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What happens when Jack meets a sexy man atop that beanstalk?

Rumors of treasure have long sent fortune hunters clambering up a magic beanstalk to a mysterious castle in the clouds. Survivors told of an evil giant who guards the gold and glittering jewels with savage strength. No sane man would dare risk the climb—but Jack has nothing left to lose. Shunned for his evil red hair and abandoned by his cruel lover, he's desperate to escape his life.

Rion isn't a giant, only a man bearing the burden of protecting his family's legacy. It's a lonely existence, but he's duty bound. Then Jack appears, and Rion's world is turned upside down. After a blazing confrontation, undeniable lust sparks. Isolated in the clouds, Jack and Rion give in to their desire and growing connection. But do they have the courage to let go of the past and follow their dreams?

Soon they must protect the treasure—and each other—from a new threat. And they have everything to lose.

This is a retold fairy tale with a twist. Previously published as *Ascending Hearts*; the edition published in 2015, has been revised and expanded. This version has a new cover with no content change.

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Alona says

Keira Andrews is making it into my list of wonderful authors!

I loved this story so much.

The writing was so good, that I could practically taste, both Jack's and Rion's loneliness and sadness.

It is a sweet yet melancholic fairy tale, and it reminded me a bit of one of Kim Fielding's worlds (that I like!)

Wonderful sweet and sexy short!

SheReadsALot says

FAIRY TALE AND THERE'S A GINGER?!!!

THANK YOU LADIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Eva says

BR with friends here

Sweet and fluffy and fairy ... Great snack book.

Ami says

I loved the first collaboration of these authors (book #1 of the Tempting Tales, Earthly Desires) that I couldn't wait to see the next story in this series. This one was inspired by *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

As an erotic fairytale, this one did offer a numerous sex scenes. But I thought the story "outside the bedroom" was quite well-written. Both men were trapped in their situation: Jack was poor and he was entrapped to live with his mother who didn't like him and the rest of the town who shunned him for being different (his ginger hair was considered evil). While Rion was *shackled* with a sense of duty, to guard the family treasure, alone in the castle in the sky.

Jack was the first trying to escape his life after he lost everything that meant a lot to him -- and that his mother finally went to live with Jack's sister and her husband. There was one scene that just broke my heart completely, broke it to million pieces (Warning: (view spoiler)). I choked and sobbed along with Jack.

When Jack climbed the beanstalk, he was captured by Rion. But Jack was able to turn the table. The

attraction was strong between them, and they learned that sometimes things were not always like what they've been told. Rion was no evil giant. And for Rion, Jack was no filthy disgusting Outsider, that his parents insisted must be eliminated.

Of course, like all fairytale, the road to true love didn't come smooth. There were dragons to be slayed! In this case, the "dragons" were Rion's deep sense of duty, as well as a couple of villagers who insisted to get the treasure in the castle, no matter the cost.

It was a wonderful tale ... and sometimes the writing was very fairytale like, which was fine with me. Especially the epilogue, that one was beautiful.

Now I wonder what other fairytale these authors will rewrite! :)

.Lili. says

I gotta admit I was skeptical about this one. I seldom read fantasy, but this book had two things in it's favor: a GINGER(!) and the authors. I'm glad I took a chance because this was such a clever take on Jack and the Bean Stalk. This novella had it all.

- *Heartbreak
- *Mystery
- *Hot sex
- *Romance
- *Magic

My only complaint is that (for purely selfish reasons) I wish it had been longer. Definitely recommend this one- don't be put off by the fact that's it's based on a fairy tale cause you'll be missing out. 4 Stars!

Meags says

4 Stars

I've always been a fan of the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk, and out of some warped sense of protectiveness, I went into this story with my judgy pants on. I often find that modern retellings of classic fairy tales can often be hit or miss for me as a reader. However, in this particular instance, the creative liberties taken here and the original spark evident in the new storytelling, worked wonders for me.

I've always considered Jack and the Beanstalk to be somewhat a coming of age story, about a young boy (or man, depending on which version you're used to) dealing with the effects of poverty, who is, often misguidedly, trying to do what is right by his mother. In the original tale, Jack starts out as quite a gullible character and becomes rather greedy, repeatedly stealing treasure from the giant in the sky. I was never really a fan of Jack as a character in any previous versions of this story, but I always loved the sense of adventure gained from his journey.

In this new and truly awesome revision, Jack is immediately likable. He's a good man, who has been poorly treated by his family and ridiculed by strangers his entire life. When he finally decides to brave climbing the treacherous beanstalk in the valley near his cottage he only does so in hopes to find enough treasure to pay off a debt owed. He expects to face a giant at the top of the beanstalk, but what he finds instead changes his entire life.

Rion lives alone in a castle in the sky. Bound by a sense of familial duty, he makes it his life's mission to guard his families treasure from any "outsiders" who may attempt to steal in greed. With the help of a little magic, Rion (and all his ancestors before him) have been able to scare off any trespassers using a powerful illusion to frighten them away with images and sounds of a scary giant. This hoax has worked for years, until one young man runs in instead of out upon being faced with Rion's giant.

Jack and Rion's initial interactions are marred by preconceived prejudices, making this a really juicy enemies-to-lovers story. Both men are extremely lonely in their own right, but together they find the companionship they've both always needed. To truly gain their happily ever after they must each acknowledge truths they have been unwilling to face and make sacrifices for each other in order to be together. On top of these personal trials, they face outside threats to their safety and happiness, providing lots of fun and suspenseful action to this otherwise sweet and sexy story.

Lauraadriana says

This story is pure warm fuzzies. Such a clever, and completely endearing take on the Jack and the Beanstalk Fairy Tale.

I will come back to this one for sure. I LOVED IT. I hope these ladies team up again for more Gay fairy tales!!

Nick Pageant says

Really adorable gay retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Tara♥ says

I liked it.

It actually made me really sad at times. How Jack was ostracised and Rion's isolation was kind of heart breaking. The lapsed Catholic in me also picked up on, what felt like, a lot religious undertones but I might just be reading too much into it. Rion's life in particular felt very religious orderish and the people being afraid of the 'giant in the sky'? But again I might be just reading too much into it and 'Jack and Beanstalk' always felt a bit that way anyway!!

I thought that this was going to be a light funny read and in parts it was but it also kind of struck a cord and was sad and really harsh at times. It surprised me but I'm very happy I read and I enjoyed it immensely.

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

This hurt my feelings. A lot.

I'm not saying that's a bad thing but Jack's horrible life and past made me sad over and over and over again. And because of that sad life, the loneliness, the ostracism - it all drives him to desperate measures, hoping to find treasure high in the sky.

This is an entirely ingenious new take on the classic fairy tale, and I was thoroughly entertained. Andrews has yet to fail in bringing the emotional angst and the smexy smex. So despite my painful fretting throughout most of this book, I'm just grateful that Jack finally gets his well deserved happy ending.

Barbara says

Br with friends!!

Jewel says

3.5 Stars

A rather porny take on a classic fairy tale. As as much plot as the original tale, but I kind of figured that going in. The bad guys get their comeuppance and the good guys live happily ever after and fuck a lot. A good time was had by all. Well ... not so much for the bad guys.

Jennifer?Pher? says

I really do love Fairy Tales, I always have. This is a great interpretation of Jack and the Beanstalk, with some hot as shit, enemies to lovers, boy on boy lovin'. Good stuff.

~☆~Danni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~4.5 I-fucking-loved-this-book stars~

This is the kind of fairy tale your parents told you when you were a child, the kind with ogres, villains, and heroes; the kind where the hero finds True Love; and maybe there's even a kiss.

So, yes, this is that kind of fairy tale. **But with sex.** LOTS of dirty, grunting, sweaty sex between Jack of the flaming red hair and Rion the not-so-giant "giant" who has to protect his castle from Outsiders below.

This is very much a twist on Jack and the Beanstock, a story I don't particularly like. But Andrews and Blake's version?

Oh, YES, this one I like VERY MUCH.

This is an enemies-to-lovers story that's juicy, sweet, and suspenseful.

There's an edge of mystery and a beautiful romance between two men, each trapped in his own loneliness and misery: Jack because he's shunned by the town, including his family, for having the "hair of the devil" and Rion, who allows a hollow promise to rule his future.

I cried at 11 percent when Jack lost his best friend, but the rest is just a climb to happiness (with obstacles to overcome, of course; it wouldn't be a fairy tale otherwise, now, would it?).

I love fantasy, tales of other lands. I love romance and HEAs. And I love plentiful, smexy action between two men who adore each other.

This book has it all!

Taintedskyee (Books Books&More Books) says

OMG

Did I ever imagine Jack could fall in love with the giant and live happily ever after when I first read the book....Jack and the Beanstalk original fairytale.

Did I like Jack falling in love with the Giant.

I am all grown up now and can handle sex too....

So you see no reason to not love this story.

Simple,short,sweet story.