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Destined For Doon (A Doon Novel)



Synopsis

In this sequel to *Doon*, Kenna Reid realizes she made a horrible mistake—choosing to follow her dreams of Broadway instead of staying in the enchanted land of Doon. To make everything worse, she's received her Calling—proof she and Duncan are each other's one true love—and it's pure torment, especially when visions of the very alluring Doonish prince appear right before she goes on stage. So when Duncan tells Kenna that Doon needs her, she doesn't have to think twice. But even if Kenna can defeat the evil threatening to eliminate Doon, her happily ever after may still be in peril.

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Customer Reviews

I love three things with equal tenacity: Young Adult fiction, Romance, and the Fantasy genre. Wouldn't you know *Destined for Doon* has all three? Moreover, it doesn't disappoint. At all. *Destined for Doon* is the second book in a four book series inspired by the musical *Brigadoon*. In the first book, *Doon*, we see best friends Veronica and Mackenna (Kenna) travel to Scotland and discover the magical, locked away land of Doon--complete with two handsome princes waiting for them, of course. :) Did I mention I loved the first book in this series? I did, immensely. Well, I'm always a little afraid to read sequels--not because I don't want more of the stories, I always do--but because usually they don't live up to the magic felt while reading the first book. Well, that was not true with *Destined for Doon*, actually ***leans closer and whispers*** I liked it BETTER than the first book. I know--crazy, right? Honest moment: Kenna wasn't my favorite character in book one. I just didn't get her reluctance when it came to love (the authors wrote her beautifully, it's just my personal thing) so

I was worried that I wouldn't be as into the second book because the bulk of it follows Kenna's story. Boy, was I wrong. Kenna won me over and then some. She's strong and doesn't always have a filter and feels deeply. She's a good role model and lends strength to Veronica who desperately needs to believe in herself more (trusting that'll come in the next two books). And Duncan. Can we please talk about Prince Duncan (Kenna's romantic interest) a little? Duncan has been my favorite character since he walked onto the page in book one. Many of my friends like Prince Jamie (Veronica's romantic interest) better, but I've never been one for the moody, mysterious man. I'd rather have a heart on his sleeve, loyal to a fault, Duncan any day. The romantic tension and angst needed in a YA book is so well done in this one. I have no clue how the authors' craft these things so seamlessly and believably--I wish I could sit down with Carey and Lorie for lessons in this to strengthen my own YA writing. Both Carey and Lorie are skilled authors, their writing complements each other well. The setting of Doon comes alive. As someone who has never traveled to Scotland, the book transports me there and fills in all the gaps with beautiful description. Beyond the romance, the conflict and mystery in this book are very good and kept me as a reader guessing how exactly Veronica and Kenna could possibly overcome the thing that is threatening to destroy the entire kingdom of Doon and everyone who lives there. High stakes--yeah, I pulled a heart-pounding all nighter because I couldn't put down the pages fast enough for the last 120 pages. Man alive. These women know how to craft a story. I have said that already, haven't I? Lastly, I really appreciate that the authors take the chance to show two teen girls in an uplifting friendship. Kenna and Veronica always have each other's backs. Their first instinct is to encourage and challenge each other. And they are constantly risking all for the other. When so many YA books only show girls gossiping and hurting each other, it's refreshing to see the bond for friendship in the Doon series. I am avidly awaiting the next installment and am considering bribing Carey and Lorie with cookies and musical tickets in order to read book three w-a-y ahead of time. Thankfully, we have two more books to look forward to. More adventures. More Doon. And more Duncan.

Destined for Doon is the follow up to Doon and picks up shortly after the last book (at least, shortly after in Doon years, slightly longer in Earth years). Of course, destroying the witch was not as easy as the end of the last book (Doon) would have us think. In fact, Doon is slowly being destroyed as an evil curse races to consume the land. This curse turns citizens in to zombies and Veronica knows she must save the kingdom soon, or risk everything she loves disappearing. This is why she sends for trusty friend and sidekick MacKenna, sending none other than Duncan to go and retrieve her. Of course, Duncan and Kenna are not exactly feeling the closest at this time. Duncan is still

hurting after she left him 2.5 Doonian months ago on the bridge, and Kenna is still trying to let go of her dream prince, who she now realizes was her chosen calling. It was almost painful watching those two together. In fact, I feel like they were both working against each other so strenuously. While I realize love can cause you to be blind and sometimes lose touch with reality, the level to which both Veronica and Duncan went was excruciating. I feel like as well that sometimes the reactions they would have or decisions they would make were somewhat out of character. Despite that, this book was still fantastic. I enjoyed stepping back in to Doon once more and hope to have a chance very soon to read the third book. If you enjoy books with adventure and a bit of romance that sometimes borders on a bit too clingy and mushy, then you should enjoy this book. As a result I am giving this 4/5 stars for a great book to read.

This was a fantastic sequel to an even more fantastic series! I loved this novel just as much as I loved Doon, and I can't wait to see what happens next (especially after such a cliffhanger ending). *Destined for Doon* picks up several months after Doon ended. Kenna is in Chicago, making her dreams come true, but also miserable because of leaving not only her true love, but also her best friend, behind in Doon. Kenna's life is thrown topsy-turvy when Duncan comes back into her life quite suddenly, and she is forced to return to Doon to help Vee save the kingdom. I loved every single aspect of this book, however the one thing that greatly stood out to me was the little details that Carey and Lorie incorporated into the story. The funny comments, the descriptions, the references! Seriously, it is all so amazing and adds such a great element to the story. These things not only make the story come alive, but make the story and the characters that much more relatable. This book is extremely well written, and the book moves at a fast pace. You simply will never want to put this book down! I was never once bored, and I was swept away by the magic of Doon once again. Kenna and Vee's friendship is something that is to be admired, and every girl should have a friendship like this. While this book focuses a bit more on Kenna, we still have alternating POV's with Vee. This definitely gives a more complete feeling to the story, and helps move the book along. We see all sides to the story, and the ups-and-downs that come with being queen of a land that doesn't exactly want you as their queen. Both Vee and Kenna are extremely relatable, and personally I am a mix of both of the girls. Kenna never ceases to crack me up with her attitude and antics, and I definitely will be using some of her lines. I will warn you, the ending of this book will leave you begging for more. It is a HUGE cliffhanger, and all I know is that everything better be alright in the land of Doon and with our favorite characters! I definitely can't wait to read the next book in this series, as this is easily one of my favorites. I highly recommend checking out

this novel if you were a fan of the first book in the series. You won't be disappointed! Happy reading :)

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