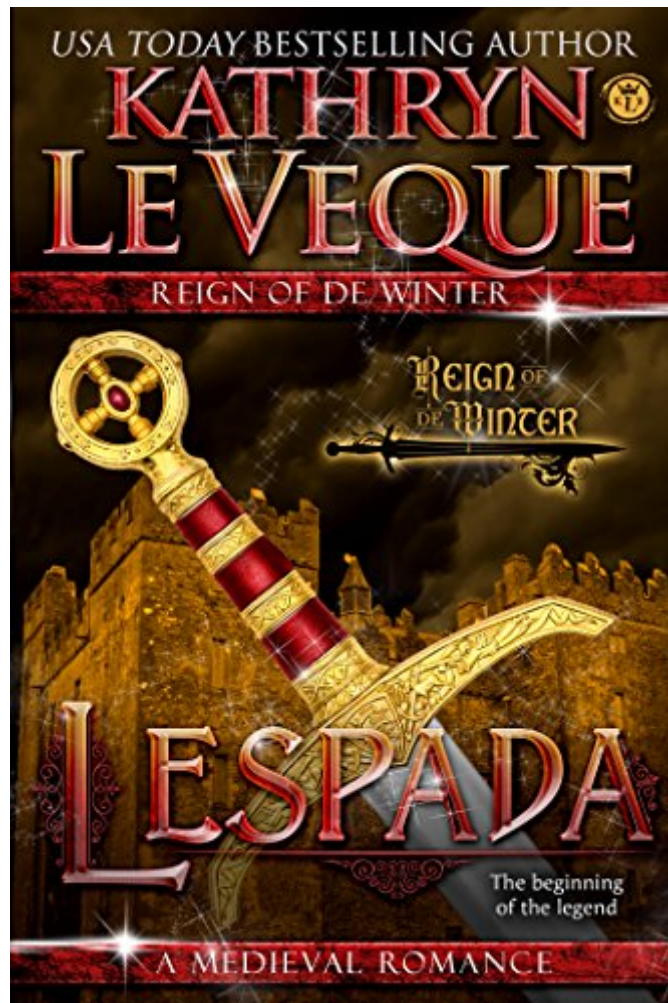


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Synopsis

1264 A.D. - Davyss de Winter is the champion for King Henry III, a powerful and arrogant man that descends from a long line of powerful knights. He is also a much-sought after man and has had more than his share of female admirers, including a besotted baron's daughter who bore him bastard twins. His mother and family matriarch, the Lady Katharine de Warrenne de Winter, loses patience with her son's behavior and betrothes him to a woman she hopes will tame his wild ways. She selects a young woman from a lesser noble family with no political ties or ambitions, a perfect match for her son's prideful personality. Enter the Lady Devereux d'Arcy Allington; a young woman of astounding beauty, she wants nothing to do with Davyss. When Davyss, in protest of the marriage, sends his sword Lespada to the marriage ceremony, Devereux is beyond offended. Livid, she battles tooth and nail, refusing to marry a sword by proxy, until Lady Katharine intervenes. Cornered, Devereux is forced to marry Lespada because her groom refuses to show up for the ceremony. When Davyss gives in to his curiosity and meets his wife for the first time, he is overwhelmed with her beauty. Roughly consummating the marriage, he has set the tone for what both Davyss and Devereux believe will be a loveless, hateful marriage. But when Davyss begins to realize what he's done, he swallows his considerable pride and is determined to get to know the woman he married, a woman of grace and compassion like nothing he has ever known before. Though trials and tribulations, Davyss and Devereux's bond only strengthens. When Davyss is involved in the Battle of Evesham against Simon de Montfort, Devereux faces her own life and death situation. Lespada is a love story for the ages

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Kathryn Le Veque delivers here a fabulous epic novel filled with drama, passion, danger, political intrigues, betrayals, abductions, despair and so much more. This is rather different from the previous book I read "The Dark Lord", which is a very good thing because I'm always looking for diversity, and this one was as entertaining and exciting to discover. The reign of Henry III was marked by constant fighting and standoff with the barons. In the year 1264, a rebellion is brewing and is on the verge of breaking out. Simon de Montfort, at the head of the faction, is the King's major opponent. It is in these uncertain times of constant insecurity and peril that our story takes place. While marriage by proxy wasn't unusual in medieval times, to have to kiss a sword at the end of such a ceremony, even if it belonged to the conspicuously absent groom, was unheard of. Such a wedding could only mean a rough beginning under unfavorable auspices, to say the least! The first one to suffer this humiliating situation is the unwilling bride, Lady Devereux d'Arcy Allington, and this didn't even begin at the church. A group of brutish knights came to her door, invaded the sanctity of her bedroom and took her away under much protest--granted, she resisted and there were some injuries among the knights, but to no avail. In the end, she found herself forcibly married. The scene seemed certainly funny at first but the result wasn't. Marriage is for life after all ... Devereux is a young lady after my own heart, and she has a very big one, but when she's pushed to her limits, she kind of explodes, and says very precisely everything she has to say and does everything she has to do, nothing more, nothing less.

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