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Beast In Shining Armor (A Kinda Fairy Tale Book 2)



Synopsis

Beauty vs. Beast Contestant One: Avenant is a handsome prince with a dark side. There's a beast inside of him, always waiting to get out. All his life, he's been labeled a monster and he's done his best to live up to his Bad reputation. His parents hated him, his fairytale kingdom fears him, and now he's been dragged into court. Again. His newest legal troubles are all because Belle Ashman stole his throne. The beautiful bookshop owner is the one woman Avenant longs for. The two of them have been in competition since childhood and the contest just became winner-take-all. Contestant Two: Tired of Avenant ruining her dates, firing Mother Goose, and tearing down Humpty Dumpty's wall, Rosabella Aria Ashman decided to depose the tyrant. Eight months ago, Belle led a rebellion and had Avenant thrown in prison. Now, the Beast has returned, demanding his kingdom back. Avenant might be gorgeous, but he's also arrogant, selfish and he's been mean to her since kindergarten. This time, Belle's determined vanquish him, once and for all. The Ultimate Showdown: In the farthest corner of the Northlands, there is an impenetrable labyrinth. Made of ice and stone, no one has ever entered it and emerged alive. Now, Belle, Avenant, and other storybook contenders for the crown are heading into the maze. Whoever solves its riddles gets the kingdom. In order to win, Belle and Avenant are going to have to work together. Considering their lifelong feud, that would be challenging enough, but they're also dealing with an angry minotaur, an unknown killer, miles of twisting corridors and the fact that these two mortal enemies might just make a perfect team.

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Customer Reviews

I love the twist that Beauty & the Beast have known each other since kindergarten & have to over 20+ years of antagonizing each other. Everything that made the first book a hoot to read, but this is a unique tale that doesn't just rehash the plot of the first book. A strong continuation of the first book though you don't really need to read the first to enjoy this. There is some description of sex. And there are several typos throughout If those are things you are sensitive to.

Really enjoyed this book, there is no doubt Gannon has talent. I loved the story and nuances of each character. Not only did I rip through this book, but I immediately purchased the first book in the series and read that as well (Wicked, Bad and Ugly). The mark down is for the poor editing. I'm usually not sensitive to errors in books, but these were frequent and distracting. A decent editor would have tipped this book over to the 5 star rating.

I'm a big fan of the Beauty & the Beast re-tellings - this is a very different style than McKinley - but for the type of story Ms Gannon is going for it is fun, and I've always liked a good bad guy. I read the book in one weekend. ** Caution Spoilers Below *** The ending was happily ever after, new baby that's 'cursed' too, but of course it isn't really a curse and everyone is building a great new future and kingdom. The real reason I rated the book 4 stars is b/c of the Beasts character - he's mentally and somewhat physically abused by his dad as a kid. As an adult he's an jerk face with adjustment issues. I just couldn't relate to him on some things. I could relate more with the Big Bad Wolf from her first novel, than I could with this version of the Beast, IMHO.

Avenant grabbed onto my heart and held on tight. He's got *such* personality! I absolutely love him. He was entertaining as hell in the first book, and is more than entertaining in this one. He's deeper and so much more real and I got very invested in him and his story. I love it when the characters feel so strongly, deeply, and intensely that you have no choice but to feel it too, and be heart-hurt for them when the story calls for it. Just to be completely swept up in their story is the best experience

to have when reading. Cassandra gives you that. She manages to create a conflict that makes both characters make complete sense. Even when they're being ridiculous you can't blame them, you just want good things for them. It's so easy to root for that snarky *rightful* king and his sweet, sensible, usurper. And their story is so perfectly set that you never get bored. There's always something new and fantastic to get caught up in. This is such a fun read to get swept up in and I highly recommend it. I can't wait for Esmeralda's story!

I read both books in this series. Rarely am I so impressed with an author's imagination. I loved how Ms. Gannon made the characters believable, mixing old traits with new. Definitely recommend both books. I was so thoroughly engaged with Wicked Ugly Bad that I promptly bought everything published by this author. I adored the snarky beast and couldn't wait to get to know him more in this book.

This was so much fun to read. It's a unique combination of the classic fairytale and the Disney version set in a modern type setting. Only reason it got 4 stars instead of 5 was a kind of abrupt and somewhat awkward first sex scene. Seemed out of place and not very romantic. Otherwise great, great, great. It's one to read more than once.

Looking for a departure from the typical fairy tale? Look no further. True love gets turned upside down with every page. The characters are lovable screw-ups and rooting for the "bad guys" is all you want to do. I suggest reading Wicked Ugly Bad first just because it gives you more insight to this book, but even if you begin with this one you'll still be hooked. All I can say is I cannot wait for the next book!!!

The story was fun, and the dialogue often very witty. It definitely could have used better editing as there were a number of typographical errors that would jar me out of the story. Certainly less errors than I've seen in other self-published works. Overall I liked it quite enough to want to find out what happened to the remaining WUB Club.

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