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Four cursed knights. One Warrior Princess. A faerie sword that binds their lives together.

Fionna's only hope to save her family lies across the Irish Sea. As a warrior princess of Ulster, the rival clann holding her father and sister for ransom knows she'll pay any price to get them back. But even she couldn't predict the task set before her—to steal a faerie sword from a king.

The Kingdom of Caerleon is dying under Morgan la Fay's dark magic. Her vengeful curse has locked Excalibur in its scabbard, placing Arthur Pendragon's kingship in jeopardy. Now Arthur and his sword brothers—Lancelot, Galahad, and Percival—have but one hope. The fifth knight. The one foretold by Merlin who will break the curse and heal the land.

But Arthur and his sword brothers didn't expect the warrior to be a fierce and captivating woman. Or the legendary White Fay, prophesied by Morgan la Fay to destroy Caerleon by claiming the heart of a king and three sworn knights.

***The Fifth Knight* is a Reverse Harem tale of betrayal and fated love.**

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Jesikah Sundin says

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Becky Moynihan says

Why choose one when you can have them all? Although I don't condone such behavior in real life, I quite enjoy reading it in fiction... if done right. Well, this one was done right, yay!

As a fan of the TV show Merlin, I loved this fresh take on the Arthurian tale. The characters weren't canned but each had unique, distinct personalities you wouldn't expect of the legends. Well, except for Morgana, maybe. Haha.

Fionna was a fabulous new addition, and quite lucky I must say. I wouldn't mind being in her boots. She's a relatable mix of fierce yet soft, hard yet vulnerable, proving that a woman can be strong and capable without losing her femininity.

I finished this book in a day as it was a super fun and easy read, and I only wished it was longer! Thankfully the next book is coming out in a month. I can be patient. I think.

Fierce and brutal, a heady mix of playful and beautiful, this story reminds us of what it means to love and be loved.

Beth says

King Arthur's kingdom is at risk. Morgan, in her anger, has cursed King Arthur, Excaliber and the King Arthur's kingdom, Caerleon. Arthur's only hope, find the 5th knight that will find the Grail and save them all. Arthur holds a tournament. He precedes to knight the winner only to realize she is a woman. A woman fated to save them all. 5 knights of King Arthur's court and one of them is a female.

Morgan is still playing her evil games.

Merlin is encourage them to find their salvation by finding the Grail.

And, all the knights want Fiona.

Great premise that got over taken over by the insta-love, reverse harem plot. The storytelling was filled with physical interludes, lots of internal turmoil, which is definitely not for me, and professions of love. If you like steamy interludes with lots of angst about who deserves and will get the girl then **The Fifth Knight** is for you. In the end, it wasn't a read for me.

I received this copy of **The Fifth Knight** from Forest Tales Publishing. This is my honest and voluntary review.

Karen says

Oh this was such an awesome read!

We have a mix of Arthur and his knights legend with a touch of English and Saxon history/mythology

Fionna is a princess from afar but in order to save her family, she must complete a mission that can go wrong in so many ways, to still the powerful sword from King Arthur.

But when she enters a tournament disguised as a male, she doesn't think she will gain the trust and love of the four knights of Cameleon.

And now she has to decide if it's worth giving her love to these men or having to betray them.

This is definitely a read for over 18 year olds, but it's not over explicit. I reckon you'll love Fionna and her feistiness. Plus the knights she is with, so caring and strong, and everything you want in a man

If this is a read for you, you should definitely give it a try. There is plenty of action and thrills throughout

Received a copy from the authors themselves, for an honest review, thank you!

Michelle says

Honestly, I never thought I'd find an Arthurian RH adventure. Not sure why this was so surprising, but it just didn't cross my mind as something most people would write.

Regardless of my expectations, Sundin and Luana do a good job of creating a unique tale that's perfect for fans of the medieval and those who like some Celtic magic in their stories.

Fionna is a female warrior, a fierce Irishwoman who finds herself at the mercy of an enemy chieftan. When her efforts to save her father and sister find her joining King Arthur's squadron of knights, she's quickly thrust into more than she ever expected.

We've got some magic, some mythology, and a search for the Blessed Grail. There's multiple story arcs going on here, all swirling around a few key relationships: Fionna and the men's, Arthur and his wicked half-sisters, and Lancelot and his most violently spurned lover. There's plenty of relationship drama to go around for everyone!

Fionna is a likable character; I thought Sundin and Luana had a nice balance of showing us some of her softness through her chapters in her thoughts while letting her be this fierce, bad*ss woman on the outside. She shows kindness to the other knights and her new king, and the remorse she feels about her impending betrayal makes her a well-rounded character that has a lot of heart.

The men have some potential, but they're not quite as fleshed out yet. We do get chapters where different men take the spotlight, but Fionna's are the only ones told in first person, so we really do get the most in depth look at her thoughts and feelings. I appreciate the opportunity to focus on each of the men, but I do wish their chapters were also told in first person. It feels like I'm a little cheated because I'm getting the chance to look closely at them, yet there's still so much that we can't access.

Overall, the pacing of the story was good albeit feeling like it went a little quickly. There's a little bit of

action, but nothing too explicit. I'd definitely categorize this as a slow burn because we have something to "wet your appetite" but no full actual for those who crave some full-on s*x. I'm definitely checking out the next book, which is currently out on KU, because I find the concept to be a bit of fresh air, and I want to learn more about these knightly men.

Anzu The Great Destroyer says

I really love Jesikah's work, huge fan of her Biodome Chronicles series, awesome writing style. Not a fan of the reverse harem thing. Really not a fan. Even so, I gave this one a try. Sad to say it didn't change my mind. I'm going to leave the rating blank because this is more of a **it's not you, it's me** thing. If you're into this genre then maybe give it a try, you might like it.

Nicole says

This was my first reverse harem romance. I loved this story, the mythology, the time period and the characters. I love this cover it is completely engaging. I can't wait for book two within this series. It's a must read!!!

This novel is really captivating, the characters are lovable and really relate able. There is a bunch of action, some steamy romance scenes and some seriously laugh out loud funny moment. I cannot wait for the next novel with this series.

Raj says

Will Fionna the heroine betray the four cursed knights to save sister from a brutal fate by stealing Excalibur from King Arthur? With Morgana the dark enchantress pulling the strings anything is possible in this retelling of the Arthurian legends.

Abi says

3.5 stars. Interesting. I love King Arthur and Camelot. Have read better though. This was a bit stilted and felt a bit too "ooh! ahh!" and not enough actual plot and believability, especially with the romance. World building needs improvement.

E.A. says

The Fifth Knight (The Knights of Caerleon #1) by Claire Luana & Jesikah Sundin was a fast pace, entertaining read that had me hooked from start to finish.

What a start to a new series, and being that this is the first book I have read from this author, I have to say I

will be checking out other books Jesikah Sundin has written. I'm no stranger to RH, though I don't read it as much as I use to, but it's still a genre I like. In saying that, there ways to do it wrong and there are ways to do it right, and this my friends, is an exemplary example of a RH done, all kinds of right.

I'm going to be real with you, it wasn't the RH that caught my eye, no it was the fact that this is a King Arthur tale, and I love anything that has Arthurian elements. This is more a retelling with our MC tossed into the mix. Now I will say that our MC Fionna is for the lack of a better word, a Mary-sue.. yes, yes, I know, I have dissed on that before, how I don't like, it.. But.. I have also said there are ways to do it right.

To be even more honest, Fionna, though has all the markings of a Mary-Sue, also has many elements of a OP(Overpowered) character as well. Normally that mix, isn't a good one, but, and there is a but. The writing, the character development, and the complex multi layers of Fionna, offset those two, normally, annoying traits. Jesikah Sundin managed to humanize Fionna, causing the reading(me) to connect. Fionna was nice, she wasn't a, -I'll do it myself, then have to get rescued- type. She wasn't mean or mlishious to other female character (Which is the most annoying of the mary-sue tropes). She was witty but, was also flawed. I loved her as a lead characters and despite having everyone she met fall in love with her, she was probably one of the best female MC's I've read about this year.

This just goes to show you, that you don't need to following the normal "outline" of a character, to have something amazing.

Overall this book is worth your time, energy and brain power. I know I was gushing about Fionna, but I just feel like she carried the story and truly outshone the others. Yes King Arthur and his knights were well developed and great to read about, but I was drawn to Fionna. This was all due to knowing how to write a OP character and not make it cringe otherly. And for me, really showcased the authors magical writing talent.

On that note I will leave you with my super high recommendation and, my stamp of approval.

Happy Reading

-E.A. Walsh

Maura says

This is the first book I've read by Jesikah Sundin, I enjoy reading Claire Luana so I was excited to read this story.

It's an interesting take on The Knights of the Round Table. Honestly, I don't know much about the legend so it was all pretty new to me. I found the reverse harem an interesting twist. RH is new to me and it feels like it's the latest "popular genre". I have read a lot of it and this seemed tamer than what I have read.

The story features a kick a** strong female lead whose destiny is written and it is not the usual direction you would think she would be going. The characters are well developed and the story is layered with a few different threads. It held my interest and I only found myself skimming a few times.

I will re-read this story when the future installments are published.

Caitlyn Lynch says

At its core, this is a Mary-Sue self-insert King Arthur fanfic where Arthur, Lancelot, Galahad and Percival all fall for the heroine.

And you know what? I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Yes, Fionna is a bit too perfect to be true. She's otherworldly beautiful (even though she compares herself unfavourably to her sister), a super-fighter who can go toe to toe with Arthur or any of his knights despite her small size, and apparently is also destined to be a great enchantress, according to Merlyn. Everyone falls in love with her at first sight. She's pretty much the definition of a Mary-Sue. And yet... I still really liked her. She has relatable motives and is willing to work hard to get what she needs; she's kind to servants and doesn't treat other women as rivals, and she regularly questions her attitudes and works on being a better person.

I've always been a huge fan of Arthurian fantasy, and this was a nice take on the story, with Morgana a vengeful fae bent on getting her revenge after Lancelot cheated on her. Several curses afflict Arthur's kingdom, not least Excalibur being stuck in its scabbard, and only Merlyn's prophecy of a fifth knight to join their company and help them find the Grail gives them faith.

Fionna joins them under false pretences, winning a tourney disguised as a man, and by the time her identity is revealed it's too late to back out. Besides, her blood released Excalibur, so Arthur has no choice but to believe she's the right person for the task.

Morgana certainly isn't about to give up without a fight, though. She's working contrary to Merlyn's prophecies the whole time, and as this first book in the trilogy draws to a close, it's obvious things are about to get a lot trickier for the group, especially since some of them are still concealing important truths from the others.

While this is Reverse Harem and marketed as unsuitable for readers under 18, there's not that much sex in it. Clearly the story is building to Fionna having a relationship with all four men, but in this first part of the trilogy she only gets intimate with Arthur and Galahad, and the heat only probably reaches a 3-4 stage. Considering Lancelot is under a curse and Percival has taken a vow of celibacy, I don't think you'll see too much more action until at least Book 3, either.

I liked the way that Lancelot was written as explicitly bisexual, and it was certainly at least hinted that Percival was too, so homophobia isn't something you have to worry about here, often a problematic element in RH books. I think this is a great example of a fantasy romance with a slow build to a reverse harem which makes logical sense given the circumstances, and I'll definitely be looking out for parts 2 and 3 of the trilogy. Five stars.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book for review through NetGalley.

Angela says

4 Stars

The Fifth Knight is the first book in The Knights of Caerleon Series by Claire Luana and Jesikah Sundin. Wow! What a fantastic collaboration this book has turned out to be. I am a big fan of Ms. Luana's, but Ms.

Sundin is a new-to-me author- but after reading this book, that's something I plan on rectifying as soon as possible. These two authors really compliment each other's style and this book reflects that in so many ways. From the fascinating and original storyline, to the polished writing, the brilliant world building, and wonderful characters- everything was really well thought out and developed, which made it all seem quite realistic and believable. It meshed so well, I certainly couldn't tell which parts were written by whom. It all seemed to flow beautifully, a real credit to both their talents.

This is a brilliant Arthurian fantasy- a reverse harem with plenty of swords and sorcery, magic, action, adventure, drama, revenge, plots, curses, the hand of fate, knights, Merlin, battles, suspense, spice, betrayal, hope, and surprises.

King Arthur's kingdom has been cursed, the fate of his realm looks dark. With Lancelot, Percival and Galahad by his side, their only hope is to find the fifth knight, foretold in prophecy to hold the power to break the curse. The very last thing they expected was to find the fifth knight, and find out that she is a woman...

Fionna is a skilled warrior who is on a mission to save her family. She has her sights set on a magic sword, which leads her to Caerleon, Arthur and the knights. What ensues when she gets there and earns her place as a knight makes for an incredibly captivating story that I would definitely recommend to all fantasy, reverse harem, and Arthurian fans.

I must admit when I first saw this book that I as a little worried that the whole reverse harem aspect of the story would overwhelm the fantasy/Arthurian side of the tale. But I needn't have worried as Ms. Luana and Ms. Sundin wove a wonderful tapestry, where the reverse harem was just one element in an incredible, multi-layered story. I was pulled into the story and followed along cheering them on the whole way. There were times where things got quite complicated and difficult, which had me a little anxious to see how everything would work out. I read this book in an evening, just so I wouldn't have to put it down.

I love what these two wonderful authors have accomplished together, and I can not wait to read the rest of the series.

Well done!

Thank you, Ms. Luana & Ms. Sundin!

Tyffany says

****I received an ARC of The Fifth Knight in exchange for an honest review****

So I think it's important to preface this by saying I went into The Fifth Knight with some pretty strong bias—I've never read harlem or reverse harlem, and I think a large part of my hesitation lays in the reason I hate love triangles: I can't stop screaming "pick one" and it's frustrating! xD

That said, I'm already a fan of Jesikah's work so I knew I had to give it a shot and am absolutely stoked at the beautiful book she and Claire created!

Romances aside, since that's an inevitable and important part of reverse harem, the underlying story is brilliant. Not only did these two take great steps toward historical accuracy, I never felt like I was reading the same old Arthur legend rehashed again. Jesikah and Claire brought these characters vividly to life, with beautifully contrasting personalities that kept me flipping pages. The world they built around them was familiar but new, and their writing styles fit together so well that the words flowed smoothly, with none of the disjuncting you'll occasionally find in co-written work.

As to the romance side of things, in this book there were only two mature scenes and both were well

written—they weren't crude, and the second stood out to me as kind of particularly beautiful. Despite that instinctual misgiving, I kind of can't stop rooting them all on for different reasons! xD

If you're not a fan of harem or reverse harem, or you've never tried the genre before, this is totally worth the read. The story and characters are just too rich to be ignored!

tl;dr—The Fifth Knight is a fresh take on the Arthurian legend. Claire and Jesikah brought the familiar characters vividly to life in a beautiful, romantic re-imagining that had me sucked in from the very first word.

Kat T. says

Ummm...It was okay? Dwelled too much on the insta-lust though which I found very annoying. Might read the next one if it's released soon.

3 Stars.
