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From the publisher of the USA TODAY bestselling & #1 Amazon bestselling Timeless Romance Anthology series in Clean Romance, comes HAPPILY EVERY AFTER COLLECTION.

Six brand new fairy tale romance novellas by Jessica Day George, Julie Wright, Sarah M. Eden, Julie Daines, Heather B. Moore, and Annette Lyon.

**MAIL-ORDER PRINCESS** by Jessica Day George: Elise flees her small kingdom and arrives in the New World with only her two trunks and seven swans—her seven brothers to be exact. But Elise will do anything to get her brothers away from their cruel stepmother’s curse, even if it means accepting the long-distance marriage proposal to a former count turned farmer.

**THE MILLER’S DAUGHTER** by Julie Wright: When Isa meets Thomas Rumble, she is quickly infatuated with his good looks and natural charm, until she learns his true identity. Due to a wild claim by her insufferable father, Isa’s life is threatened by the king if she can’t spin a room full of straw into gold, and Thomas may be the only one who can save her.

**THE PEBBLED PATH** by Sarah M. Eden: Deep in the heart of a mysterious forest, Gretel trades her freedom to save her beloved father from the spell of an evil enchantress. Even attempting to escape would cost her father his life. Gretel’s determination to fulfill her promise wavers when she meets Hansel, a young man who captures her heart. For, she loves him too dearly to put his life in danger, and he loves her too much to simply leave her to her fate.

**BLACK FERN** by Julie Daines: Rós is desperate to find work in order to care for her ailing father and younger sisters. She applies to the mysterious owner of a crumbling castle and is soon swept up in dark secrets. Unsure if the owner of the castle is man or beast, Rós determines to help him at all cost. She soon discovers that the cost may be too great, even for her.

**SCARLET** by Heather B. Moore: When Scarlet needs to fetch a healing tonic on the night when the wolves are at their most dangerous, she has no choice but to apply to her nemesis, August, for help. He agrees to help her, but they encounter a pack of wolves that put up a fierce fight, marking Scarlet as their newly targeted prey.

**SO RARE A POWER** by Annette Lyon: Stella knows she’s taking a risk each time she meets Patrick in the rose garden that they’ve cultivated together. And no matter how much her mother will disapprove of their relationship, Stella can’t deny her feelings for him. When the Snow Queen steals away Patrick to drain him of his powers of creating beauty and life, Stella must decide what she’s willing to risk to rescue him.

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## **From Reader Review A Timeless Romance Anthology: Happily Ever After Collection for online ebook**

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

What a fun collection of fairy tales retold and tweaked a bit. This is a great line up of authors! Oh, and I love this cover! So pretty.

These are all short, novella size stories which lend themselves so well to reading here and there when you have a minute or two. They are all clean and sweet. I love these Timeless Romance Anthology Collections.

Of course, I loved some more than others but they were all good. My top three were Scarlet, Black Fern and The Miller's Daughter.

Content: clean

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### **Julie says**

I think this is my favorite Timeless Romance Anthology so far, which is saying something, because I have loved all of them. I am a sucker for new twists on fairy tales. In this book you get new twists on The Seven Swans, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel, Beauty and The Beast, Little Red Riding Hood and The Snow Queen. Admittedly some of these fairy tales are not my favorite but with these retellings, I am a big fan! I don't want to spoil any them so I will just say if you are a fan of fairy tales you will want to add this to your collection. I loved it!!! I also have to give a shout out to the authors, I love all of these authors. If you haven't read some of their other books you need to check them out!

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### **Jessica says**

Just finished reading through the copyedits for my novella, Mail-Order Princess, for the last time!

This is such a fun anthology, and I am so delighted to be a part of it!

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### **Katie W says**

I love a good fairy tale and this collection really delivered some fun twists on favorite classics. I also love to see what spins will add a little something new and it's interesting to see how those twists were cleverly woven into the tale. This collection gives variations on: The Wild Swans, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel, Beauty and the Beast, Little Red Riding Hood, and The Snow Queen.

A fairy tale doesn't have to be really long to feel complete, which is what really makes this a good fit for the Timeless Romance Anthologies. I thought each story was a perfect length and each can be read in a sitting here and there, to be savored over time.

I really enjoyed them all, but I especially loved Scarlet (Little Red Riding Hood), as it was very creepy, yet very romantic, and Black Fern (Beauty and the Beast). Don't miss this collection if you love fairy tales as much as I do!

Content: mild violence; mild romance

\*I received a copy, which had no influence on my thoughts and opinions, which are my own.\*

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## **Rebecca DalMolin says**

### Happily Ever After Collection

As a collection of novellas, this one was really fun! They took traditional fairytales and retold them with a unique twist. I loved it!

Mail-Order Princess by Jessica Day George was a retelling of The Wild Swans but in a western type setting. It was really cute. However, I usually love these types of collections because it allows me to preview new authors that I haven't read before. But for me, this author's bio was a bit of a turn off. She states, "It's all about the books. Friends, family, school, "real jobs", they were just obstacles to be tackled so that I could return to my true love: books." To me, that was one of the saddest things I've ever read! You're family is an obstacle? Books are more important than family or friends? Maybe, it wasn't meant to be taken quite so literally, but it was hard not to see it as such. The story is really cute and creative but she's just not the kind of author I want to support.

The Miller's Daughter by Julie Wright is an adaptation of Rumpelstiltskin. This one was one of my favorites! It was almost like the true story of Rumpelstiltskin before it had been exaggerated over and over to become the fairytale we know now. She's a new author for me and I will definitely be looking her up.

The Pebbled Path by Sarah Eden was by far my ultimate favorite, of course! Sarah has the amazing ability to make a Novella feel more like a novel. Despite its short length, I find myself falling for the characters and being able to perfectly imagine the setting. Her pacing is spot on and I enjoyed it fully. The only issue I had was that I had to forget that it was a retelling of Hansel and Gretel. If not, I could only picture these little kids in lederhosen, haha!

Black Fern by Julie Daines was an extremely close second. It's an adaptation of Beauty and the Beast and I almost like this version better than the original! My favorite part was her use of the wind. Her descriptions of the the Beast and the winds movement was amazing!

Scarlet by Heather B. Moore was really good as well. It's a new version of Red Riding Hood and I had two critiques - 1) I wanted more! This one definitely should have been a novel. I wanted to spend a lot more time with these characters. And it definitely had a lot of suspense but I wanted even more! (That actually is more of a compliment rather than a critique. ) 2) Part of the book is in first person, present tense and I'm just not a fan of that style. It just comes off too robotic for me and lacks the fluidity of other styles. But I will say that I've read another story by Heather B. Moore that was first person, present tense and this one seemed better than the other.

Finally, So Rare a Talent by Annette Lyon is a retelling of The Snow Queen (Frozen). This one too had a somewhat unique perspective and was pretty good. But I felt like the pacing was all wrong. There was a lack of climax and even a lacking in building up to a climax. There just wasn't enough suspense for me to really

care for the characters and the outcome.

Overall, it's a great and fun collection.

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## **Ballet in AK says**

### Happily Ever After Collection

One thing I love about Heather B. Moore's collections is that I am introduced to really talented writers and that I can be guaranteed an excellent job of editing. Never any spelling, grammar, or time-period errors to worry about. I can just delve into the books without some glaring mistake slamming me back into the 'here and now.'

Wonderfully written, well-developed plot and characters. One of my favorite genres is re-tellings of fairy tales and these do not disappoint. The focus on family love in all of these stories gives them heart, the romances give them soul. Impossible to go wrong when you combine the two.

I try not to give out 5 star ratings like candy. I want them to mean something. So when I rate something 4 stars, it is really good. 5 stars means that it is something special.

### Mail Order Princess by Jessica Day George (5 stars)

It's basically a retelling of The Wild Swans, but done in the Old West Mail-Order Bride genre. Very cleverly written! It follows the original story without losing that feeling of tension about whether good will win over evil.

I will be adding Jessica Day George to my list of favorite authors and will be searching for more of her books. What an amazingly talented writer!

### The Miller's Daughter by Julie Wright (5 stars)

Another winner in the series. Wonderful writing, clever plot, and fun twists on the story of Rumpelstiltskin. Was it really magic that turned the straw into gold?

Yet another author who will join my list of favorites.

### The Pebbled Path by Sarah M. Eden (5 stars)

Literally the ONLY version of Hansel and Gretel that I have ever enjoyed. No gingerbread/candy house here. More grit and romance than the original and much to be preferred.

Sarah M. Eden is so talented, I never think twice about buying her books because I know they will be enchanting.

### Black Fern by Julie Daines (5 stars)

My personal favorite fairy tale is Beauty and the Beast and this is a creative twist on my favorite! I read this one twice! Well-developed characters and plot. Julie Daines has long been a favorite—I've read everything by her that I could get my hands on.

Scarlet by Heather B. Moore (5 stars)

Not only does Heather B. Moore assemble amazing collections of stories, but is a talented writer herself! A wonderful re-telling of Little Red Riding Hood. I read this one twice, as well! A creative twist on the classic fairy tale and very romantic.

So Rare a Power by Annette Lyon (4 stars)

A re-telling of The Snow Queen. I'm not sure that I like that she set it in the Regency. However, it's well-written and wonderfully fairy-tale-esque!

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### **Rachel says**

A collection of fairytale novellas, some are good-some are weird. Haha

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### **Lucinda says**

A wide variety of stories in this collection. Some I liked a lot and others not at all.

My favorite story was Scarlet by Heather B. Moore. Heather is one of the very, very few authors who can successfully write a story with the female POV character in first person/present tense and male character in third person past tense. I was so engrossed that I didn't notice right way. Highly emotionally charged, intense story. I loved this version of Little Red Riding Hood.

This was the story in first place for me. 5 stars.

In second place was Julie Daines' story, Black Fern, a retelling of Beauty and the Beast. Another great story, very well done. I would have liked to read Branán's POV. 4 stars.

The Miller's Daughter, by Julie Wright, is a Rumpelstiltskin's retelling and I liked this one too, especially the way they meet and how Thomas helps Isa. Between 3 1/2 stars and 4 stars.

Sarah Eden's story, The Pebbled Path, was a retelling of Hansel and Gretel. I liked the variation on the old version, but it didn't grab me as much as the other two stories. 3 1/2 stars.

Mail-order Princess by Jessica Day George was written like an old fairy tale and I found it hard to relate to. I liked the premise and I probably would have liked the story much better if it had been written differently, with dual POVs. 2 stars.

Unfortunately, the last story, So Rare a Power by Annette Lyon, did not grab my interest. I tried reading it at three different times and ended up not finishing it. CNF.

I recommend this anthology for anyone who likes fairy tale retellings.

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

I absolutely love a good fairy tale retelling, and this collection is full of them! Every one of the stories is creative while still being recognizable. The authors did a wonderful job of pulling me into the story quickly and keeping me guessing as to how things would resolve. I thoroughly enjoyed all the stories, but my favorites were The Miller's Daughter (based on Rumpelstiltskin), Black Fern (based on Beauty and the Beast), and Scarlet (based on Little Red Riding Hood). Something about the relationships in those particular stories resonated with me, the settings were easy to envision, and the tension or anticipation was palpable. This is a novella collection you won't want to miss! Highly recommend!

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)

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## Mara says

I've been looking forward to this collection in the Timeless Romance Anthology series.

Mail-Order Princess by Jessica Day George. This is a new author to me and I think The Wild Swans is a lesser known fairy tale but I liked the modern retelling. Elise comes to "the New World" to be a bride to a Mr. Ludwig from the old country and brings her brothers (the swans) with her. She becomes a widow shortly after marrying Mr. Ludwig, then finds a way to break the spell on her brothers. She also finds love while trying to break the curse her brothers are under.

The Miller's Daughter by Julie Wright is a retelling of Rumpelstiltskin. Isa is the daughter of the miller, who wasn't a very nice man. He gambled and drank the money that should've been put away for the king's tax collectors. Isa meets Thomas when she visits her grandmother and he comes to her rescue when she's put in the tower by the king. Thomas Rumpel is far nicer than the original Rumpelstiltskin and he's a true hero. Loved Thomas.

The Pebbled Path by Sarah M. Eden is another version of Hansel and Gretel. In the original, Hansel and Gretel are brother and sister, but I liked them better as love interests. I love how they worked together to trick the enchantress and eventually defeat her.

Black Fern by Julie Daines was awesome. It's a supernatural take on Beauty and the Beast. Ros takes a job at Black Fern to earn money for her family--her 6 sisters and their ill father. She comes to know and care for Branan, the cursed master of Black Fern, and when she finds out her family needs her Branan lets her go to take care of them. Once they're on the mend she keeps her promise to return to Black Fern and she helps Branan to fight against the curse put upon him. I wish Ros would've been able to confront Finn. I think that would've been a great scene. This is a great story that shows people can change.

Scarlet by Heather B. Moore is a different take on Little Red Riding Hood. Scarlet doesn't care for August, the stonemason's son. I think she protest too much because August sounds pretty hunky and hot. When his father died he left August with the responsibility to keep their village protected from the wolves. August isn't going to let anything happen to Scarlet.

So Rare a Power by Annette Lyon is a retelling of The Snow Queen. Stella is from a wealthy family and Patrick works for the family next door. They meet secretly on a shared balcony and grow roses together until

Patrick is whisked away by the Snow Queen who wants his power for herself. Patrick doesn't know what his power is which makes her very unhappy. Stella is determined to find Patrick and bring him back home. Together they discover the power of love and defeat the Snow Queen.

I loved this collection as I grew up reading Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales. I couldn't pick a favorite from the Happily Ever After Collection because as I read each one I thought "this is my favorite".

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### **Amy Koster says**

In a Mail-Order Princess I found myself getting confused in the story. I am pretty unfamiliar of this particular fairy tale. I have loved everything by the author but I was not thrilled with this one. Reading it did make me want to go read the original.

The Miller's Daughter was fairly enjoyable. I love the sorry of Rumpelstiltskin and found this a unique twist. It honestly was not what I expected and found myself reading faster to see everything come about.

The story of Hansel and Gretel is my least favorite fairy tale. The author did a good job retelling the story in The Pebbled Path. I just had a hard time getting past they were not siblings. However, I do love the author and am pleased with the happy ending.

I loved the Black Fern! Beauty and the Beast is my all-time favorite! I was really rooting for the characters. It was a fun twist of the love and adventure. I love a great story of forgiveness of one's self and this did not disappoint.

Scarlet was my favorite in the collection. The characters were strong and their connection to each other was fun. A great retelling of true love!

So Rare a Power was a fun take of the Snow Queen. A story I am fairly unfamiliar with, I found myself intrigued with the events. I also felt it had a small Regency feel which I love.

Overall, I enjoyed each story for the time the author took to write it. I did feel the cover misrepresented the stories in the collection. I love forward to reading more from this series.

\*Please note I received a complimentary copy. All opinions expressed are my own.

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

Twisted fairy tales are so much fun to read. This anthology is a collection of six novella's that are unique retellings of the classic fairy tales.

The book contains new versions of "The Wilds Swans", "Rumpelstiltskin", "Hansel and Gretel", "Beauty and the Beast", "Little Red Riding Hood", and "The Snow Queen". While I recognized the basic theme of the stories, they were interesting and new. I loved how each of the author's took the classic and changed it into a unique story.

This book is a great fit for anyone who loves fairy tales, clean stories, romance, and short stories. I enjoyed every story. I don't think there is one that stand out as a favorite. Each of the stories compliment each other and make up a great collection.

The book contains kissing and non-graphic violence.

Source: I received a complimentary copy from eBooks for Review. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Mindy says**

Fairy tale retellings are my favorite books to read and six of them written by some of my favorite authors, makes this book even more wonderful. All six books are written well and are very enjoyable. When I started reading each story, I felt the stories and characters were well established and I was able to follow the stories with ease. I instantly was drawn into each story and thoroughly enjoyed each author's take on these classic fairy tale stories. I couldn't possibly pick a favorite, as each novella was so well done. I loved each one for the unique and creative stories they were.

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### **Julie Carpenter says**

Life is super busy right now and I'd love to write a little blurb on each individual novella but I'm running from place to place. If I get a chance I'll come back and add more.

I love this new Happily Ever After Collection that has been added to the Timeless Romance line. What a great group of authors to start it off with. I am a lover of fairy tales and these 6 novella retellings did not disappoint at all. I absolutely loved Black Fern, a Beauty and the Beast retelling and Scarlet, a Little Red Riding Hood retelling. Now those are just two of the six obviously but were my two favorites. All of them were very cleverly written and interpreted. I never would have thought to add some of the twists that the authors did. Well done!

Scarlet...oh heavens. It started off dark and mysterious and just kept going. I wanted to instantly reread it as soon as I finished. Lots of chemistry and brooding wolves in this one.

Black Fern...a paranormal twist on Beauty and the Beast that worked perfectly!

Mail-Order Princess...I can't remember the name of the fairytale it is retelling but it is one that I've really enjoyed through the years. The sister whose brothers are cursed and turned into swans and she must be silent while breaking the curse. This one was a fun twist set in America and a sweet love story too!

The Miller's Daughter...I've always loved Rumpelstiltskin and let me say this one didn't disappoint. Who would have thought to twist it and make the characters work as they did for this retelling? I liked it...a lot! Rumpel was probably my favorite character! With a very plucky Isa!

The pebbled Path...Hansel and Gretel. Oh I liked it. Jenni James' version puts these two characters not as siblings but as love interests and Sarah Eden did the same thing. The witch was intense but still not

outsmarted by Hansel and Gretel.

So Rare a Power...A Snow Queen retelling. I've actually only read one maybe two retellings of this fairytale. It's not my favorite fairytale, in general. But I will say that I liked this take on it. Cold and Frozen but true love can thaw anything!!!

Definitely one I enjoyed a lot and highly recommend for fairytale lovers.

Content: Clean throughout the whole collection. Scarlet was a little more intense than the others and had a little bit more kissing, maybe a spicy clean rating for that one. Some paranormal and some magic throughout the collection.

I received a copy from the publisher. All thoughts and opinions in the review are my own.

Happy Reading!!!

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### **Melissa says**

I was so sad when I finished the first two books in this series. They just seemed juvenile and not thought out. I really like these anthologies and was looking forward to this one. I was so glad I kept reading. The Hansel and Gretel story was so different and good, but the beauty and the Beast story was awesome. I loved it. The Red Riding Hood story was very good and so different too, but the B and B story saved the series:} Clean

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