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An extraordinary story of the Knights Templar, seen from the bloody inside Europe is aflame. On the Iberian Peninsula the wars of the Reconquista rage across Aragon and Castile. Once again, the Moors are gaining the upper hand. Christendom is divided.

Amidst the chaos comes a young knight: **Arnau of Valbona**. After his Lord is killed in an act of treachery, Arnau pledges to look after his daughter, whose life is now at risk. But in protecting her Arnau will face terrible challenges, and enter a world of Templars, steely knights and visceral combat he could never have imagined.

She in turn will find a new destiny with the Knights as a daughter of war... Can she survive? And can Arnau find his destiny?

An explosive novel of greed and lust, God and blood, *Daughter of War* marks the beginning of an epic new series from bestseller S.J.A. Turney. Perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell, Conn Iggulden and Matt Harffy.

Daughter of War Details

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Stephen says

Mr Turney is one of my favourite authors, i've read all of his books, and it was his books that got me so hooked on historical fiction. so when i seen this on netgalley i just had to request it, and it was definitely worth it! what a brilliant, and believable story. i thoroughly enjoyed reading this, and i loved the fact that its a different knights templar tale than others out there. i were a little sceptical at first and didn't think the female aspect would fit in with the knights templar but it worked for sure, i loved it and can't wait for the next in the series. top marks to fantastic author.

Trevene Highfield says

When Titborgia becomes the sole heiress to her father's vast estate and wealth following his death on the battlefield, she is horrified to learn that she has been promised into marriage to Ferrer Della Cadeneta, a violent and brutal man that stops at nothing to get what he wants. Arnua De Vallbona swears his allegiance to protect her and they manage to escape to the Preceptory of the Templars for protection. Della Cadeneta unleashes war on the Preceptory and all the inhabitants in order to take back his betrothed Titborgia and gain her wealth and lands.

This is a steady paced book that tells the story of their fight and their change from feisty lady and man at arms to a Templar Brother and Sister. A great read.

Neil Dawes says

Good story

I liked this a lot, it seemed quite realistic and did not treat the Knights Templar in a fantastic manner. Mr Turner writes a good storyline backed by a detailed knowledge of his subject matter.

Helen Hollick says

This book has received a Discovering Diamonds Review:

Helen Hollick
founder #DDRevs

"...one of the strengths of the novel [is] the ability to make a small community of Templars interesting... The detail is quite astonishing... the trappings of knighthood a joy to discover... there are a few drawbacks, the cover art being the greatest. It is misleading at best. The title may be 'Daughter of War' but the cover image was of a character who never appears in the book. A case of a traditional publishing house marketing not having a clue what the book is actually about. ...negatives aside, this is a good novel with a believable, consistent storyline. Any fan of military history and knights will enjoy this."

Lorac625 says

Amazing

The Reconquista is a period I've never studied in detail (being buried in Rome, England and Egypt) but I have read some about it and this book brought it home in a realistic manner. Templars are mostly known as Crusaders, but there was a lot more to them. Their downfall was kind of the beginning of the end for the primacy of the Pope in civil affairs. In every time there are lots of humans more ready to do evil than good, especially in return for lots of money. Lots of kings were that way; plenty of other politicians, too. Have to admit the author's sense of humor gets me- I'm a cynical & satirical person by nature- but if he had made up the name Titborga I think he would've been in trouble!

Matthew Harffy says

Having conquered ancient Rome, Simon Turney turns his hand to medieval Spain.

Daughter of War is set in 1198. It is a period of upheaval and violence, a time of bloody reconquest, as Christians battle Moors to reclaim the kingdoms of Iberia. In this tumultuous time there are several factions, each vying for power, land and wealth and not all followers of Christ are friends of the Knights Templar. Against this canvas of intrigue, greed and uneasy alliances, Turney brings us the gripping tale of Arnau de Vallbona, a young knight, who finds himself thrust into conflict with a ruthless noble. Along with the lady he is sworn to protect, the honourable Arnau joins the "Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon" where he learns there is great strength in giving oneself over to higher causes. And victory can come from placing one's faith not only in God, but in his new brothers and sisters of the Temple.

Turney is a master-storyteller and this is a classic, epic adventure that hurtles headlong like a galloping destrier. With prose and plotting as polished and sharp as a Templar's longsword, Simon Turney propels the reader into the turbulent time of twelfth century Spain.

Paul Allard says

Excellent historical fiction – à la Walter Scott

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This historical novel takes place during the Reconquista in Spain and deals with a struggle between an heiress, Titborga, and a prospective suitor who drives her into the welcoming arms of the Knights Templar. A good deal of bloodshed and death follows as our main character, Arnau defends Titborga's honour with the Templars.

Fascinating historically, this novel is well-written and engaging in a style reminiscent of Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson with well-developed characters. Highly recommended.

Steve Minnick says

Well written and insightful. I hope there will be more books in this series. I am really looking forward to #2.

Heather says

This was not what I thought the book would be about. I thought judging by the title and the cover it was going to be about a female Templar. It was not about a female Templar it was about a Templar knight that claimed sanctuary with his lord's orphaned daughter who turned into a Templar nun.

Arnau of Valbona is besieged with the fact that his beloved lord was killed in battle by an act of treachery so he feels it is his duty to protect the unwed orphan daughter from the lord that is requiring her to marry him so he can have her lands and money. So Arnau and her go on the run to try to get to the king, but realize there is no way they will make it so they seek sanctuary with a small Templar temple. Once they have agreed to become part of the Templar's everything starts to go wrong for the temple. Their workers are raised into rebellion, the temple is basically under seige, and Arnau has to learn to let God's judgement handle vengeance not his thoughts and feelings.

This was an interesting book even though it was no where near what I thought it would be with the cover, title, and description of the book. I do recommend reading it and adding it to your to-read pile. I enjoyed it very much and am not unhappy it took a different route then the one I thought it was going to.

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Tracey says

Set in 1198, Medieval Spain, a time of Crusades an Templar Knights. Daughter of War starts with an epic battle where a young man at arms sees his master killed, or murdered?

The story is the future for Arnau de Vallbona , and of his masters 15 year old daughter and heir, Titborgia, when she refuses to marry and hand over her lands to a cruel and ambitious man.

Well written, historically accurate and believable, and the rare Templar nuns. I was drawn in and totally hooked in pages. I look forward to the next instalment.

Koeur says

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Publisher's Description: Europe is aflame. On the Iberian Peninsula the wars of the Reconquista rage across Aragon and Castile. Once again, the Moors are gaining the upper hand. Christendom is divided. Amidst the chaos comes a young knight: Arnau of Valbona. After his Lord is killed in an act of treachery, Arnau pledges to look after his daughter, whose life is now at risk. But in protecting her Arnau will face terrible challenges, and enter a world of Templars, steely knights and visceral combat he could never have imagined. She in turn will find a new destiny with the Knights as a daughter of war... Can she survive? And can Arnau find his destiny?

Review: Strange title for the novel as the main protagonist is Arnau with Titborga getting very little play. The action is centered around opposing forces seeking to abduct or kill her for her father's wealth, but really the whole story is about Arnau's development as a Templar Knight under siege/war like conditions.

I found this novel pretty riveting as the movement interleaved with the character development in subtle fashion. For instance, Arnau struggles with letting go of a life as a lower noble to embrace the Templar Order. Events transpire to edge him in a direction that is more noble than the life he once lead. Redemption? Not really, just a way out of a current predicament.

The story line's culmination was expected, as in you could see it coming from the beginning of the novel. A shame really, as there were parts of this novel that took you by surprise. The villain was a little too "villainy" and not real believable as were the ruffians fighting on his behalf. A bit contrived but entertaining.

Pick this up, you will have a good time transporting back into the life of a Templar.

You can check out my other reviews, [here](#).

Rosie Amber says

Daughter Of War (Knights Templar #1) is historical fiction set in 1198. It revolves around the mysterious Templar Knights. The book opens with a battle in the Aragon area between Spanish Lords and a raiding group of Moors. Arnau de Vallbona is among the Spaniards, fighting alongside his Lord. But Arnau is unsure of his future when Lord Berenguer de Santa Coloma is killed. Berenguer's heir is his fifteen year old daughter; however, straight after her father's funeral, the king's representative orders her betrothal to the vile Ferrer della Cadeneta, a treacherous man who did nothing to save Berenguer when he had the opportunity.

But the fifteen year old Lady Titborge is no child, and she asks Arnau to help her escape. See [here](#) for full review <https://wp.me/p2Eu3u-bfR>

Maureen D. Hunter says

Fast paced

This was a fast- paced story. Easy to read and interesting. Although, the games were confusing in the beginning of the book.

James Ruppel says

Interesting

I enjoyed the fast moving plot. I did not think the obscene language was necessary! I learned a lot about the Templars.
