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Von Laura Kinsale

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Von Laura Kinsale : Shadowheart (Medieval Hearts) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shadowheart (Medieval Hearts):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a beautiful bookVon Deborah MacgillivrayIt's been a long draught for Kinsale fans. I believe I heard rumours of a crippling writers-block. Well, the dam must have broken, but because she is back and better than ever! This is one of THE MUST-READS of this Spring. The book is a marvellous tour de force for the returning author and sure will

quickly win back old fans and make new! I love heroes that are alpha (strong, dominant personalities), but the more complex, dark ones are the Gamma rogues - the males that are outside of society, that chew up the Alpha males and spit them out as a pastime, men in the genius Anne Stuart's Bad Bad Boys vein. Stuart is the Queen of the dark and deadly male, but Kinsale is shaking the leg of throne with Allegreto. He is a brilliant creation that leaps off the pages. A trained assassin, he is determined to regain his rightful place in the Italian Principality of Monteverde - and he does not care what he has to do to achieve his aim or whom he uses. And in reaching his goal, he sees Lady Elena, the lost Monteverde Princess as the perfect pawn, thus sealing her fate. Elena is returning to Monteverde, betrothed to the man now running Monteverde. Her ship is overtaken and captured by pirates - lead by none other than Allegreto. She is first his prison, then later forced to wed him. Captive, lover, wife, Elena is naturally furious, as he is a hard man, nearly cruel, but flashes of moments when he displays a tenderness toward her begins to cause her to look past the killer veneer and see the man - the real man there - a man driven. Take a killer and making him a hero is, as they say, "a hard row to hoe". Anne Stuart did it in her brilliant "Moonrise", a book that haunts me years after putting it down. Kinsale now does it with "Shadow Heart". It is amazing the craft and magic both writers breathe into these hardened men, yet make the women love them for what they are - just as the readers will. Kinsale's love for this story shines, and like a master storyteller of old around the fireside, she weaves a tale that mesmerises, compels and leaves you breathless. You may want to buy three copies of this book - 1) to read more than once 2) to give to your best friend - she will love you for it and 3) to put on your keeper shelf and treasure!! Welcome back Ms. Kinsale!! Don't make it so long next time!!

5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mittelalterroman mit viel Krieg und hartem Sex Von LoveLetter Magazin Kaum hat Elena erfahren, dass sie eine Prinzessin ist, wird sie schon von England in ihre Heimat Monteverde geschickt, um den dortigen Regenten zu heiraten. Auf der berfahrt in die Alpenrepublik gert ihr Schiff in einen Hinterhalt, und sie wird von Allegreto, dem Widersacher ihres Zuknftigen, auf seiner Insel gefangen genommen. Allegreto will seine Besitztmer und seine Macht in der alten Heimat zurckerlangen. Eine Vermhlung mit der rechtmigen Thronerbin und Braut seines Erzfeindes bringt ihn dem Ziel nher. Elena kann sich der Anziehungskraft des barbarischen Piraten kaum erwehren. Lange haben Fans auf einen neuen Roman von Laura Kinsale gewartet. Damit lieferte die Autorin dann eine Fortsetzung zu ihrem groen Erfolg "For My Ladys Heart" und gewann prompt den RITA Award 2005 fr den besten historischen Roman. Erneut werden die Rnkespiele im fiktiven Frstentum thematisiert, die Familienfehden zwischen den Riata und Navona. Leider gert die Geschichte phasenweise langatmig, besonders in der ersten Hlfte des Buches. Der Kampf um die Regierungsgewalt in Monteverde ist schon um einiges interessanter als der Weg der enthrten Braut in ihr Reich. Hier kann Kinsale ihre Strke ausspielen, einen geschichtlichen Hintergrund zu erschaffen. Wer aber nach einem beschaulichen Mittelalterroman sucht, sollte sich den Kauf gut berlegen. Die Rohheit in den kriegerischen Auseinandersetzungen und der Beseitigung von Verrtern ist eine Sache, die Brutalitt der Sexszenen allerdings eine ganz andere. Von Liebesszenen mag man kaum sprechen, eher schon von animalischer Kopulation mit einem Hauch von S/M. Es ist zu bezweifeln, dass das Gros der Liebesromanleser dies preisverdchtig findet.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Worth the wait! Von Detra Fitch The assassin, Allegreto, first appeared in the novel "For My Lady's Heart" and readers screamed for his story to be told. Finally, his story has arrived! Elena's life had been simple, sweet, and shielded for as long as she could recall. When Sir Raymond de Claire went to his lord and asked for Elena's hand in marriage, the customary background check was done of her blood lines. That was the end of her innocence. The shocking truth was revealed. Unknown to most, including herself, she was Princess Elena Rosafina di Monteverde, the direct descendant from the ruling house of Monteverde. She was the granddaughter of Prince Ligurio and long since thought dead. The Lady Melanthe (from "For My Lady's Heart") had hidden Elena, with the help of an assassin, from the sight of those who would see her dead. The house of Riata ruled Monteverde for now. Knowing the people would embrace Elena as the true ruling house, she was charged to marry Franco Pietro which would combine the houses of Riata and Monteverde. Unhappy, but with no other choice, Elena set sail for Monteverde and her marriage. Allegreto Navona, the illegitimate son of the cruel Gian Navona intercepted Elena's passage. She was taken to his island and was saved from being forced to wed the Riata. Instead, she would be forced to wed Allegreto of the Navona house. His marriage to Elena would seal his claim to rule Monteverde. Then he and his men, specially trained by him, would invade the city Monteverde and become the ruling lords. Elena fell in love with Allegreto, but he was a man with many dark secrets. He claimed to have no heart, but pledged his life and service to Elena. Once in Monteverde, Elena must somehow return her people to the peaceful ways of her grandfather. But the houses of Riata and Navona caused unrest and some others plotted Elena's death, thus eliminating the last of her house.***** Author Laura Kinsale and her legendary ability to weave spell binding tales has come forward once again to offer readers the long awaited story of the mysterious assassin known as The Raven. The result is "Shadow Heart" and it was worth the wait! Elena's character is so realistic that readers can easily sympathize with her and feel the uncertainty that consumes the young princess and slowly changes her to become the strong leader the people so desperately need. As for the two house leaders who fight to claim Elena's hand, the reader is able to see and understand BOTH sides. The story, itself, flows smoother than silk with remarkable secondary characters that will claim the hearts of all. Highly recommended reading! This book will

stand out from all others on your Keeper Shelf! *****Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.

Kurzbeschreibung Swept up in political intrigue, an assassin and a princess embrace a passionate love in this fourteenth-century romance by a New York Times bestselling author. As the last unmarried princess of Monteverde, Elayne is trapped in a marital bond when her hand is promised to the lands ruler. On the voyage to meet her future husband, she is captured by Allegreto Navona the living embodiment of the dark angel she's seen in dreams. Endowed with godlike beauty, his eyes burn bright with sin. A woman of modesty would flee such a man. But try as she might, a wanton hunger binds her to his side ... Trained as an assassin, Allegreto is the bastard son of an ambitious lord who raised him to murder for control of Monteverde. Now that his father is dead, if Allegreto can make Elayne his wife, it will cleanse his tainted blood, and the country will be his, but she is no mere maiden to be possessed. Unexpectedly, he falls in love with her, finding in her quick mind and azure eyes the conqueror of his heart. But will his dark past scare her off? With a legendary ability to create lovers you'll never forget, the author of *Flowers from the Storm* offers a lively historical romance.