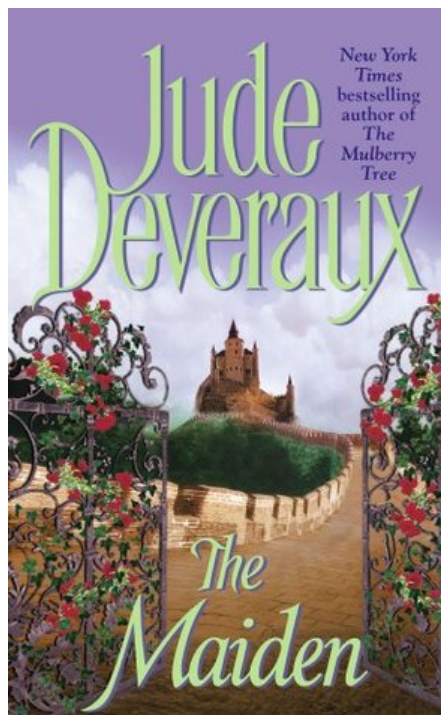




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He was wise, strong, and brave. His destiny was to be king. She was young, beautiful, a warrior princess. Her destiny was to love him.

But when first they met, it was not as princess and king -- it was as man and woman only, consumed by a passion so sudden, so deep that the very world exploded with one kiss. Only later, with his touch still burning on her lips, did Jura discover that the knight of her secret tryst had been none other than the hated Prince Rowan! Rowan, who had returned from far-away England to usurp her brother's throne...Rowan, who vowed to unite the wild clans under his rule.

Furious, Jura swore her enmity to the golden-haired prince whose glorious visage tormented her days and haunted her nights. But nothing would stop Rowan from ruling over the warring tribes...and nothing would stop him from winning the fierce and lovely Jura as his bride, his Queen, his love....

The Maiden Details

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Lareina Dibben says

The start of the book and the premise was good but the ending just flew in out of nowhere and it was wrapped up with a paragraph basically lumping what happened next together and saying they "lived happily ever after". It was too sudden for me and didn't make sense for where they were at in the book...

Sandcastles says

Liked it till the... the end was too abrupt

Kelly says

I am going to write the same thing for the Taggart and Montgomery series of Jude Deveraux. First, I can't believe that I read these books because they are so blatantly bodice rippers (not my style at all). And second, and more importantly, I devoured them all! Here is the scoop: We stopped at a friend's house in Tennessee on the last leg of one of our cross country trips about 11 years ago and I had run out of books. She gave me three of Deveraux's books in the Montgomery series and I kindly took them never expecting to read them (my God the covers alone were ridiculous!). Well, I gave in and read them because I needed something to do on the ride home. By the time we got home, I had already called the library and asked them to reserve all of the Taggart and Montgomery series books they had! I devoured them all and loved them? Here's the funny thing - I have never read any more Deveraux since that time (not even the last Taggart book or the last two Montgomery books). I can still vividly remember scenes from the books I read so many years ago!

Cindy says

Copyright 1988, my well read copy is from that year. I was a die hard fan of JD & this was a favorite. When I was in my 20s....

Now I have to say, rereading it after a couple of decades, it's one of her more bizarre offerings. Rowan is a wonderful hero. Handsome, intelligent, driven. He's built like a tank.

I never really warmed up to Jura & I wonder if I've been unfair. She's very young - 18. She's been without a mother since she was 5, raised my warriors. Trained to be a warrior. It's instalust for both of them, but she pushes him away & is a big jerk to him all the time. Granted, she has reasons, but she's really not a likable heroine.

We chug away through the plot, which has Rowan & his sister going to the fictional country of Lanconia. Rowan is the heir to the king, but first he has to unite the many warring tribes.

The one thing JD does well is keep the story interesting. At least until we end up in the Ulten territory. Then it all goes to hell. We get a wild story of a city run by women, all catering to an old, dirty man. It's just a strange plot device & then the story abruptly ends! There's a short, 3 paragraph epilogue.

The story continues in the future with " The Princess", which was another favorite. I'm almost afraid to read

it!

There's also mention of another descendant of Rowan & Jura's in "Sweet Liar".

My cover has a picture of a man & woman who look exactly like Rowan & Jura.

StrangeBedfellows says

Yet another book where I look back and ask myself, "why did I read this?" This book is very true to Deveraux's style: an overbearing man disrupts the heroine's life, and the author tries to convince us that they're really in love. Not even nostalgia can earn this book more than a star and a half from me -- and the rating is only that high because Rowan wasn't as horrifyingly abusive as some of Deveraux's other "heroes" have been.

Sunshine says

To tell you the truth I read this one a week or so ago and just forgot to write a review about it and now that I have time to write there isn't a lot I remember. It's not that memorable. It was okay. Kinda slow through out. Jura's personality drives me nuts half the time with her negativity and doubt in Rowan. I hated how hard he had to try to make her approve of him but I guess that was the point of the story that she was so much harder to conquer. Like I said it was ok but I've enjoyed some of her other book much more than this one.

Stacy Sties says

3.75 stars for me. The beginning was rather ridiculous for me but as the story progressed everything fell into place rather well and I enjoyed how Rowen and Jura learned to work together and create their own HEA.

kim says

Not your typical romance novel

I've read the reviews online and am a little surprised at how poorly the book is rated. I've never read an Jude Deveraux before, but 'inherited' this and decided to read it before I list it on Bookmooch. I didn't expect to really like it much, as I expected it was your typical romance...boy meets girl...they hate each other...they love each other...they hate each other...they end up together living happily ever after; with a lot a steamy scenes in between. Since I find typical 'romance' novels pretty boring, but a quick read, that's what I expected. As others have mentioned, both negatively and positively, this is not your 'typical' romance novel. It had all the elements, though maybe a bit less 'steam' than some. But it also had a bit more depth. The prince, separated from King daddy at an early age, was brought home and given the mission to unite the tribes....a seemingly impossible task. And of course, they tribes hate and distrust each other, to the point that to wander into the territory of another is almost certain death! The Prince also has to guard against his half-brother who considers the throne rightfully his. And inconveniently, the heroine, who becomes Queen when she marries the Prince, is the half-sister of the half-brother of the new King! She spends much of the novel learning where her loyalties lie!. So you have suspense, action, romance....all in one book!

I have a few other Jude Deveraux books I 'inherited' with this one, and after The Maiden, I'm looking

forward to them. But based on what I've read here, I'll likely be disappointed, since this book was apparently, not typical of her works!

Amy says

Just... nope.

Sojourner McConnell says

Not one of my most favorite Jude Deveraux books.

Catherine Cornilles says

I love the Deveraux Taggart and Montgomery reads this one is great.

Laconia family beginnings hope to see more of this line of the family. Always fun learning of the royal twins escapades.

Kat Morrissey says

2.5 stars

I liked this. Kind of. I read this mainly because of the series reading order that states this should be read second Deveraux's Montgomery-Taggert series. (Chronologically speaking). So I did.

I loved Rowan and his plan. I liked Xante and Lora and wished there was more of them, or that they had their own book. (The same goes for Cilean and Daire). I also thought the story line was written and thought out. The author did a great job differentiating the tribes and going through -and resolving- all the twists and turns the book has.

But what annoyed me, too often too count, was the heroine, Jura. I kept forgetting that she was young and raised to be a guardswoman. But her anger was intense, almost too intense for me. And I hated how she wouldn't talk to Rowan. And then I'd be annoyed that he didn't talk to her. Ugh. It was annoying. Like seriously freaking annoying.

But what brought this book from 2.0 to 2.5 stars was the ending and how, finally, a resolution was found and Lanconia found peace. I have the third book by Deveraux, the next in the series reading order (see link above) and hope it is better than this.

Paola Garcia says

3.5

Nemma says

I honesly found this book to be the best of all the Montgomery books I've read so far. This was one of those books that you just have lying around, a book you don't feel like reading. I had absolutely no high expectations on it but it really surprised me. The minute I started reading it I was caught, anxious when I didn't have the book. I couldn't stop reading it. So Good!

Jemarie says

The story was infuriating, but knowing it's a Jude Deveraux book, it became quite normal for me to get angry. Rowan was gentler than most male characters in Jude's books and I found Jura quite hard headed. I hated the progress of the story because almost all their conversation ends up in a fight or a misunderstanding until the later chapters. Maybe I just expected it to be more sweet and that they will come to an understanding along the way. They express their love for each other in a way I cannot fully comprehend.
