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Maggie Sanders gave six years and two feet of her now scarred and twisted body to the United States Army. She received a thank you note and a discharge in return. Effectively booted to the curb Maggie tries to pick up the piece of her life until her revival is interrupted by one smoking hot immortal.

Arthur Pendragon, legendary King and military leader, has been trapped on the mythical island of Avalon for 1500 years. When he is thrust from captivity to the modern world he has to fight to stay there. Too bad for him, she has more fight than he anticipates. With the help of Maggie and a teenage Merlin, Arthur set out to end his torture and free the rest of his comrades from imprisonment.

## King Takes Queen Details

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## From Reader Review King Takes Queen for online ebook

### Christina says

I liked quite a bit of this. I usually avoid all books that have a military aspect to them. I was drawn into reading because of the King Arthur inclusion. What I liked was Arthur and the Avalon characters. What I didn't particularly like was the attention to Converse and the whole woman that is a wounded soldier. She felt fake to me.

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### Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says

SPOILER FREE REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

3.5 STARS out of 5

Genre: Fantasy/PNR

*"Suppose you are both telling the truth, magic exists, and you both are part of a prophecy. Where do I fall in all of this? Why are you both here in my life?" ~Maggie*

Maggie Sanders suffered an injury while at war in Afghanistan, one that left her honorably discharged from the army. Now she is home in Washington D.C. running her mothers used bookstore. While working she accidentally cuts her hand on a broken edge of her glass counter. She watches as blood spills from her hand onto a book she was just reading and unknowingly summons King Arthur Pendragon. **THE King Arthur.**

#### **Legend states when the King Arthur is needed most he will return. What if the legends are wrong?**

Arthur has been trapped on Avalon( a mythical island) with his men, his wife Gwen and Lancelot. Unbeknownst to the others Arthur has a portal and from time to time has been summoned randomly to people who need assistance. The last time he was summoned he barely escaped with his life. Nevertheless he can't help but wonder will he will be going this time.

*'His excitement swirled with a hint of dread. Where would he go this time, and who would he have to kill?'*

Maggie thinks she is having heart attack when she is knocked off her feet onto the floor. After getting back on her feet she suddenly comes to realize that a man is under the rubble. **A NAKED man.**

Arthur does not sense any trouble coming Maggie's way so he asks her point blank

*"My lady, why am I here?"*

Unfortunately she can't answer him. She has no clue why or how he is even there. Slowly she comes to realize there is more to the naked man who magically appeared in her bookstore. And that may be just maybe he is who he claims to be Arthur Pendragon. As he and Maggie start to build a friendship other familiar characters surface. Both Merlyn and Arthur work to find a way to free the others from Avalon while a friend turned enemy plans to fight Arthur for the woman he loves.

### My Thoughts

This was a quick fun take on a legend who is familiar to us all. We get a brokenhearted Arthur who is still clearly upset about the betrayal of his wife Gwen and Lancelot getting together. This is written in a fantasy manner and sort of reminded me of the movie *Enchanted* where classic characters cross over into the real world. Of course this had a bit more of a sexy edge to it with a couple sex scenes that will leave you squirming in your seat. Overall I enjoyed it!

### My Ratings

Characters- Sweet

Writing Style- Good

Plot/Storyline- Light and Fun with classical characters brought to life

Steam Factor- Medium/Moderately Steamy

Overall- I liked it!!!

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### **B.A. A. Mealer says**

#### **Decent story**

The story was good, but I'd change editors. It would have been more enjoyable if the errors didn't keep pulling me out of the moment.

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### **Linda Walters says**

Exceeded my expectations. I really like the "book come alive" story ideas. I thought this one was pretty well done, it just flew by and I enjoyed it. Maggie was one tough gal, and well skilled from her time in the Army. She IS still healing and working to overcome her nightmarish memories from the experiences of battle that brought her former career to an end. I did like what Lancelot said about her, her being a soldier. He told her that she wasn't a former soldier but once a soldier, always a soldier (or warrior). And she did prove a few times that she still had the instincts and moves of a warrior. Even Arthur knew he needed to make his way around her, carefully. OK, Arthur's appearance into her life is dramatic and NAKED. That was a surprise for more than just me. He was suave and kind in his own way and he seemed to understand how to relate to Maggie fairly quickly. But he did tread carefully at first and at a few other times too. There was a tenderness there.

This is not a clean read because there will be a sex scene or two. This is not a really deep story but it was creative, interesting and at times fun. Some of the conversations between Arthur and Maggie made me smile. And Merlin? He was a surprise; you'll have to read it to find out why.

There is a H.E.A. but how it came about was kind of a simple fix, not sure it was quite the ending I thought it

would be. But I still enjoyed the book anyway. It was just a quick, fun read.

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### **Amber Rose says**

#### **4.5 stars**

I will share with you all a little secret. So, when I was in high school in my English class we read about King Arthur. I always loved reading that story or any assignment that had to do with him. So when Monica asked me to read this and told me what it was about, I knew I had to read it. I always had a little thing for King Arthur. :)

Anyhow, lets get down to business.

This is a great short story. There is a couple of sex scenes that are like, Oh yeah!!! It made me love King Arthur even more.

I loved how Monica brought in such a amazing characters in this book. If you are a fan of King Arthur then you will love this book. Even if your not and looking for a hot book that will take you on a magical journey then you will like this book. It's really enjoyable for being a short book.

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### **The BookChick says**

King Takes Queen was a quick read overall at about 150 pages. I liked the characters and the modern/time travel slant that the author took with the story.

King Author, Lady Gwen, Lancelot and some other Knights of the Roundtable have been thrust in a limbo situation. All the other characters cannot leave but Author is somehow transported magically to whoever "calls" him when they are in need. As a result, he has seen the world in small snippets while he was outside in the modern world. Task completed -- he returns to the state of in between a bitter man betrayed by his best friend Lancelot and his queen, Gwen.

That is until Maggie comes along. Maggie is a wounded warrior. A modern day soldier who was hurt in the Middle East. Now returned and on the mend from her injuries, she takes over her mother's bookstore. A lover of books at heart, Maggie begins to take stock of all the books that are in the book store to see what she can move to her private collection. Spying an really aged book, Maggie flips through it and accidentally cuts herself on a sharp piece of metal. Her finger is pricked, blood is spilled onto the pages of the book and King Arthur is thrust into her life.

And what happens between them is...MAGICAL!

I truly appreciated how the author modernized the story and made it her own while staying true to some of

the historical facets of the story. Oh and there is a "Merlin" in this story, too. Verrrrry interesting how he is portrayed. I had to laugh at how the author characterized him.

All in all, a wonderfully quick and enjoyable read for anyone who enjoys time travel romance.

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### **Sheryl says**

Monica Corwin is a new author I have discovered. I loved the story she weaved of King Arthur and the legend of his return.

Maggie Sanders is still recovering after her discharge from the Army, following her injury, she is trying to get her life back on track. When one day she is surprised by a strange, handsome man in her place. Who is he and what does he want?

Arthur Pendragon, legendary King, has been trapped in Avalon for 1500 years. He isn't sure why he is able to leave, and has no choice in the matter. Arthur doesn't know why he is summoned or by whom, so he needs to find out what he's been tasked to do.

With characters like King Arthur, Merlin, and Lancelot how could you go wrong? I'm not sure my review can convey how much I liked this story. For me it was a great twist on the legend. I really enjoyed this author's version of Arthur's story. So come along as historical characters come to life in the present.

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### **Avid says**

Thoroughly enjoyed King Takes Queen by Monica Corwin. I've always wanted King Arthur to have a happy ending and was truly delighted with the unique and creative premise of this story. It has romance, time travel, humor and of course a dash of magic as the old steadfast Merlin appears as a young teenager with headphones - perfect.

Maggie, a strong young woman and former military, was severely injured in the Middle East and is now trying to put her life back together. She's struggling to bring her mother's old bookstore back to life when she finds an ancient book and with an accidental drop of blood that splashes onto a page, she somehow summons King Arthur. King Arthur, along with Lady Gwen, Sir Lancelot and four other Knights have been trapped on the island of Avalon for 1500 years. Only Arthur has been pulled through a magical mirror over the years when summoned to help and he wears the scars of numerous battles over his body. When he makes a less than gallant entrance into Maggie's bookstore, the force of his entrance wreaking havoc and upending books and bookcases, and leaving him naked and confused, Maggie thinks he's beyond crazy. With the help of Merlin, Maggie is convinced to let Arthur stay with her until Merlin can figure some things out. During this time they both realize the chemistry between them is a force unto itself and a passionate romance develops.

Really great read and I'd strongly recommend it. I voluntarily reviewed an author's copy of this book.

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## ★Bookish Girls★ says

Il titolo tradotto in italiano letteralmente e' " Re prende Regina" e suggerisce un libro sadomaso o erotico al 100%, e invece no, o meglio le scene erotiche si riducono ad un paio....più che erotiche le definirei sensuali, nulla di troppo spinto.

Il libro è composto da 150 pagine, quindi si legge velocemente, la scrittrice però è riuscita a inserire in pochi capitoli una magica storia d'amore, un po come le storie della buonanotte che ci leggevano da piccoli.

La storia viene raccontata in terza persona lasciando spazio alla propria immaginazione, non mancano aneddoti divertenti che vi faranno sorridere e scene dolci da carie ai denti.

Mi sarebbe piaciuto un po' più di introspezione del personaggio di Maggie e Artù, ma forse, sarebbe diventato un altro tipo di libro.

Praticamente l'autrice ha modernizzato la storia di Artù, trasportandolo, letteralmente, ai giorni nostri.

La trama è abbastanza leggera, non ci sono grandissimi colpi di scena o tormenti, se avete voglia di evadere un po' dalla realtà e rincontrare Re Artù, Lancillotto e i cavalieri vi suggerisco di leggerlo, ma se amate emozioni forti non fa molto per voi.

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## KelticKat says

Yes, I'm pretty much a sucker for an Arthurian Legend!

This was a great new twist on the often told story. Just like Arthur, Monica Corwin brought the old tale to modern day, dusted it off and polished it up til it shone like the time traveling portal/mirror that was used to bring him forward in time.

Female MC is Maggie - she's an independent woman, former Army Soldier, working hard to run her Mother's Book Shop. She has quite a bit of survivor's guilt for surviving when her teams convoy was blown up and has walled herself off from almost everyone because of this issue. Even with these issues she is a strong & thoroughly modern Milly and not afraid to go after what she wants.

Male MC is Arthur (Pendragon) - he and a few of his companions have been trapped in Avalon for thousands of years by some sort of curse. His only escape is when he is summoned through the mirror to help fight wars. This time he is dropped NAKED into Maggie's shop and it trying to work out what he is here to accomplish. He becomes fascinated with her and her feisty demeanor.

I completely devoured this retelling. The attraction and "connection" between these two was as complex as their personalities. The intense & steamy tension makes for some great sexy sheet time. I enjoyed how the plot of finding a way to release those trapped by the curse wove in and through the romance that developed.

This did have a HFN ending...hoping there's more stories where this came from.

I voluntarily reviewed an Author's copy of this book.

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### **Katherine McIntyre says**

D'awww, this was a story that left me with the warm and fuzzies! Though I got a little lost at points with the purpose behind the mirror, the characters were very well fleshed out, and I have to say, Maggie's one of the best heroines I've seen in awhile. If you're a fan of King Arthur and crew, add this to your collection!

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### **Patti says**

I received a review copy of Monica Corwin's *Legend's Fall* and I'm very glad I read it. While I'm not a fan of romance novels, I'm a big fan of Arthurian legends so I was looking forward to giving something a little bit different from my normal reading a try. The book did not disappoint. It's a fun, light, and slightly steamy hybrid fantasy/romance read that was a good choice for people like me who enjoy a few romantic scenes in books rather than a true outright romance. Perhaps it may be considered a bit light on the romance aspect for avid romance readers, but it filled the bill nicely for me. There's enough sizzle for some pleasant titillation while there's also an engaging story.

The premise that Arthur was trapped in Avalon awaiting a summons to come and help with battles was a fun way to shift beloved characters into a contemporary setting. I particularly liked the way there was the flavor of Dark Ages England without all of the normal sword and sorcery stilted dialog that tends to occur in Arthurian fantasies. There are so many poor attempts at archaic speech out there that it was very refreshing to encounter an Arthur who doesn't speak as though he just stepped out of a bad sonnet. Since Arthur had some experiences in 20th Century warfare he's a little bit acclimated to modern life and not quite a fish out of water. His speech patterns are just different enough that I found him charming, but readily accessible. When our heroine Maggie accidentally triggers the spell that brings Arthur into her life the mayhem it causes makes for an entertaining read. Arthur recognizes a few of the modern conveniences, but he still needs a lot of guidance dealing with the 21st century.

The romance was allowed to develop in a steady and believable fashion. One thing that turns me off about romances is the sudden deep devotion that happens all too often. The characters have more breathing room in *Legend's Fall* than I've come to expect from a romance novel, so their relationship didn't strain my credibility. Arthur and Maggie held my interest and made me root for them. That very seldom happens when I read a romance. I wanted to see what happened to them as people. I didn't just look for the juicy parts and skim over the rest. This was a book worth brewing a pot of tea and sitting down to really enjoy.

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### **\* Meli Mel \* says**

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**\*\*\*\*3.5 Stars\*\*\*\***

Maggie Sanders is now running her mother's bookstore, after being honorably discharged from the army for her leg injury. One day, she notices a book and it intrigues her. She opens it only to learn that it is in Latin and she can't read it. Frustrated, she pushes the book aside and accidentally cuts her finger and her blood falls onto the open book. Without knowing it, she has just summoned King Arthur.

King Arthur has been imprisoned on Avalon with his wife Gwen, Lancelot, and his men for an undefined long period of time. He was standing in his room when all of a sudden, he finds himself being pulled towards his wall length mirror. Everytime that he has been summoned, he had to kill or almost died. He has been wanting a change from his mundane everyday life but he doesn't know if *this* was exactly what he had in mind.

Maggie doesn't know what just happened. One moment, she was standing in her bookstore, everything in order, and the next everything is in utter chaos and there is a large muscular *naked* man just lying there. Arthur wants to know why she summoned him and Maggie just thinks he is an escapee from the loony bin. But then, Merlyn shows up asking if she would please take care of Arthur while he figures out what happened. She agrees and soon they find themselves falling for each other.

***"Good start. You're Arthur. Now, what do you want? Why are you here and why are you naked?"***

***"To be honest, I don't know why I'm here. I am naked because that is how I always arrive, never really questioned why."***

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***He worked very hard, treated her with respect, and he was amazingly good looking. She could come to like this man, which instantly made him dangerous.***

I thought it was a good twist on a classic. The sex scenes were really steamy and entertaining because Arthur had no idea about what acts were done in the twenty first century. I enjoyed the character's reactions to each other. There were some funny moments as well. The only thing I can say is, I wish it was longer. Overall, it was a good short read!

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### **Karlee says**

Maggie, now out of the Army has the scars to prove it. She has always been fascinated with the legend of King Arthur, so when a very naked man comes in claiming to be that very same Arthur, she just laughs. How could someone from that time be here in present day in her bookstore? Ever since Arthur and his team has been trapped on Avalon, he gets pulled to different time periods to fight. He never expected a beautiful woman would be here unknown to what his purpose was. When Merlyn comes in looking for the book in which Maggie summoned Arthur unknowingly, explains that Arthur is exactly who he says. While Merlyn tries to break this curse, Maggie and Arthur get to know each other, but will Arthur get sent back before he

and Maggie can form any type of relationship? Can't wait to see what happens next!

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### **Katrina Berry says**

King Takes Queen by Monica Corwin is a delightfully sweet fantasy/paranormal romance that puts a modern twist on King Arthur's tale. A definite must-read! Ms. Corwin is definitely on my go-to reading list.

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