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He is called Conn of the Hundred Battles, the warrior-king who forged a nation from a land of isolated clans. As High King of Ireland, he rides with the legendary Fianna, his elite band of warriors. But a threat to the throne looms from a mysterious scourge who has vanquished several of Conn's bravest warriors. Conn rides out alone to face a seemingly invincible foe, never expecting that he will confront a grief-maddened hellcat with emerald eyes and hair like liquid flame....

Wielding a sword called Vengeance, Gelina Ó Monaghan has sword to defeat the man she holds responsible for her family's ruin. She never dreamed she'd be bested by him in combat...and lose her heart in the bargain. Their forbidden passion will become a private war fought with swords and kisses, promises and betrayal - and surrender will be only the beginning....

## **Lady of Conquest Details**

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### Ne says

A Conquistadora é um livro que nos envolve e surpreende do inicio ao fim. A história de Conn e de Gelina sofre peripécias n vezes, mas é isso que torna esta história movimentada e que desperta diferentes emoções no leitor.

Esta obra de Teresa Medeiros é principalmente um romance cheio de aventura, mas mais centrado no par amoroso. Par este que acompanhamos 100% em todo o livro, seja individualmente ou em conjunto.

É quando eles estão juntos que tudo ganha mais cor, visto que os diálogos e a luta entre eles tanto tem de divertida como de séria, e o leitor vê-se constantemente a adivinhar o que virá a seguir: se um murro no estômago de Gelina em Conn ou se um puxar de cabelos de Conn a Gelina. Claro que os beijos e muitas outras carícias também estão presentes.

A Conquistadora ainda me deixa indecisa em relação ao que realmente penso dela. Por um lado, gostei bastante do par e das suas aventuras, tal como da sua coragem, incertezas, sentimentos e acções, mas por outro certos actos de Conn para com Gelina, sua inimiga mesmo até quase ao final, provocam em mim emoções que não gosto propriamente, principalmente quando ele a humilha em frente ao seu povo ou até quando abusa dela. Também não gostei propriamente do facto de Gelina lhe perdoar instantaneamente ou até de se rebaixar quando ele a trata mal. Aqui a minha opinião da personagem feminina se assemelha ao que disse anteriormente em relação à personagem Anna de Leon do livro de Madeline Hunter O Protector.

Este tipo de personagens femininas com personalidades fortes que depois por amor (ah ah) amolecem não favorecem particularmente a minha opinião.

Outro ponto que não gostei e me irritou bastante (e aqui acaba também por contar como ponto positivo para Teresa Medeiros) é a constante e repetitiva reviravolta da relação deles, em que podemos encontrar um ciclo: eles lutam, eles apaixonam-se, eles lutam, ele trata-a mal, eles apaixonam-se, ele humilha-a, e nisto tudo ela perdoa sempre, só no final quando ele é injusto e controlador pela milésima vez é que ela se revolta, mas passados um dia ou dois ela volta a perdoá-lo instantaneamente e a salvá-lo... Aqui, é da minha opinião, que apesar de ser romântico, acabam por ser demasiadas reviravoltas e de haver demasiado facilismo da parte dela para com ele, onde Gelina facilmente se esquece do porquê de o odiar (razões que acabam por se ir acumulando, mas que ela vai apagando ou nem se apercebendo). Como podem ver a minha opinião desta vez é um pouco confusa e acabo assim por não conseguir terminar a critica ou um "resumindo" ou "concluindo". Termino sim com um "leiam e logo verão...".

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### Tempo de Ler says

{Blog} <http://tempodler.blogspot.pt/2012/07/...>

«A Conquistadora» teria sido um excelente livro...se Teresa Medeiros tivesse optado por um final diferente. Quando Conn parte do seu reino para combater o inimigo que ceifou a vida de diversos guerreiros do seu clã acaba por encontrar algo que não estava bem à espera: Gelina Ó Monaghan...E até aqui: maravilhoso! Tomando a decisão de a levar, mesmo contra vontade, para o seu castelo o aparentemente inevitável acaba por acontecer...Conn e Gelina apaixonam-se. Há o facto ligeiramente perturbador de ele ser bastante mais velho do que ela, mas é algo ultrapassável, especialmente porque a história começa a desenrolar-se de forma muito interessante.

O romance entre os protagonistas avança e recua como um bêbado a tentar subir as escadas às escuras. Ora estão bem, ora estão mal. Ora se amam, ora se odeiam. Mas pronto, nem todos os romances podem ser

iguais, nem nós queremos isso! Até porque há realmente pessoas que, simplesmente, não sabem amar... O que me alienou completamente deste livro foi que, o nosso suposto herói, decide desancar a rapariga à porrada, humilha-a como pode, escraviza-a, falta-lhe ao respeito de todas as formas possíveis...e viola-a... Tudo isto é muito perturbador mas é o final que realmente não suporto...Teresa Medeiros caracteriza-nos Gelina como uma rapariga forte de espírito, audaz, arisca e corajosa...ao perdoar tudo o que este homem lhe faz, toda a estrutura desta personagem se perde completamente. Mesmo que Conn justificasse os seus actos, coisa que nem sequer faz, ou pedisse perdão pelo mal que lhe fez e sofrimento que lhe causou, estes dois nunca deveriam ter acabado juntos...porque afinal não há uma regra (!), o par romântico não tem necessariamente que ficar junto...Conn não merecia este fim...e Gelina, de uma outra perspectiva, muito menos!

É certo que Gelina não está completamente inocente em toda a história, chegando mesmo a tomar o lado do inimigo. Não concordados com muitas das suas decisões, mas as suas acções foram basicamente respostas às acções de Conn e tivesse ele tirado uns minutos para a escutar antes de julgar, e nada disto teria acontecido. O verdadeiro «H»omem na história não é este guerreiro impetuoso, Conn, mas sim o bobo da corte anão - Nimbus.

É por esta espectacular personagem e pela forma magnífica como o livro está escrito que consigo, ainda assim, classificar este livro com 3 estrelas. Bastaria que Gelina lhe tivesse virado as costas no final para eu ponderar as 5 estrelas...

Unir a protagonista a um homem que a maltratou de todas as formas que conhecia e depois chamar-lhe «Conquistadora» ou é irónico ou é ridículo...esta mulher nem a própria dignidade soube conquistar.

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### **Sheryl Tribble says**

For whatever reason, the anachronisms in this book made me CRAZY. Shearing sheep in the fall? Our heroine can read -- before the time of Arthur? Since when did the Irish even HAVE writing before the time of Arthur? People have private plates? Bowls of pepper (I think she was aiming for salt cellars and missed)? Partner dancing? Just got to be too much.

Part of the problem is that it's an idiot plot -- and a mega idiot plot, because not just the hero and heroine but pretty much EVERYONE has to act uncharacteristically stupid at some point for the plot to work. I get cranky when character after character does a 180 on me.

And I was particularly annoyed (view spoiler)

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### **Susan says**

What I didn't like about this book was that it was so misleading. From the back picture-Gelina never had long hair and Conn and her looking like a warrior couple in love- to the back cover description! Grr! I know, the author has no say in the picture and maybe not the description of the book. I bought the book used because I needed an exciting, action packed, some character conflict, a love story... can't put down book! Ok, so I DID get those things and I wanted to keep reading till the end. I found early on while reading that I was bummed that Gelina was only 16 and Conn apparently much older, maybe in his 30's, knew her when she was a child? (later we learn he is 36) Ok, so she is 16 and a wounded hell-cat -ragmuffin-orphan and....Conn

takes her in as his "foster -daughter". That about did me in. How can there be an adult romance in this book? Ok, a lot of book left... maybe they flash forward and she is in her 20's and he returns from being gone for several years...nope. I struggled with the daughter to Conn relationship. Medeiros did handle that fairly well at first, Conn has an age appropriate love interest, he was bothered by some of his inadvertent touching /line crossing. I did find it hard to believe that he would not have guessed it was Gelina at the party, not many women were as tall as her. Was he that drunk? As much as I love action and adventure packed stories, I about quit reading when Conn took Gelina to the caverns. It was too much for me, not only forcing himself on her (father figure!) but feeling that she owed him, he was her king. It was his need for her sexually, Aargh! Trauma! Rape!

That being said, I kept reading, waiting for...something! Long book has to happen. I really liked the secondary characters, was hoping Conn would marry her off to Sean and then later, he dies, she comes back to him much older he much older, love lost, unrequited love, sigh...nope. Conn and Gelina continue to battle and love and accuse....looking for a love/hate relationship book? This is it!

It doesn't stop. I really like Nimbus and was sad and shocked at his demise! What?! More hate and abuse, which I sometime like in stories to get my blood pumping, but I wanted Gelina to fight back more and they make up more. It was one sided, it felt that and only Conn was tortured in his Love for Gelina, no longer his daughter figure, even though he called her a child often enough. She was probably 19 or 20 by the end, still young. I feel like Medeiros just needed to end the book and so she did, bam! Very sudden. Conn showed up again and there is a fight, she saves him....and they lived happily every after, Conn gets his girl back. The end. I kinda wanted Gelina to escape and sail away with her brother, with an epilogue to her life without Conn how they meet up much later and maybe there is real love and forgiveness.

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### **Molly says**

"A Conquistadora" é um livro que queria ler há alguns anos, no entanto ainda não tinha tido a oportunidade de o ler. Essa oportunidade surgiu pelo Natal, quando adquiri o livro e no início deste mês comecei a lê-lo.

Devido à sua pontuação no Goodreads, senti alguma apreensão uma vez que me perguntei: "porque é que será que tem esta pontuação?". Como gosto de ter uma opinião própria o melhor que pude fazer para responder a essa questão foi ler o livro.

E o que pude concluir para responder? Pois bem, concluí que só pode ser pelo gosto dos leitores, uma vez que o livro está muito bom. Pelo menos, eu gostei muito.

A autora conta a história de Conn, o Ard-Reigh de Tara (rei supremo de Tara, Irlanda) que conseguiu unificar todos os reinos da ilha, e de Gelina Ó Monaghan, filha de uma família cujo pai traiu Conn, acabando por ser morto pelos homens do rei, levando à morte da esposa e à fuga dos filhos (Gelina e Rodney). A história que se cria entre Conn e Gelina não é um conto de fadas, sendo muitas vezes brutal. Vários são os momentos tensos entre ambos que muitas vezes terminam em violência e brutalidade. No entanto, o amor que os une é demaisado forte para ser vencido pelo ódio e pela dúvida que por vezes aparece para o aniquilar.

A história começa com a suspeita de um monstro que mata os homens do Fianna (os guerreiros de Conn, que seguem as regras da cavalaria e da lealdade). De modo a por fim a esse monstro, o próprio Fianna vai ao seu encontro para o derrotar. Quando descobre que o monstro não passa de um par de duas pessoas, vê-se confrontado com a realidade. Descobre Gelina, enquanto que o seu par foge apesar de ferido gravemente. Tendo acreditado que o seu irmão tinha sido morto, Gelina (de mais ou menos 16 anos) vê-se sozinha,

apenas com Conn por companheiro e às suas mãos. É levada para a corte, onde é tratada como filha adotiva de Conn, uma vez que este omite a verdadeira identidade dela, afirmando que esta se encontrava prisioneira na gruta onde habitava o monstro.

À medida que o tempo decorre, Gelina começa a afeiçoar-se a Conn e a outros membros da corte, nomeadamente o anão Nimbus, que é bobo da corte e amigo de Conn; Mer-Nod, poeta e conselheiro do rei; e Sean, um membro jovem do Fianna que trava amizade com Gelina. Tendo por principais rivais a amante do rei e as suas companheiras, Gelina começa a tentar imitar as senhoras da corte, para se tornar mais feminina e delicada e para não ser alvo de riso mas de ciúme. O seu afeto por Conn também aumenta, começando a gostar dele por amor.

No entanto, Rodney não morreu no ataque na gruta e jura reaver a irmã. Para isso junta-se ao eterno rival de Conn, Eoghan Mogh, que o tenta por várias vezes tirar do trono de Tara. As questões políticas e de intriga também fazem deste enredo algo muito rico e interessante, uma vez que são complexas e estruturadas, de lógica compreensão.

A vingança jurada por Rodney e Gelina de matar os membros do Fianna e o próprio Conn vê-se assim comprometida. Mas nada fará com que Rodney desista da vingança e Gelina começa a sentir-se dividida e repleta de dúvidas. O amor que une Gelina e Conn sofre vários abalos e muitas vezes é revirado e tornado a virar.

Muitas são as peripécias que acontecem ao longo da narrativa e que enchem as páginas de reviravoltas. Gostei muito das situações apresentadas e de como se resolveram. Não existe nada desconexo e sem sentido, pois tudo se encaixa muito bem. Como refiro várias vezes, este é um aspecto que acho essencial nos livros, principalmente quanto têm um teor mais complexo e mais "inteligente". Não basta escrever um romance. Tem de haver um conteúdo rico e bem estruturado e este livro apresenta, a meu ver, esse conteúdo rico e estruturado.

Conn existiu de verdade, tendo vivido entre 116 a 136 (segundo Geoffrey Keating) ou entre 122 a 157 (segundo Annals of the Four Masters). O que aparece no site Wikipédia não aborda Gelina, no entanto, dado o final do livro, tal não comprova que ela não tenha existido na sua vida.

A parte histórica também está bem desenvolvida, bem como as descrições as paisagens, roupas, objetos e edifícios. Estes aspectos ajudam a imaginar a vida naquele tempo e isso é bastante agradável. As personagens estão todas caracterizadas muito bem, tanto física como psicologicamente. Gostei muito de Gelina, de Conn e de Sean. A escrita é bastante fluída e rica, tornando-se fácil imaginar o que está a ser descrito.

Em suma, esta é uma história para reter na memória.

Podem consultar mais informações aqui:

<http://www.luminarium.org/mythology/i...>

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**Joana says**

Lê-se muito bem, mas nem as personagens são convincentes nem o contexto histórico é muito bem explorado. De qualquer forma, gostei.

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### **Rebecca (everyday reader) says**

Set back in Ireland when some of the clans were joining forces to have one king to rule all, the story is a good one with twists and turns but the two leads of the story are not likeable. Conn and Gelina are not a good match, because they go from enemies to lovers and back and forth over and over. Mistrust and suspicion abound with everyone and does not make for a great relationship. I usually love Medeiros' books but this one seriously disappointed me with the weak, wishy-washy, and not loyal lead characters.

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### **Ø???? [Punya Reviews...] says**

**My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book. This one's got 4 parts.**

My first Teresa Medeiros novel. Just read 2 chps. The prose style is a bit thick, but if it grows on me, I think I might enjoy. Too early to tell anything. :)

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Must say even though it's going slow (for my style), liking it. It's different than the novels I've read so far; there are things, references I don't know and have to look up online to get an idea but I'm liking it so far ... I like Conn, thought I've read Fiannas came from Fionn mac Cumahail or his father, who knows, kinda confused here :s ... There are things abt Gelina defies reality but, well, it's a novel and I'm taking it as it comes lolzz.

On chp 9 now, it's pretty long. Fingers crossed.

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Now onto what, 22nd chaps, so not going slow at all. I mean it became really interesting although the result wasn't how I viewed it would be. I know, I know, Conn is a medieval king and all that but hey Gelina, why didn't you make him suffer a little bit? Lord, I was angry at him myself after the way he rejected you. And 18yrs and 33/34yrs isn't that bad, but as it's a medieval novel and I know nothing of their ways at the moment, I have to give the benefit of doubt. Then again that 'semi-rape' scene ... Arghh!! :@ Makes me wanna think what is actually goin' on between them? :s

Then the next chps were really good, the intensity of their feelings was what I was hoping for but not enough love scene goin' on for me, I would've love to see something more.

And now, really Conn, After all that you two have been through, you think she killed Nimbus (even though you willingly forgave all her other misdeeds, goes to show that you don't trust her at all!)? My god!

Poor Nimbus! I liked him immensely, even though he was annoying sometimes (court jester and all that).

What about Mar-Nod? I would've love to see something more about him as well.

All in all, I'm plainly hooked even though there are times I felt I'm kinda vacillating between scenes or things aren't going the way I would've loved it to go. Let's see ... :)

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Oh my, what can I say! Why does this one has such low rating (2/3)??? I liked the crazy couple so much, it took my breath away. lolz Sometimes I wanted to brain Conn, while other times scream "Gelina you idiot" but loved them nonetheless. Ms. Medeiros has a new fan it seems :p lolzzzz

I'm glad I started reading her books.

4 for me. I would've given a solid 5 but for a few minor reasons I've mentioned earlier. :D

*[note: my thoughts on why this book should be more than 2 stars.]*

I think I now understand why this book's been getting mixed rankings, it is an early Medieval novel (AD 128 or something) people, so look at it that way.

Conn was 'the king', so he could 'take' any woman he wants. And, it's not as if Gelina didn't have any feelings for him, she was already in love with him and in that 'semi-rape' scene she did encourage him to some extent, that's why I called it thus. No, I don't have any cravings for 'rape' scenes or abusive heroes, but their relationship is rather complicated. They are both stubborn and hot blooded and considering how things went in the Medieval periods, I think Conn was amazing in the end. Yet, I also said I wished some things could've been different, one would be seeing Conn grovelling a bit more and the ending could've been improved. But as I said again and again, I take it as it is and loved it because of the way it was, with flaws and all.

Another thing, their age difference; some people didn't even read through enough to get it, saying Conn was old enough to be Gelina's granddad, hello?? I think he was somewhere around 32-34 ('til the end), is that Granddad old?? Puhleez! And, as almost 2 yrs went by 'til the ending so if Gelina when captured was 16 (mentioned in the book), she was somewhere around 18 and for the medieval time frame, she was old enough I think!

If you didn't like the names and judging for it, you have no respect and love for history (believe me, I read reviews where people made fun of the names!). I loved it, names sounded odd at first but hello, it's Irish. If you find it weird and stuff, don't read novels with Irish background. So goes with the Scottish backgrounds. Both the language and history of these two really fascinates me.

TM's writing is really good, it captivates and makes you form strong opinion. That's all that counts I guess.

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### **Jojo says**

<http://devaneiosdajojo.blogspot.com/2...>

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### **Mishelle LaBrash says**

Have you ever found yourself, while reading, scanning the page, only reading the dialogue, and even at times forgetting WTH it was you just read?

No? Me either... that is, until now.

I love, LOVE, Teresa Mederois. I strongly, disliked this book.

I forced myself, to finish reading, the will to do so, derived from an extremely stubborn hope that it would get better if I persevered.

It didn't...

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## **Delirious Disquisitions says**

**You should read this if you like:** historical romances, medieval settings, warrior heroes, strong heroine, secondary characters that make you wish got the girl.

There are select few books in the world in which a secondary character far outshines the main hero. Lady of Conquest was just one of those books.

Lady of Conquest begins with our valiant hero, known as Conn of the hundred battles. A fierce warrior and powerful king of the warriors of Fienna, he is everything you would come to expect from a medival hero. Conn is male specimen of beauty; tall with piercing blue eyes. He radiates power, but is a just and fair king, loved and respected among his people. But I did not like him. In fact, by part three I pretty much loathed him! As our story slowly progressed, I couldn't help but wonder at his sheer arrogance and culpability as the list of things he should and shouldn't have done was pilled higher and higher.

Then there is Nimbus. He is our court jester, short of stature, a fool in the eyes of the world, and someone who holds as much importance at court as a kitchen maid. But for me Nimbus was one of those exceptional characters who managed to far outshine the hero. His love for Gelina, and the way he saw her beauty, it was truly awe inspiring.

*It had taken Nimbus's loving eyes to see the woman beneath the childish exterior she flashed so carelessly.*

And his acceptance that Gelina will never love him:

*He mumbled to himself, "Ye're more of a fool than I thought. Such as her is not for the likes of ye."*

For me, Nimbus is twice the man that Conn will ever be. He accepted her the way she is. He saw her for the beautiful rare creature that she is. Nimbus loved Gelina for herself and his love was selfless. He sacrificed it for the sake of her happiness, accepted her in all of her forms: as a child, a budding woman, an outcast

accused of murder, a slave humiliated by the man she loves, a ruined woman and even in the end, as a woman about to become the wife of his king. And for me Nimbus has never been more powerful a character or more wonderful a person as when he stood up to Conn, guilt ridden by his actions.

*Ye don't understand, do ye? I did this. I gave her to ye. I made her beautiful for ye. So that ye would cherish her and love her like she deserves to be loved. Like I could never . . .*" He sputtered to a stop, unable to continue without crying.

I am giving this book a 4 stars, not because the plot line is amazing. On the contrary I found it to be at best frustrating. There were times I felt Conn needed some sense slapped into him. At other times I wondered why the author made certain characters do the things they did. In my view, many things like Conn holding Gelina as his slave, was unnecessary. It only served to further portray the weakness in his character.

But when all is said and done, this book deserved 4 stars because of three brilliant characters: Gelina, Nimbus and Rodney. After all it is not in every medieval romance that you find a beautiful and fierce woman who proves herself to be a better warrior than full grown men. And a court jester who you just wish got the girl.

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### **Kathie (katmom) says**

[ I've read the other reviews both here and on Amazon and had to laugh at a lot of the statements. It really seems like LoC onl

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### **Rebecca says**

I know that there must be some conflict between the 2 lovers before they can live happily ever after, but enough already! I got bored of the many conflicts between Conn and Gelina. Every time this woman/child cried I kept thinking to myself "WHY on earth would she want to stay with a man that brings her so much pain so often". This wasn't my idea of a good romance at all :(

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### **Rita Fernandes says**

O que me atraiu principalmente neste livro foi a capa. Acho que nunca vi uma capa tão bonita pelo menos que me lembre.

Foi um livro que adorei ler, não conseguia largá-lo mas fiquei desiludida com o final, achei um bocado cor de rosa demais para o que estava à espera.

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### **Rinou says**

Nevermind that it's supposed to take place in antiquity (the Roman presence in Britain) and the mood is more medieval. In any case I do not like any of the two periods, too unstable and violent.

First, the hero has already reunited clans of Ireland and is already king, while heroin is still young. Then he spends his time calling her "child" and ruffling her hair, even after they become to lovers. But above all it is a real ass throughout the second half of the book. He blames and punishes first, then, if he has some time, he seeks answers (but not often). He wants to kill her because she has betrayed him, but eventually he rapes her. He wants her, but he forces her to be his personal slave and humiliates her in front of everyone. Then he makes her his mistress before deciding to marry her. There, a secondary character, Nimbus, dies, and of course he believes it's her fault (even though it was her best friend) and bans her after letting her to rot in jail for some time.

The heroine now. At first she goes from wild child to tomboy to young and mischievous woman quite logically. But one day she learns that her brother is not dead as she was told the hero, and she decides that he lied. As he refuses to sleep with her and goes to see his mistress after saying she will marry a soldier, she joins her brother and goes to the enemy. She is involved in looting (because she is super super super super strong .... with the sword since it's her brother who taught her everything).

When the hero catches her, she forgives the rape, she forgives him being his slave, because she loves him, except that she never explains to him why she has betrayed him. Only when she is accused of murdering Nimbus she holds it against him, but rather to explain she says "I'll answer when you ask me the right question"

And when he finally returns for her after learning that she is innocent, I do not know why she forgives him since he does not even apologize.

And finally, I am angry at the author for killing Nimbus, who was in my opinion the most interesting character, just to throw one more obstacle between the couple. He did not deserve that.

In the end I did not believe in their love. They tell each other "I love you as much as I hate you." But what comforts me is that since he is older than her (at the end of the book he should be between 45 and 50 years old), he will soon die....

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