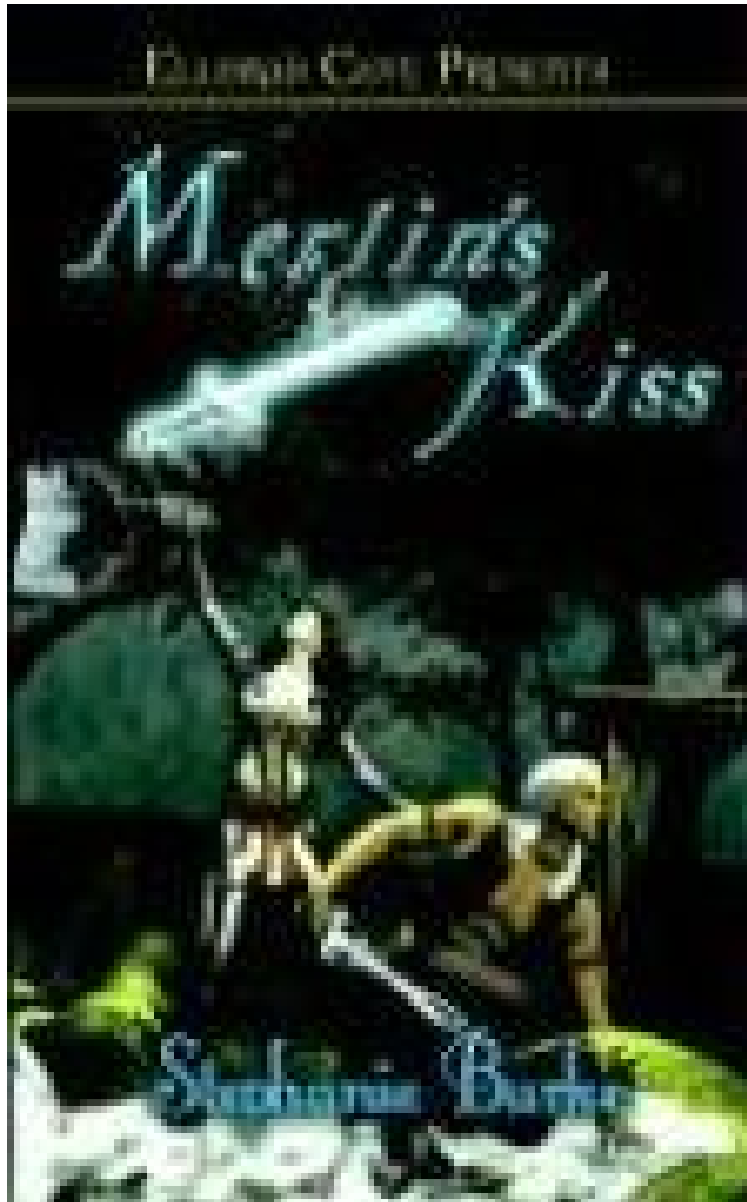


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**Stephanie Burke : Merlin's Kiss** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Merlin's Kiss:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I foresee a great future for this writerBy Reader ViewsReviewed by Anne Boling for Reader Views (01/07)When Brianna of Belfore pulls Excalibur from the stone she should be the true

leader of the Brits. But, it is a male-dominated world and Merlin knows the men will never follow a female leader. Arthur is a total ninny, spineless and greedy;; he quickly takes credit and claims the kingdom for his own. Arthur is now beheld as King Arthur. Merlin has a plan to set things right. He freezes Brianna and throws her into the arms of the Rock of Ages where only her true worthy mate can release her; where she will rule a kingdom. Chasing a drack, Kerian, Lord of Mirage, is shocked when a mountain opens and spits a beautiful, dark, petite, naked woman into his arms. The drack and Kerian work together to protect the female, Brianna from Shala, Kerian's stepmother and the evil Dagon. Dagon is lord over a wicked place where people are slaves and must do his bidding. Shala, seduced by power joins forces with Dagon against Kerian. At first Brianna thinks she is still in her era but soon learns that it is the future. A great cloud came over the earth and caused many deaths and the people reverted back to many of the ways of their ancestors, many of the animals mutated to beings with very different behavior. Rabbits are now carnivore to be feared by any in their path, they work together to plot how to capture their next meal. The drack are similar to a dragon but they blow ice instead of fire. This is a new world, one which Brianna must adapt to or die. Brianna comes to love Zorn, the young drack, and Kerian. But can the two of them fight the evil determined to destroy the beautiful world that now exists?"Merlin's Kiss" by Stephanie Burke is a beautifully written love story. Brianna and Kerian are meant to be with each other. The love between them is strong. Zorn was my favorite character; while he's a drack, he has so many childlike human qualities. The antagonists Shala and Dagon are easy to dislike and are perfect to play against the hero and heroine of this story. I eagerly turned the pages of this book devouring the adventures that Kerian and Brianna engaged in. I was truly convinced that I was part of the story. I foresee a great future for this writer. It is my honor to highly recommend this book to those who enjoy erotic romance. Received book free of charge. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Timeless Tales 4 Star Review By A Customer by Nicole La Folle Briana had gone for a walk in the moonlight with Arthur, when she is forced to defend herself against the unwanted attentions of DeLacy. The promised couple flee the scene and coming upon a sword sticking out of a boulder, Briana pulls it out and passes it to Arthur so he can defend them against DeLacy. When DeLacy arrives in the clearing, he immediately recognizes Excalibur and hails Arthur as King. Arthur, not being an idiot, quickly agrees that he has pulled the sword from the stone and is now the rightful King of the Britons. Briana attempts to protest but she is stopped by Merlin. He tells her that the Britons aren't ready for a female leader. Realizing he has wronged Briana, Merlin places her within the Rock of the Ages to be released when the world is ready for a female ruler and a man matching her in strength, honesty, power and loyalty - the virtues that make a leader great - touches the stone. Kerian chased a purple drack into the mountains above his castle of Mirage. The purple lizard had stolen and eaten some of Kerian's chums. Kerian follows the drack into a cave and falls into a pit. When the drack taunts him and he responds, the drack is stunned to realize the man he has stolen from and trapped is Kerian - the only man in the Light Isles who can hear the drack. When Kerian attempts to climb out of the hole, the rock rumbles and opens up, spitting out a naked woman. Wrapping her in his war vest Kerian orders the drack to carry them back to Mirage, where he can properly tend to the woman. Merlin's Kiss is a fun story that will make you both laugh and cry. Many of the traditional Arthurian legend characters are present, but not always as you would expect them to be. From the distant past to the far off future, this story takes you on a journey of discovery. Briana does not fit into the time in which she was born, but luckily Merlin can send her to the time where she belongs. Kerian is a strong leader of many warriors, both male and female - he is just the right man for Briana. Once again Ms. Burke has delivered an awesome tale sure to give the readers many hours of entertainment. I hope she will soon take us on another adventure to the Light Isles. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Timeless Tales 5 Star Review By A Customer by Amy L. Turpin Briana is the true puller of the sword in the stone. Unfortunately, Britton is not ready for a Queen. Since Author was handy at the time, Merlin elected to use him as King rather than shake up the status quo. And we ALL know how THAT turned out. Knowing he has cheated Briana out of her destiny, he puts her to sleep in a rock wall until such time as the Britons are ready for a Queen and a man with ability and heart to match her own frees her from his spell. Kerian was the fiercest warrior of his time. He ruled by might, but ruled justly and compassionately. He was not King of the Britons, but rather of his own land. He also had a pesky drack problem. The young drack had broken the treaty his people held with the drackoon and Kerian was not happy to say the least. But finding the naked woman in the wall of the mountain seemed to take his mind off that a bit. The two quickly realize their attraction to each other can not be ignored, but neither can the purple drack that had taken to Briana. Kerian sets out with Briana to return the drack safely home. But fate has a way of returning play at the most unexpected times and the drack, Zorn, was not meant to see his home again. With trouble brewing within Kerian's home and Kerian's own step-mother at the heart of it, Kerian and Briana need all the help they can get. And they find it. In the guise of the enemy itself. Personally, I'm a lover of fantasy. This book is romantica, but it is also pure fantasy! I LOVED this story! The author used imaginative creatures and legends to fill the pages of one exciting book. If fantasy is your thing, you've gotta read this.

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