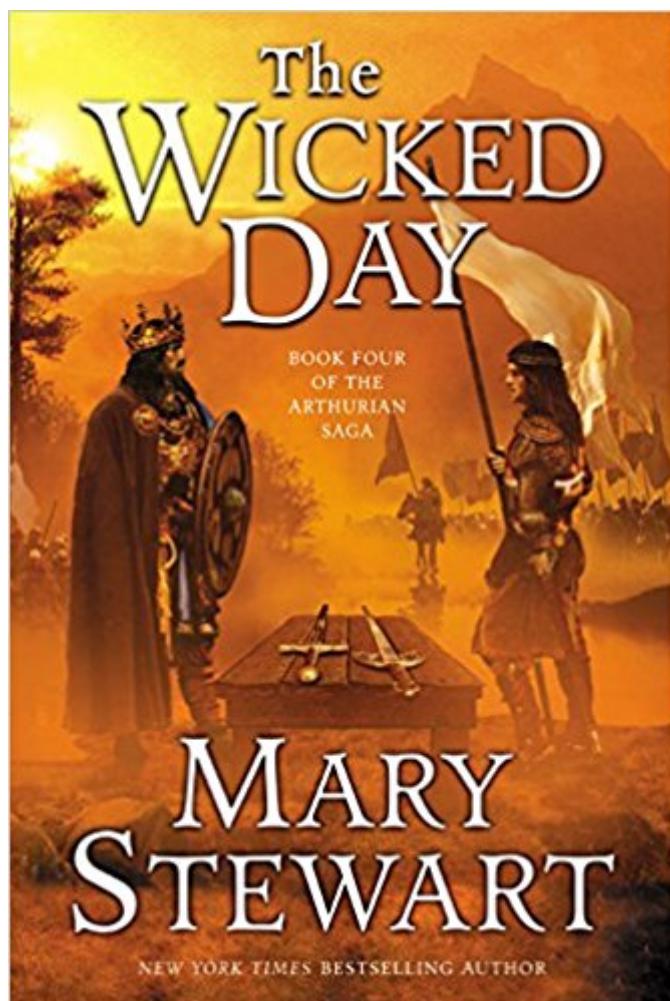


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# The Wicked Day (The Arthurian Saga, Book 4)



## Synopsis

Born of an incestuous relationship between King Arthur and his half sister, the evil sorceress Morgause, the bastard Mordred is reared in secrecy. Called to Camelot by events he cannot deny, Mordred becomes Arthur's most trusted counselor -- a fateful act that leads to the "wicked day of destiny" when father and son must face each other in battle.

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Anyone fascinated by that magical, mythical world of Arthurian legend will be hooked from the first paragraph. Good Housekeeping The old magic never fails. Sunday Telegraph Magical The Times Highly enjoyable ... a provocative recast legend. New York Times Book Review Colourful and entertaining ... Mary Stewart is as skilled as ever in weaving myth and history into a single thread of credible fiction Publishers Weekly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you haven't read Mary Stewart's Arthurian Saga, you don't know what you're missing. They are must reads for any romance reader, for any lover of Arthurian legend, for any history buff, for any voracious reader, and may be the books to get non-readers started. Basically, they should be read by everyone! Mary Stewart's research is phenomenal. Her understanding of myth and its

relationship to fact is remarkable. The books are complex, yet incredibly inviting and you will absolutely love the characters. They also weave together so beautifully that you won't be able to read only one. Two things I find particularly interesting in this series is the portrayal of Arthur and the fall of Camelot. Arthur represents all of humanity in these books as opposed to the more mythical figure you usually see. And the fall of Camelot is more internal rather than external--more about the passions and lusts in the heart rather than a more obvious loss of power. The books go in this order: The Crystal Cave, The Hollow Hills, The Last Enchantment, The Wicked Day. Shauna Summers, Senior Editor --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Wicked Day is the next book in the line of Mary Stewart's excellent literary contributions that create the arthurian saga. This 400 page book follows the Merlin Trilogy and contains the story of Mordred, the illegitimate son of High King Arthur of Britain. Mary Stewart tells, from a third person perspective, how Mordred grew from a young boy into a man and how he came to know who and what he was. The book culminates with Mordred's rebellion against King Arthur, an act which brought both of their lives to a conclusion. However, while Mordred died permanently , King Arthur was borne away so that he might return when England needs him most. Mary Stewart brings Mordred to life as she exposes his thoughts, actions, feelings, and the rationale behind his decisions. As she tells the story of Mordred's life and rebellion, readers will be drawn in by her interesting and exciting narration. Her use of vivid adjectives and descriptions will make readers feel as if they are a part of the story and are hearing and feeling everything that is going on. The book is a perfect read for any good reader and contains a certain level of suspense and excitement, such that would make one unwilling to put it down. The book lacks boring parts as Mary Stewart fills every page with excitement and action rather than settling for filling pages with boring descriptions and worthless information. Mordred's treachery, Arthur's bravery, England's mythic平ality - all will come to life as one reads this book. In other words, Mary Stewart, in the Wicked Day, created a masterpiece of excellence.

This whole series is one of my favorites, and Mary Stewart was an author from whom many today could learn a great deal. The series was perception-altering back when I first read it as a teenager, and is still engrossing and wonderful with every subsequent re-read after all the years in between. I love this series, and I love every book in it.

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Amazing series! I've read this series multiple times and will re-read over and over again. I have editions when first printed. This is a replacement of the original I bought many years ago! An excellent Author!

This is the last of King Arthur trilogy. I was sad to see it end. The Middle Ages come alive as Arthur meets his destiny. I highly recommend it.

I have not recently read this since the publisher and have been remiss. The completion of this series is not available on Kindle.

excellent research by mary stewart in the chronicaled events leading up to mordred's fate with arthur. was a bit sketchy at the very end. i had wanted more. but overall it is an excellent, well written book. kudos to mary stewart.

Final book of the Merlin series. Glad it wasn't as dark as I thought it might be.

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