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Picking a rose had to be one of the stupidest reasons for capture in all of Aslaria. And Elissa's brother had to be the one to do it. Without resources to mount a proper rescue, Elissa settles for the next best thing. Exchanging her freedom for his.

If he can keep her younger sisters safe while the nation teeters on the edge of war, then anything is worth his life.

But the hidden valley houses one of her nation's oldest secrets. A secret her brother accidentally became entangled with, when he picked a single perfect rose...

As her world crumbles into war, Elissa can no longer dream of safety for only her family. The secrets that surround her, jealously guarded by her strange, silent host, aren't just critical to her own fate. They are built into the fate of the entire world.

Perfect for those who love fantasy but don't have the time to sit down for a full-length novel, the first novella in the Legends of Light series presents the story of Beauty and the Beast in a clean, exciting, and inspiring manner. Full of danger, treachery, and the sacrifice of true love, this is more than the mere retelling of a favorite fairy tale.

A stand-alone story, Rose of the Oath focuses on the first fruit of the Spirit, love, while following the opening of the war between the Prince and Tauscher.

Note: A novella is not a full-length novel. At 130 pages, this novella can generally be finished in two or three hours.?

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Kate Willis says

A darling Beast who has to communicate through writing and just got himself a new fighting buddy? All. The. Cuteness. <3 I had half-decided not to like this book for the sole reason it is replacing *Rose of Prophecy*. After reading it and the prequel leading into it, my mind is very much changed. I LOVE them. They start the series off so much better, setting the tone and filling us in on the Separation, the Stieg Der, and the King's Oath. And they told me again the beautiful message of redemption and true love and never letting go of hope even when we can't see how God is good during such an evil time. The part that really struck me though was how the Prince took the very people who had caused so much pain and gave them new purpose in Him to spread new hope. (view spoiler) This book definitely wasn't all serious--the cuteness between Elissa and the Beast was in there--and the library did make it in. ;) Just a note that there are some very intense scenes including children in danger from wolf attacks and one very descriptive fight with a wolf.

Best quotes: Dust motes floated through the air, dancing along golden beams sliced between the books--rows of books, arching upward. Rolling ladders leaned against several shelves. I traced my fingers along the spines of ancient tomes as I wound my way inward.

“The Legends do not tell the half of what the King did for us. They are true, Beauty. True and much more besides. Don’t you ever doubt them.”

Altogether--time to reread the whole series. And then read it again. ;)

P.S. LOVE the cover. ;)

Jane says

[Dachs being Tauscher was in my theories since the very first moment Dachs appeared. Because he had blue eyes, and I'm such a suspicious person. xD (hide spoiler)]

Belinda says

Rose of the oath introduces the world of Aslaria a land gripped in war between the king and a group of rebels who want to take control of the land. The strong character of Elissa is the character which carries this story for me.

You could find a similar character in Beauty and the Beast but Hope Ann makes the story her own with the war and some very strong faith components. Elissa has lost faith in the king due to a tragedy revealed as the story progresses. Her soul focus is on keeping her family safe. The Beast seems determined to keep her locked up and all she can think of is getting away.

It took me by surprise how much action and suspense a novella could hold. I was biting my nails worried about what was going to happen to Elissa and the Beast throughout the story.

C.M. says

Good, sweet allegory. This beauty and the beast retelling did have some interesting twists, however, some things were not always too clear. A bit more time on development would have been helpful, particularly on the romance. Like most batb retelling's i've read, the romance is underdeveloped and you really don't feel much between the main characters. It was a fun read though.

Deborah O'Carroll says

*[Shared some thoughts for this in my review for Burning Rose, here:
<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>]*

Tarissa says

Charming, clean, and full of adventure.

The theme of love runs deep in this story. There is some excellent spiritual content to be found in too -- just hidden in allegory. I found this to beautify the story all the more, and created more realism and feeling in this fantasy world of Aslaria.

+ I'm so glad the beautiful, ginormous library made it in to the story. Ahhh. If only my bookish dreams could come true in real life. (If I was being held captive in the Beast's castle... and it contained a library beyond my wildest dreams... I'm not sure if I would have the strength to tear myself away from it. Therefore, Elissa has guts for trying.)

I would definitely recommend this to anyone interested in a Beauty and the Beast retelling. Particularly, teen girls (or maybe even a little younger) will definitely eat it up.

Hannah says

2.5

I know everyone really likes this, and I did enjoy it. But I really just wasn't feeling it. I wasn't really shipping or picking up chemistry between the two main characters either. The writing style was very pleasing, though, and the plot made sense, so it was well done.

Elizabeth says

A retelling of Beauty & The Beast, with enough of an original spin to be refreshing and enough of a tale-as-

old-as-time side to satisfy purists. There is an allegorical backbone present, as well, and though I am not the biggest fan of allegory (outside of Narnia), I give the author credit for mostly pulling it off.

My expectations were not the highest, given that this ebook was 100% free on Amazon. But, as George Will once said, the nice thing about being a pessimist is you're constantly either being proven right, or pleasantly surprised. I enjoyed the read, and was not in the least sorry to be proven wrong this time.

Faith says

Title: Rose of the Oath

Written By: Hope Ann

Genre: Christian Fantasy Romance/Fairy Tale retelling

Recommended Ages: 13 & up

Introduction:

I've been wanting to read something by this author for a while and was excited when I got this one for free. I had a bit of time to read, so I decided to do this one. It helps that my favorite fairy tale is Beauty and the Beast. I'm glad I read it. [Read more...]

Characters: .75/1

There were a couple times when the characters felt a little flat, but for the most part, they were well-developed and written with the ease of an experienced author.

Dialogue: 1/1

The dialogue was well written and moved the story line along perfectly.

Plot/Storyline: 1/1

This was a unique twist on the classic fairy tale. On the surface, much of the details were similar, but then there was the oath that Hope Ann introduced. The oath makes the fairy tale much deeper than the tale itself.

Overall Writing Quality: 1/1

The author did a great job writing and editing this book. I enjoyed reading the book.

Un-put-down-ability: .75/1

There were a couple times something confused me and I had to read it over again, but otherwise, I really did not want to put the book down at all. It kept me interested from beginning to end.

Conclusion: 4.5/5

If you are looking for a unique Beauty and the Beast retelling, you should try reading this book. It may be fantasy, but this book didn't have any magic in it.

Audrey Caylin says

Beauty and the Beast has never been my favorite fairytale, but I went in to reading this with an open mind.

The result?

Because of this beautiful retelling, Beauty and the Beast is now one of my favorite fairytales!

Rose of the Oath is a true *Legends of Light* novella with siblings who would do anything to keep each other safe, a rebel who wants his way, and a touch of allegory with a Prince who has come to save His people, all packed together in a short, snappy read with the complexity of a full-length novel!

The Plot

All the basics of the original fairytale are there -- a brave young woman, a beast, a castle, a curse, a rose. But the author takes it to whole new level! **I loved the twist with Elissa's (Beauty's) brother and the rebels.** It really brought the whole novella together and upped the stakes. The entire plot kicks into motion the war with the rebels and the Prince, a war which affects everything that happens in the rest of the *Legends of Light* novellas.

I did have some moments of confusion with the plot. **There's a lot of backstory involved, backstory that is told in the prequel, *Rose of the Night*.** It's a little hard to follow at times, but you get it at the end.

The Characters

OMW THE CHARACTERS ARE AWESOME. The characters made everything for me. They were... incredible. **Even Helene and Klara, Elissa's little sisters, were fully fleshed-out, believable characters.** Eldric was wonderful and Dachs was brilliant. (view spoiler)

And the beast? **I loved him. He was quite the epic character, slashing at wolves all the time. But his faith was incredible.** He was such a well-rounded, complex character that it was impossible not to love him. There was one part where he was laughing (I won't tell when ;) and I could picture it so well that I smiled myself.

Lastly, Elissa. She's... phenomenal. She is seriously one of my favorite characters ever! If you're looking for a strong female character, look no further. **Elissa is witty (her sense of humor is hilarious!), stubborn, but still feminine, and with just enough sass.** Even with her doubts, her courage and character are inspiring. She and the beast really made the entire novella for me!

Anything Else?

- If you are afraid of wolves, don't read this. **This novella and the prequel have a way of making you fear ever running into a wild pack of wolves. ;)**
- The plot was a little confusing, as I said above. Not to the point of frustration, but I was lost a few times with the whole "Oathkeeper" thing and how the barricade worked.
- There's "magic," as with the other novellas. Again, I'm not bothered by it.
- **It's Christian. Beautifully Christian. Seeing Elissa doubt and grow and change was wonderful.** (view spoiler)
- There was one quote that was so profound that I have to share it in this review: **"To doubt something, I need to believe it to start with."** That was just... brilliant.

In conclusion, I'd recommend this lovely novella to anyone who likes fairytale retellings, complex, lovable characters, and a beautiful touch of faith and fantasy!

Serethiel says

That cover. <3

Shannon Hiner says

I picked up Rose of the Oath because I am a Beauty & The Beast fanatic and read every retelling I can get my hands on. Up to this point, there has only been 1-2 that I have really loved. This one is getting added to the top 3.

Things I loved:

Elissa has spirit/spunk and won't stop trying to escape.

The 'Beast' is unable to speak

The WOLVES

Mingling of the original tale with Disney elements

I was fascinated by the way the author wove religious elements throughout the tale, slowly but surely steeping the reader in the hope of the Prince's coming. I don't think it's so much that it will scare off secular readers, but for myself as a Christian it was like finding Easter eggs of my faith sprinkled throughout.

As an overly romantic heart, I could have wished for a bit more on that front between Elissa and the beast, but I'm forgiving that perceived lack in light of the originality of this retelling.

E.B. Dawson says

A very unique story. It went in a completely direction than I expected. I give the author props for creativity. But I also couldn't help feeling that it wasn't really a beauty and the beast retelling at moments, because it was so very different. I also struggled at moments to make sense of some of the history and how pieces fit together. For instance, I never understood how the rose ended up at her door, or why "the beast" had to keep a prisoner.

There were some awesome moments in this novella too, and images that have stuck in my mind. The concept of Adrian fighting off wolves every night was pretty moving.

Overall, an interesting story with lots of creativity.

serena482* says

This book was REALLY good guys!!! :D I was not really expecting to like it this much! :) Just the feel of it, and the characters were amazing. It was very well written too. There is nothing I can think of that I didn't like. It was all just so good! Yeah, I finished it in like.....Less than a day. :D There was action, adventure, and I wasn't bored at any point in the book. I would recommend it to ages 13-up, maybe 14-up. Just depending on what they can handle. There was some more dark-ish intense scenes, so yeah. Just stop reading

my rambling and go read it!! :D

Claire Banschbach says

Really enjoyed this novella and read it in one sitting. Hope Ann has a wonderful writing style that keeps you turning the pages. She does a great job of blending allegory with great characters and a gripping story line.

I love Beauty and the Beast retellings and this one is no exception. All the novellas in this series are really special. I know this story replaced a previous B&B retelling and I have to say that this one adds more to the series, I think, giving us the background of the Stieg Der and more on the Oath.

I really liked Elissa and especially Adrian! I'd have liked to see more of her brother though.

Definitely recommend this book as well as the others in the Legends of Light series. If you enjoy Christian allegory/fantasy you won't be disappointed! And make sure to check out the prequel story as well!
