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Claiming Excalibur (The Legendary Series)



Synopsis

Aliana Fagan has done what many thought impossible: she's awakened King Arthur from his fifteen-hundred-year sleep, reunited the Knights of the Round Table, and even beaten Mordrid and Morgana LeFay in battle. But the Destined One's quest has only begun. Before the knights can "unearth and reclaim their lost relics" they must survive the trip to Charleston, South Carolina and meet the newest member of the Round Table. If King Arthur's men thought Aliana and Lacy were tenacious, they'll be even more surprised by Dawn, the third member of the fem-trio. Deadly secrets, unexpected allies, and a traitor lurking in the shadows await Aliana and the new Round Table as they continue their search for Excalibur. Their only clue is a beyond confusing poem from a mysterious book that speaks of a terrifying creature guarding the legendary sword. Trying to build a somewhat normal relationship with Sir Galahad adds a whole new level of complexity to Aliana's task, especially when several among them suspect the White Knight may not be wholly himself. Her friendship with King Arthur grows closer, and when circumstances become intense, he may finally get the chance with Aliana that he's been pining for. Mysteries, legendary quests, and haunting memories will either unite the members of the New Round Table or fracture their bonds. Aliana and her crew only have seven months before the planets align and Mordrid can seize the power he needs to conquer the seven realms. Can the Destined One keep her new family together and lead Arthur to his destiny of saving the realms? Or will a centuries-old plot for revenge finally spell the king's end?

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Customer Reviews

I was given a copy of this book for an honest review. This is a book you will not be able to put down to save your life. I know I couldn't and I'm usually not a fantasy reader but find myself loving this series. It feels like I'm in my own little fairy tale. It just has that feeling to me and I love that. I loved being with Aliens and her "boys" once again. All the action, adventure, and a love triangle make a fantastic read. We once again visit different fantasy worlds that mix with the modern world while the clocks tick to get it all done. The love triangle is just....ahhh. LH Nicole has done it again!! I loved. The story builds and builds and is so well paced and just keeps getting better and better. I will be recommending this book to everyone I know. I can't wait to see where LH Nicole takes us next. Thank you for such an amazing read.

I would like to start out by saying that in exchange for an honest review I was given a copy of this book. Now that I think about it I'm not sure it was a good idea to go to bed before writing a review for this because I feel that whatever I'm gonna be writing now won't be as profound as what I was thinking at 3 o'clock in the morning. I'll give it a go though... What struck me about this book is how we started off running, we picked up right where the first book ended and there aren't too many books that do that, or not that I've read. There wasn't much reiterating of what had happened in the previous book either and I think I liked it better that way. It was nice that half the book wasn't a re-read of *Legendary*. The book was super fast paced. We met new characters and went to new places. The way Nicole painted the scenes every color was so vivid. The magic was explosive and it was so easy to visualize the fight scenes. My only difficulty was permanently pin pointing the appearances of the characters. For the king and knights my own vision of how the knights have always looked kept getting muddled with the different attributes described in the writing. I do think Tyler Hoechlin is permanently my vision of Galahad especially in the second book.

As Aliana and the knights recover from their battle with Mordrid and Morgana, Aliana has another dream. She sees a book her father owned that could point to the location of Excalibur. So Aliana, Dragg, Lacy and the eight knights fly to North Carolina to the home Aliana grew up in to find her father's book and continue the Destined One's quest. Aliana fills her other best friend, Dawn, in on the truth about the group of men and Dawn joins the quest to defeat Mordrid and Morgana. Locating the book has the knights traveling to the Isle of the Blessed to locate the sword.

Not only do they find Excalibur, but they locate the ruined Camelot. In this story Aliana and Galahad's relationship is in full swing. Lacy and Percival are also coupling and it appears Dawn and Wade, the reincarnated Gawain, are also falling for each other. So there is more romance in this book. The addition of another childhood friend does not really serve the story well though. The three girls together are flighty and superficial 18 year olds. Aside from the flirting, Lacy and Dawn's main roles seem to be to say, you can't stop me from coming. Aliana continues to deny that Arthur is interested in her but the tension between the king and his knight mounts. Each appearance of Queen Titania escalates that tension. It seems when she created the spell that saved Arthur, she had plans for the Destined One. We learn that Aliana is a descendant of Titania and so she is half Fae. There also seems to be some sort of magic affecting Galahad that makes him go crazy when Aliana is threatened. The group locates the sword and returns to the mortal realm. A confrontation between Aliana, Arthur, and Galahad has Aliana running and she ends up captured by Mordrid. He had captured two people she cares for and so to secure their release, she agrees to stay with him and even agrees to a kiss. The kiss adds further confusion to Aliana's troubled relationship status. Queen Titania appears and saves Aliana from Mordrid and Morgana and sends her on to continue her quest to fulfill the prophecy by finding the lost relics. I actually liked this story less than the first. There was a lot more superficial content that was rather boring. I was hoping for more depth of characters in the second book but was left wanting. My rating: 2 out of 5 stars

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