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**1323 A.D.**

Devlin de Bermingham, an Irish knight to the core, is the bastard son of the Earl of Louth and the descendent of Irish kings. He is also a strong proponent that the Irish should rule Irish lands. Rebelling against his English overlord, the Earl of Kildare, he captures one of Kildare's castles south of Wicklow. Known as Black Sword, a rebel who is both admired and feared, Devlin has set the events in motion for an enormous Irish revolt. Every Norman settlement in Ireland is at risk because of Black Sword's actions and the stage is set.

The Lady Emlllyn Fitzgerald is the sister of the Earl of Kildare. When her brother sends his fleet to quell the uprising on his lands, she stows away on one of the vessels in order to follow the object of her affection, a strong young English knight sworn to her brother, into battle. It is her intention to prove to the man she is worthy and brave enough to be his wife, but she truly has no grasp of the seriousness of her folly. As the English fleet makes landfall along the Wicklow coast, disaster strikes - Black Sword and his army of Irish rebels are waiting for them. In a devastating night of blood and mayhem, the English armada is destroyed and Lady Emlllyn is taken a prize.

Join Devlin and Emlllyn as they embark upon a journey of a lifetime where both will face death, defeat, and disaster, but most terrifying of all, face their growing feelings for one another in a world that would see them torn apart. *How is it possible for two people from two completely different worlds to find a love so deep that it will see each of them make sacrifices for the other? Will they be able to remain together or will politics and war keep them apart?*

**Join the unforgettable adventure of a lifetime and experience what lengths Devlin and Emlllyn will go to in order to be with each other, lengths that will transcend their loyalty to their own people and jeopardize their very freedom. For a love that was never meant to be, they will risk all.**

## Black Sword Details

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## **From Reader Review Black Sword for online ebook**

### **Melba says**

This book is Phenomenal! I'd give it more stars if I could!

I read this book in less than a day. I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN.

Yes! This book was all I thought it would be and more. I LOVED it. This was her best.. if not then one of the best books she has written! All of the characters have life.

The heroine is smart and level headed. She is a strong fighter but out of necessity not out of the desire to prove herself. She is not pouty or petty (a trait that grates on my nerves) she has a strong womanly courage that is admirable.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone who wishes to be swept away for a while! Kathryn Le Veque is always a pleasurable read! I cannot put her books down. I can't wait to start another.

I was sad to reach the end.... Kathryn I want more!! I am totally in Love with Devlin.

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### **Kimi Court says**

I just finished reading Black Sword. Wow, I can say that it has a spot right after my two fav books (Which happen to be Kathryn's also) Rise of the Defender and The Dark Lord. Devlin reminds me of Jax in that he is all warlord having to grow and learn something new and unfamiliar. I liked this book from beginning to end. Kathryn had twists in there that blew me away. I so wasn't expecting one of them at all. I love books that keep you reading. I am not like most women who like books for the romance. I like them for the banter and fighting and visual. I usually flip through the romance. Skim it a bit. So when I can read a book like this and think wow everyone gets something out of it (like most of her books), I am happy. I also want to note, that Auntie Eefha is someone I want guarding my back. I just loved her. Crazy as heck but lovable. If you have issue's with controversial issue's then don't read this, but you will surely miss out on one of the best books out there. This book is medieval Irish warfare and love. Devlin and Emllyn make for a good H/H. Weird you start out rooting for England or Ireland. But not in the end.

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### **Nicole Laverdure says**

Here is my review! Powerful emotionally and breathtaking! 7 stars! One of Kathryn Le Veque's best medieval story, powerful emotionally, rich characters, intriguing storyline, everything to please me! I have just finished BLACK SWORD! What a beautiful heartwarming adventure and touching love story! Devlin and Emllyn's story was highly romantic and breathtaking. I could not put it down. I was so mesmerized that I finished it in 2 days, as soon as I started to read Black Sword, I got captivated again, When I started to read the first chapter, I found Devlin an aggressive and dominant man, who could express his emotions only through violent words; but in the second chapter, I discovered a sensitive man beneath a warrior facade. As I read the next chapters, I felt that Emllyn understood why he was like that, why he acted like that, and started to trust him and have feeling for him. Lots of strong emotions filled with tenderness and passion. Loved the

scene when Devlin asks her to wait for them to marry until he regains Black Castle; and she answers him "Listen to me and listen well....." So cute and funny! The first scene when they met was very well written with delicateness! The sensuality in the love scenes is so intense! Loved the beautiful and hot chemistry between the hero and heroine! Ms. Le Veque's medieval story was fantastic from beginning to end. Really breathtaking! I highly recommend BLACK SWORD, because it is highly romantic with rich characters filled with passion! I had the great privilege of being a beta reader for Kathryn Le Veque. What a great honor to have the chance to read her, soon to be released, book BLACK SWORD before the publication date, which will be March 3rd.

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## **marilyn james says**

### **Black sword**

awesome and intense BARN BURNER of a story! I needed a drink (and I don't drink) to read but couldn't put it down! love the modern day link..that's the brilliance of this writer that other writers lack. So many twists and turns that left me saying "what...OMG" are you kidding me?!?" Lol!! as always...can't wait for the next one!

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## **Regan Walker says**

4 and ½ Stars! Medieval Irish Bodice Ripper!

Set in Wicklow, Ireland in 1323, this is the story of Lady Emlyn Fitzgerald who disguised herself as a boy to stow away on a boat full of soldiers sailing to Ireland in order to see the knight she loves. The boat is a part of her brother's, the Earl of Kildare's English fleet, which is destroyed by the Irish led by Devlin de Bermingham (aka "Black Sword"). Emlyn is captured and is taken as the spoils of war by Devlin, who tells her she will be his "broodmare" concubine.

In the crushing defeat, over a thousand English are slain but thirty soldiers remain. Emlyn agrees to a bargain whereby she will help Devlin spy on an English holding to the south if Devlin will show her the surviving England soldiers. She is hoping to find among them her beloved knight. Meanwhile, Devlin tells her he will never let her return to England and Emlyn knows because she has been ruined, even if she were free, she could never marry.

This book begins with a bodice-ripping scene in the early chapters and a very alpha male hero, but by the middle of the book, he's softened into a man who is sensitive, thoughtful and very much in love. He becomes less interested in defeating the English and more interested in recovering the woman he wants who, because of his own devious plans, has slipped into the hands of another. The story has lots of twists and turns with treachery and secrets, and an intricate plot that will keep you turning pages.

Emlyn is a strong heroine you will admire and there are some very unusual secondary characters added to make it interesting (a half crazy aunt and a "lady" who isn't, to name a few).

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## **Elizabeth says**

### **Trigger Warning**

This book should have carried one. The first chapter got right into it with the male lead raping... yes raping... the female lead. I couldn't get through it. The writing is stilted and terrible, so I almost stopped reading before that scene. I decided to continue, hoping things would get better. They didn't, and I found myself facing a scene of rape in all sense of the word. I stopped reading and navigated to the end to leave this review. Books containing topics that can trigger someone's trauma should really come with a warning. So glad I used prime to borrow the book instead of buying it outright.

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## **Debbie McCreary says**

From the first page of Black Sword till the last page, this book will keep you turning the pages. Devlin de Bermingham lived and survived in a cruel and hard age. His world consisted of conquering all. Black Sword, from the first page, shows us Devlin's world. Both Devlin and his conquered Lady Emlllyn Fitzgerald, are strong, aggressive people, who grow through their circumstances, to care for each other deeply. Devlin expresses his self in violent words and actions, he soon learns to soften his self because of his passion for Emilyn. At the same time, Emilyn sees a man different from the one who captured her. She sees a man sensitive and capable of love, and loving deeply. They both grow and overcome their first hatred for each other, and learn the more loving, sides of each. Through out each page, I enjoyed the emotion of "on the edge reading". This was one book that I couldn't wait to see what happened on the next page. I literally could not put it down, staying up to the early hours of morning to finish it. It more that kept my interest! I would so strongly recommend Black Sword to everyone. If possible, I would of gave it a lot more stars!!!

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## **Petula says**

Emlllyn Kildare realises very quickly that she has been a very stupid young woman. She stowed away on one of her brother's war ships that attempted to land in Ireland. The result is more violence than she could ever imagine.

Devlin de Beringham is known as the Black Sword. He leads the Irish rebels against the English that are stealing their land. His castle is one that he reclaimed from them.

This book starts with a scary amount of violence that some readers might not like, but it is necessary to learn about the characters and the power of love. A fascinating medieval adventure, romance with great characters. Even a mischievous healer and a mad aunt.

I was completely hooked all the way through. I loved every page.

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## **Jayne Castel says**

This was a good, entertaining read. I really enjoyed the Irish setting as it gave the atmosphere a lot more 'grit'. The supporting cast of characters were also memorable and added something to the story - from the

mad aunt and the pithy medic to the lovesick lord and his 'unladylike' daughter - I liked Le Veque's depiction of them all.

The only thing that made this a four (rather than five) star read (for me) was the relationship between Emlllyn and Devlin. I know the 'rape' scenes in this book have been controversial, although true of the time, but I felt the relationship between the hero and heroine jolted slightly. Devlin goes from being an alpha-male who takes any woman he wants to one of Le Veque's most loving, sensitive heroes so far. I'm not saying that Devlin couldn't have changed his ways, I just found his transition too fast and too extreme to hold true. As a hero, I preferred Gaston le Russe in 'The Dark One', who develops hugely as a character without losing 'credibility'. That said, this was still a memorable historical romance set in Medieval Ireland.

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### **Lost in Romance Books says**

Kathryn has done it again. She manages to write a novel, based in Ireland during a time of war, turmoil, and ever changing politics and twist it into a fabulous romance. The romance between Devlin (the Black Sword) and Emlllyn is slow in developing due to their difficult beginning. Keeping true to the times, Kathryn pulls no punches, taking the reader on a journey of lust, conquering, dominance, war, and eventually love. As always, the writing is superb, the descriptions excellent, and the characters swoon worthy. Another amazing novel!

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### **Jayne dArcy says**

This was a long, and very good story.

It begins with a very bone-headed stunt of Emlllyn stowing away on board ship to be with her beloved. It is stunts like this that made me want to smack Emlllyn a few times. Yet, I did like her. She has her principles, and she sticks to them even at the risk of her own life.

Devilin, the Black Sword is a very interesting man who believes his world is ordered, and he is prepared to free Ireland from the English but Love has plans that throw Devlin's plans off to the wayside.

I do tend to like shorter stories but sometimes you come across a story that is one to savor, and it is one you never want to end. This story also has a terrific twist to it that I did not expect!

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### **TJ says**

4.5/5.0

A gripping read! Grittier than most romances set in this time period, this story doesn't shy away from the realities of the age but still succeeds in winning the reader's heart.

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### **Liloshadow (ReNee) says**

"Everything leads me to thee"

Do you like quirky characters? Check. Dominate Alpha Hero? Check. Pet Raven? Check.

This story is another great winner by Kathryn Le Veque...about an Irish Rebel Knight and the journey he and his lady take to fulfill their love. Their love is summed up in one easy quote..."Everything Leads Me to Thee" (KLV)

As with will all of Kathryn's stories it has a great cast of characters. Some are extremely quirky and some will make you laugh out loud. There is also a twist in there that you will probably never see coming. I didn't, and I can usually guess that kind of stuff.

For all lovers of Medieval Romance, its a MUST read!  
Enjoy!!

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### **Jo Ann says**

The relationship of Devlin de Bermingham, the Black Sword, and Lady Emlllyn Fitzgerald did not start off under the most auspicious of circumstances. In fact, I actually loathed Devlin for the first few chapters (!!)

but Ms Le Veque did an amazing job of redeeming his character. Devlin and Emlllyn's love unfolds in a story that's richly detailed, sensual, full of adventure and surprises with a dense, intricate plot. I also loved the sarcastic humor - makes the characters so relatable. The final chapter so beautifully encapsulates Devlin and Em's relationship \*sigh\* - Ms Le Veque is an expert at delivering THE PERFECT HEA!!!

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### **Ashley Champagne says**

WOW! This was an amazing book. It makes you really think about the time period and wonder if there really were men like that. Great epilogue too I wasn't expecting that.

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