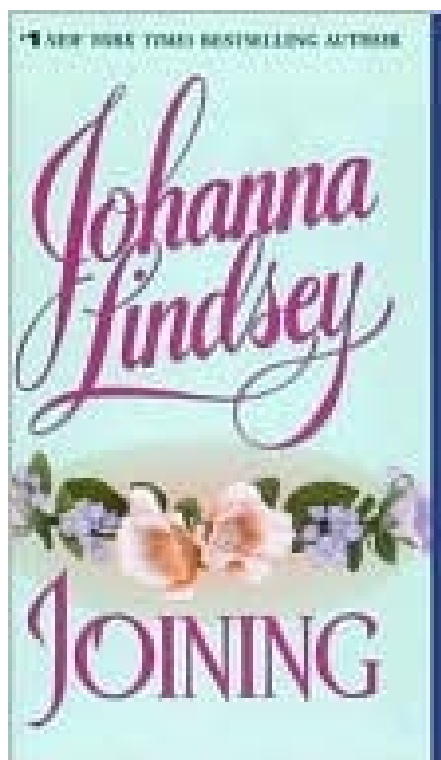




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Johanna Lindsey has created two unforgettable characters tied together by circumstance, but sharing a boundless passion that will force them to search their hearts—and surrender to a yearning far beyond their control.

Joining Details

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Sharon Estridge says

Historical romances are my guilty pleasure, not great literature but sometimes I really just want an easy entertaining read. This one didn't disappoint.

Luz says

This is in my top 5 favorite books. So funny, romantic & awesome. Love it!

Kit★ says

Was picked for my June 2015 Pick It For Me challenge... 2015 was a terrible year for me and I got behind... still catching up, yes, I'm worse than a snail stuck in molasses...

Finished! I liked it well enough, there's something about the author's style that has me liking it, and yet wanting to roll my eyes at the same time. Now that I've finished this duo, I'm not sure if I will seek out anything else by this author or not. Like I said, I sorta liked her style, and sorta didn't. Definitely reminiscent of something I would've liked better in my younger days, kinda reminds me a bit of Catherine Coulter's style, or something. I liked it, though, don't think I'm complaining, really, but just... I dunno! I am glad that I gave this author a try, she is a classic staple of the genre, after all, and to be honest, I think I do have at least one more book of hers on my gigantic TBR pile, but I'm just in not so much of a rush to get around to it, ifyaknowwhatamean. I will say I liked Defy Not the Heart just a bit better because, well... because... cats! Ha! Though Milisant did have a few pets, a destrier and a falcon and a wolf, and a few other things, so *that* was cool. Yay, animal friends! :D

Lakshmi C says

What worked for me :

This story was loosely inspired by The Taming of the shrew and the execution was splendid.

Wulfric and Milsant had a hate to love relationship.

Wulfric was wary of Milsant and she had a real reason for being scared of him.

The conversations between Wulfric and his father, Milisant and her sister made me look like a member of the cast of Looney Tunes.

Wulfric was shrewd, kind and protective. He went the extra mile to build their relationship when he learned about her fear.

Milisant had a soft spot for animals and had an unusual pet collection.

They both were confused by their attraction to each other.

The murder attempts added tension and a neat mystery to the story.

What didn't work for me :

Both fathers want to see this marriage happen but are not concerned that the couple has not set eyes on each other in six years.

This book was a classic Johanna Lindsey and perfect for a relaxing weekend.

Leni Sauls says

I couldn't get through this book without wanting to slap Millicent. She is childish, bitter, and, an all around nasty young female. Wulf could have, and, should have, found a better woman to marry than this irritating witch. I had to put the book down in the middle of reading it, I couldn't take Millicent anymore. I was very disappointed in this book, I usually enjoy a Johanna Lindsey book, but, this proved to be the exception. I would not recommend this book, try another of her books, leave this one in the store, or, library.

Mahareni Sukadi says

Wiiiii ... sukaan ini drpd buku 1. Pengaruh terjemahan kali ya.

Weeell, slma Mrs. JL tdk meributkn Shakespeare dkk, puisi dkk, teater dkk - dlm bukunya, psti kulahap hbis halaman demi halaman.

Ivana Azap Feješ says

I found the storyline interesting from the beginning with King John and the slighted lord who wished to prevent Millicent and Wulf's families from joining. I loved Millicent and Wulf, and the hatred between them was only the culmination of several misunderstandings, the first of which took place when they were children. Betrothed at a young age both Wulf and Mili are less than excited to marry. They met once as children and it was such a disaster that neither has forgotten. Milisant is such a good character, as is Wulfric. I love their sparks together from the very beginning. From early on in the book when Mili is so difficult and putting up a struggle to everything Wulfric does, that was amusing. Beautiful Milisant Crispin and handsome, arrogant Wulfric, the future Earl of Shefford, are engaged-and seldom has a betrothed couple been less suited. Her father has decreed that Milisant has a month to accustom herself to the future earl before the marriage takes place. As the time dwindles, Milisant desperately searches for a way out. But Wulfric is falling under a spell himself, cast by the proud, strong woman who will be pledged to him against her will in a few short days. They only met once when they were children and her bird attacked Wulfric who accidentally killed it when he threw it off him. Milisant has never forgotten the incident, and when she finds she is betrothed to that awful boy who is now a man, and a handsome one, she balks. It was a good read, smooth and the dialogue was believable but the conflict between the H/h was a little overblown and it seemed Milisant (the Heroine) was a little too bitter and resentful. I could not wait to see what was going to happen next between Milisant and Wulfric. Some of the Characters such as Neil (Milisant's father) had interesting little quirks that just make them more likable.

I wasn't initially planning to read Joining because of all the bad reviews I read, but I decided to give it a try. I know a lot of people complained there wasn't much sex in this book and they didn't like the characters, but I must disagree. Excellent read. Love Johanna Lindsey's books! So I'm neither keen on reviewing books, nor

am I good at it. So I'm gonna do this as easy as possible, for me that is. Be warned though, it CONTAINS SPOILERS! Also English is not my first language, so please excuse any grammar and/or spelling errors I might have made. The whole story line in this book was better and it keeps you in suspense. It was a little predictable, but that's OK because it's a historical romance and they're all supposed to be semi-predictable anyway. I really enjoyed getting to know the main characters and enjoyed having a strong female. I'm not really sure why I liked the book, I think it was a combination of the writing, the characters, the plot, and honestly some of the humor. Half way through the book I just wanted to slap some sense into heroine. Then I would remember she was only eighteen and this was actually normal behavior. I had trouble putting this book down as it was a very fast read with interesting characters.

Sarah says

Joining is a really fun and lighthearted read. I always enjoy breaking out this book and revisiting the story of Milisant and Wulfric. However, it's slightly superficial when you really get down to thinking about the details. So even though I really like this book, I'm going to give it a 3 star rating.

Milisant and Wulfric have been engaged since Milisant was born. However, the betrothed couple aren't happy about it. Because of a childhood accident, which they both blame the other for, they've avoided coming into contact with each other for 7 years. But their parents have had enough and force the couple to come together and follow through with the contract. Milisant however, convinces her father to give her a month to get to know Wulfric in order to try to find a way out of their impending marriage. During this time, several attempts are made on Milisant's life, forcing her under Wulfric's constant protection and into his constant presence. Before long, neither one of them are trying quite so hard to find a way out.

I don't typically enjoy books that are set in medieval times. I think I'm more of a Victorian era kind of gal. However, Johanna Lindsey is fantastic at wrapping you up in the characters world and making you laugh, cry, get angry, and want to fight whatever foes are in between the characters finding their happily ever after. She's an expert at spinning tales. The way she wrote the novel, in that medieval language verbiage, made the story even more beautiful and it surprisingly never distracted me from what was happening to the characters, which I have had occur before. Although I can't say this is my favorite novel by Johanna Lindsey, I can't say I regret buying it or having read it a few times either.

I did like the murder plot involved, especially since it included King John (brother of Richard the Lionheart). That was a pretty intriguing situation and I also like the attitude of the leader of the mercenaries because of his heartlessness - he makes it so easy to hate him. The attempts on her kidnapping and/or death really drove the story along because it hindered Milisant from going anywhere she wanted, thus forcing her into more contact with Wulfric.

What I didn't like about this novel is that the characters fall in love extremely fast. They've been betrothed for years but because of a childhood incident, have hated each other for quite awhile now. Then, when Wulfric finally comes to collect his bride (several years past the time when he should've come for her) they're both given a month to get to know each other before the wedding ceremony takes place. During that month, they spend about 2 weeks of that avoiding each other at all costs. So really, they fall in love after 2 weeks of really spending any time at all together. And I'm sorry to say, I'm an incredible skeptic when it comes to love at first sight - or love in 2 weeks either for that matter. It was kind of a buzz kill when I realized how little they knew each other.

MissKitty says

I remember enjoying Johanna Lindsey books a long time ago. This was still a wonderful read.

I enjoyed the characters and the conflict but at times the heroine was just too ridiculous.

Arcoma Gonzalez Lambert says

Did it again

Love her books. I forget time and so enjoy the story. This one was a little long on conflict and a bit shy on romance.

Chitra *CJ* says

"Joining" is the story of Milisant and Wulfic.

Wulfic de Thorpe and Milisant Crispin have been betrothed since they were 3 with their fathers being close friends, and hated each other for almost all their lives as a childhood squabble led them to injuring one another and him killing her pet.

As they encroach adulthood, the pressure of their impending nuptials mounds from both their families, and Wulfic is forced to go fetch his unwilling bride..

While she views him as a brute, he views her as a non-feminine insubordinate exasperation, but their efforts of thwarting the marriage goes awry as her life is targeted by the enemies.

We have twin drama, animal love, lusty kings, supportive parents as well as main characters bantering like children. Their "love" story took second seat to their verbal sparring, and whatever passion could happen did at the very end.

I don't mind a "masculine" or to be accurate, unconventional "non feminine" heroine- but I wish the hero appreciated the same as much instead of confessing initial attraction to Jhone.

Atleast we got to see the HEA of Reina and Ranulf.

Safe

2.5/5

Sue Lyndon says

I wasn't initially planning to read Joining because of all the bad reviews I read, but I'm so glad a friend gave me a copy and I decided to give it a try. I found the storyline interesting from the beginning with King John and the slighted lord who wished to prevent Millicent and Wulf's families from joining. I know a lot of people complained there wasn't much sex in this book and they didn't like the characters, but I must disagree. I loved Millicent and Wulf, and the hatred between them was only the culmination of several misunderstandings, the first of which took place when they were children. Millicent thought Wulf was nothing but a brute, but she slowly learns he's as gentle as Roland, the childhood friend she convinces herself she really wants to marry – only to discover her feelings for him are only brotherly. As if the

problems Wulf and Millicent have with each other aren't enough, they must deal with the bizarre attempts on Millicent's life and their connection to the king. Yes, the characters do dislike one another (quite strongly) throughout most of the book, but I think it only adds to the buildup of the tension between them. And yes, there really isn't as much sex in this book as in most Lindsey books, but I think it's worth the wait at the end when they finally do come together in the marriage bed.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and hated to put it down!

Novia Liu says

milisant crispin ♥??
omg. I really love her!

and I love madam johanna too..
once again she success made people falling in love with the character she made.

the tomboi milie and her ability with animals.
milie lives in medieval era and in that era when women just a weak,
so different milie bring a new atmosphere

I enjoyed when mili and wulfric fight..
it's so funny!
but I feel bit bored when so many conversation between milie and jones..
but the ending satisfied me ♥♥
love the chemistry between wulfric and milie..

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

For some reason, this book didn't resonate with me when I read it. I never connected with the characters. I wouldn't say it was a bad book, but it wasn't as good as Lindsey books can be. I should reread it again to see if I like it better the second time around.

Missy says

Excellent read. Love Johanna Lindsey's books!

Betrothed at a young age both Wulf and Mili are less then excited to marry. They met once as children and it was such a disaster that neither has forgotten. But marry they must or bring shame to their families.

Mili is an unique woman that likes the manely pursuits of weaponry, hunting, and men's clothes much to the disgust of Wulf. He would prefer a woman that looks like a woman and not covered in dirt. They clash and discover that there is such passion between them, much to Mili's disgust. Mili tries to come to terms with her attraction and fear for the well built handsome warrior. Fully desiring his soon-to-be-bride and learning the someone is trying to kill her rouses his protectiveness.

Will they kill each other before they admit their love or will someone else silence Mili first?

A charming well written read.....another Lindsey Gem. Jammed packed with Lindsey magic, history, powerful knights, passion, and romance.....sweet!

A Lindsey book can never be read just once.....
