted those who sat around the Round Table so they would sleep until they were once again needed to protect mortals. The time has come for Arthur and his loyal knights to battle the fae, and they are disguised as employees at a medieval theme park in present day Washington state. As the courageous king prepares to fight, he thinks back to when Guinevere was by his side.

What Arthur did not know is that Merlin also put his queen under the same spell, and now she has been awoken. But Gwen is no longer satisfied to keep a low profile and not speak her thoughts, because before she was always left in the dark when any plans were made. As the peril escalates for anyone living in the modern world, Arthur and Guinevere find their relationship having its own personal difficulties.

Arthur and his knights have had to adapt themselves to a world unlike the one they left, and it is always fun to see these men using phones and riding in cars instead of traveling on a horse. Sharon Ashwood has reasonable explanations for every situation that arises, and often the crafty Merlin is at the center of any solution. I was frequently in awe of how the author made so many factors connected to the past seem as

though they could take place in our current world, and I especially enjoyed seeing what occurred when a dragon or some other mythical creature appeared. Exceedingly colorful descriptions make ROYAL ENCHANTMENT constantly fascinating, and each new adventure keeps the interest high.

Since Gwen is willing to clash with Arthur over her lack of independence, he quickly discovers his wife is not as meek as when they first married. What he sees as being protective has her feeling stifled, and I really had a great time watching them try to find a way to actually be happy together. Balancing his duties as king with those responsibilities a wife expects of her husband was not at all easy for Arthur, and though there is much passion between them, trust will also play a big part in what ultimately happens. I have always thought the myth about King Arthur and Guinevere was very interesting, and Sharon Ashwood gives an imaginative perspective on this fable.

I voluntarily reviewed the book and all comments are my honest opinion

N.N. Light says

Camelot is reborn in the modern era and thanks to Merlin, Queen Guinevere is reborn in the present. The fae are on the verge of attacking the human realm using a feisty, independent dragon and the last thing King Arthur needs is his queen meddling in his affairs. Old arguments threaten to drive a wedge between king and queen, not to mention the knights. Can King Arthur see his Queen for the woman she is and make her his equal or is the royal enchantment a faint memory?

I'm a big fan of all things Camelot and while this was an original take on King Arthur and Queen Guinevere, I found it hard to relate to the characters, especially King Arthur and his knights. Arthur is a ROYAL JERK and a pompous one at that. The conflicts between him and Gwen were never-ending, making me sometimes wish the dragon would just light King Arthur's body on fire and be done with it. The belittling of Gwen in modern times got so old. I'm elated the ending was a happy one but boy, it took a long, long time to get there.

What I loved most was Guinevere. She's regal in all regards but the more she's in modern times, the more growth happens to her. She's an intelligent woman whose search for knowledge makes her astounding, even by today's standards. She could run the world and I'd like to be her advisor! Gwen is the best part of this book, hands down.

If you're looking for a modern-day feminist Camelot story, I highly recommend Royal Enchantment. It's a great series and kudos to Ashwood for bringing a fresh approach to the King Arthur lore.

Many thanks to Harlequin Books and Sharon Ashwood for giving me an ARC via Netgalley in the hopes I'd review it.

Favorite Character/Quote: "Battling monsters was a man's business. Never mind that it was the women, left at home, who had the most face time with whatever horror was tearing the village apart. They typically had the beastie on the run by the time Sir Whatever showed up to poke it with a sword."

My Rating: 4.5 stars

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Harlequin Books says

"The third book in the Camelot Reborn series is delightful. Ashwood adapts the Camelot myth quite nicely, and adds a modern element by including Gwen's desire to be educated and wanting to be an equal partner in her marriage. Additionally, the description sparkles, as depictions of dragons and other mythical creatures are detailed enough to help them come to life" (4 1/2 stars TOP PICK! @ RT Book Reviews).

Lisa says

I have loved every book in this series so far and this one did not disappoint as myth, reality and modern times combined to create this awesome read.

The Knights of the Round Table are slowly awakening to fight the Fae threat. King Arthur is once again leading the Knights but he has been without his Queen. Guinevere is now awakened at a time when a new threat is set on bringing about Camelot's destruction.

Arthur immediately goes into protective mode, wanting to keep Gwen safe but Gwen wants a more equal relationship and the modern world give her that opportunity. As she asserts herself, Arthur can actually see she has skills important to their survival.

I truly loved the blend of old and new, and myth and reality. It gives this series an extra edge and makes it all the more special. It is definitely on my favourite and must read list.

Reviewed for LBM Book Blog

Cathy Beckett says

Guinevere has woken from the stone sleep in a new time. A time where women are allowed to go to school and are treated as equals. They have a right to make their own decisions. How will this affect her life in the new Camelot and with Arthur? Get the book and read this story. I really liked Arthur's story and I am looking forward to Merlin's story.

LaGina says

Sharon is a new author to me and when I requested to review this book I didnt know that there was two before it. While it didnt effect my read because of my OCD I will have to go back and read the others. With that being said.....Oh yeah!! This was an awesome read. I didnt know I would love this read this much.
