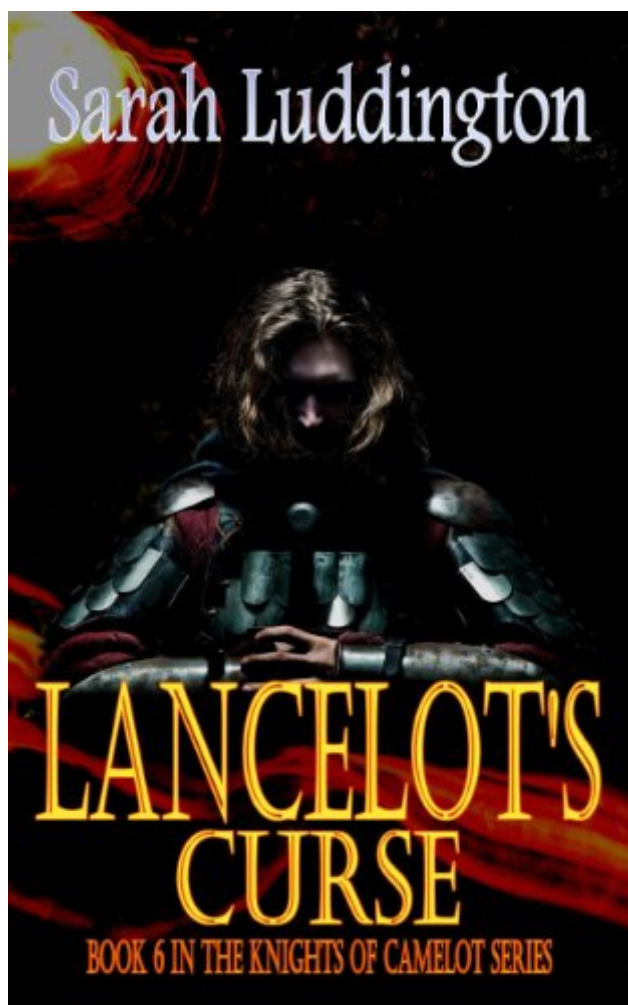


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Lancelot's Curse - The Knights Of Camelot Book 6



Synopsis

“I have no words for the grief the gods have inflicted upon my tired soul. My future is only darkness and my past... My past is gone forever. I have love burned into me and denied me.”

Lancelot and his companions are forced to flee Albion to protect Rhea from Taranis. Nimue tears the veil between the worlds and the travellers discover they are returned to the forest in which Lancelot and Tancred first fell in love. With renewed hope they set forth toward Camelot with the cart containing the items of power. When they reach Chester, they meet old friends and new enemies forcing them to run once more. First they travel through the harsh deserts of Albion and on to the cold, dead world of Lyonesse. When Lancelot wakes from this final journey he makes a promise to Taranis in exchange for Tancred’s sanity and Rhea’s safety. Little does he know that the fulfilment of this promise will change the course of their lives forever. When they finally face Balar this fulfilment of this promise is the revenge the petulant and cruel god demands in exchange for a ceasefire. During this time Lancelot learns more about his complex love for Tancred, Nimue and finally Arthur. His life is sacrificed to save both worlds but is it enough and can he bear the burden of the grief, not just his own but also of those he loves? Will this heart rending promise be enough to save Albion and Camelot and what does it really mean to him and those he cares for? Why are the gods only interested in punishing him and using him to play their futile games? The war for Albion continues and as it does Lancelot’s family tries to save their father, husband, and lover from the darkness about to swallow him whole and steal him from their sides forever.

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Customer Reviews

My word this book has hurt my very soul. Finally, I was able to delve back into the world of Lancelot Du Lac, and our poor hero catches no breaks. As the story opens, he and his crew have recovered the mystical items Tarranis needs to defeat the Titans. But they are on the run because the gods have decided that they want Rhea's death, except for Balar, however, who thinks to supplant his father by using the power of the Titans. Lancelot has Tancred, Rhea, Carwennan, and Nimue along for the journey and Nimue reigns as the most powerful and perhaps the most helpful. Tancred is fighting against perceived responsibilities to his shifter people and most importantly against Carwennan, who is quickly becoming a woman scorned and everyone knows it. There's also the added conflict of Nimue's sexual appetites, as sex actually fuels her power. The group is moved from place to place, trying to find a way to bargain with the gods. Balar, however, steals the items, leaving no bargaining chip. They try to regain the items and face far more heartbreak along the way. Nimue proves herself a changed woman by nearly giving up her life to save Rhea. Her power bails them out of many tight spots, as well as her wealth of knowledge. Even when facing her own people, from whom she is outcast, she proves her worth time and time again. But the real heartbreak comes later. *spoiler alert* Lancelot is forced to make a deal to save the lives of all he cares about. Taranis will help him, keep him safe, and make Tancred's shifting easier in exchange for Lancelot agreeing to walk away from everyone when the time comes. Lancelot agrees, and boy do we all regret it. Balar lures the group in and captures everyone. Lancelot discovers he cannot fight against a god, no matter how powerful he has become. The biggest heartbreak so far comes with Nimue's rape and degradation by Balar. But the pain doesn't stop, as Balar forces Lancelot to kill her, and she begs him for it. Balar, as a god, stopped her ability to feed off of sex, so he really and truly raped her and turned her into a victim. Lancelot struggles, but in the end, he does kill her.

When at last Taranis intervenes it is too late. Nimue is dead and Lancelot bears a guilt he's not felt before. For the first time, he has murdered a friend. Balar makes things worse, as in order for him to halt his rising against his father, he asks for Lancelot's banishment. And though all try to fight against it, in the end, Lancelot promised Taranis he would walk away when the time came. So in order to save his friends, Albion, and Camelot, Lancelot must leave everyone behind. What really gets me is Tancred's heartbreak. If possible, I think I love him more than Lancelot, because he has been through nothing but pain. He's the sweetest soul and deserves happiness, but no one will give it to him. Lancelot tries his best, but in the end, to save everyone, both he and Tancred must suffer. This is the worst of all, knowing that according to Taranis they can never see each other again despite clearly being destined for each other. There's no end to the heartbreak. I should probably take a small break to grieve before reading the next one.

Wow, we waited a while for this one, it was so worth it! To get the next after this so close was a bonus....I'm a HUGE fan of this series and this author. I am passionate about King Arthur stories, and have had a hard time with parts of this series, not at all due to the love between men (I mostly read m/m romance), or with how Sarah has written these books. What has driven me nuts is the characters themselves! Yes, I know, they aren't real, and Sarah is writing them, but damn, it makes me crazy when they do stupid stuff! I love Lancelot and Tancred as a couple. I didn't like Arthur and Lancelot, I think Arthur has taken advantage of Lancelot's love for him repeatedly, unfortunately Lancelot in turn takes advantage of Tancred and his love for Lancelot as well. So basically Arthur is a user, and so is Lancelot! About the time I think Lancelot has gotten a clue and committed to Tancred, well, lets just say the s*** hits the fan! It happens over and over in this series. With Lancelot's Curse, I thought I was safe, the story was interesting, the characters are all there, and the quest begun in the previous book continues. Plus we get a couple of extra old friends going along for the ride. I loved about 3/4 of the book, then things began to change..... The last 1/4 made me angry, and sad, I cried a bit and yelled at Sarah via Facebook! It's totally worth it, but wow... it was SOOOO hard to read! I had been warned to get out the tissue, I pass on that warning. You WILL need it!

Lancelot's Curse was a haunting story for me, it was beautiful and sad. When Lancelot is forced to kill Nimue and the fact that she begs him to is so heart-wrenching that I sobbed for an hour. And the way he handled her body afterwards, preparing her for the funeral pyre was so kind and heart-breakingly sad (BTW, Nimue was one of my favorite characters, I don't believe she would

have been able to live with herself after what Balar did to her). Then to watch him leave his family at the demands and whims of the gods was like a punch in the gut. Everybody has a fatal flaw and I believe that Lancelot's is that he would do anything for his family and those he loves even if he meant the destruction of everything he loved. Sarah Luddington is a master story teller and her entire series has touched me. The pain, the fear, the hope, the joy, the happiness was brought to life for me.

Loved this book, the characters and especially King Arthur and Lancelot's great love for each other. This kind of love is rare and desirable but most of the time is unattainable.

Epic! This book is unbelievably funny, suspenseful, shocking and utterly heart wrenching. This book sticks with you. Not many writers have the guts to take you to the brink like this. POWERFUL! Sarah Luddington never disappoints. Lancelot's Curse is a triumph! I can't wait for the next book in the series.

I have NEVER cried over books, like I have with the Lancelot series! Lancelot's Curse will, just like all the others, have your emotions in turmoil! Be ready to laugh, and be angry and never forget the tissues :) This book was wonderful, just like the last 5. Sarah does not disappoint if you want books you can truly feel a part of all of her books are Highly recommended!

I am a dyed-in-the-wool lover of all things Arthurian. Never cared much for Lance,,,until Sarah's series! Somehow, he seems more human to me, now. Thank you, Sarah. I really love this series, and am looking forward to the next book.

I do love this series. And now there's even more to be gripped by. The storyline between Lancelot & Tancred is just so very heartbreaking. It's lovely.

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