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Strong and powerful warriors of nobility and honor, the Knights of the Round Table fought for kings, rescued damsels, and undertook dangerous quests. But true love may be the most perilous quest of all...

Sir Lancelot, First Knight of King Arthur's realm and the Queen's champion, cannot be defeated by any earthly man—as long as he keeps his oaths to Arthur and Guinevere. Though arrogant and supremely confident, he will be brought to his knees by a mere maiden: Elaine of Corbenic. Together, they will have a son, Galahad—the knight destined to find the Holy Grail.

Lancelot du Lac is the greatest knight of a peerless age, blessed by the Lady of the Lake with extraordinary military prowess. His fighting ability has earned him a place at King Arthur's side, but the powers the Lady has given him come with a terrible price.

Elaine of Corbenic is struggling to hold her impoverished family together. The keep is a wreck and the peasants, starving, are on the brink of rebellion. Elaine's father is obsessed with finding the Holy Grail, and her older brother, maimed by Lancelot in a joust, is a bitter drunkard. Without a dowry, she has little hope for the future.

Incognito, Lancelot rides into Corbenic on his way to the king's tournament. He finds the practical Elaine irresistible. Thoroughly dismayed when she reveals her contempt for "Lancelot," he must face his own arrogance to win her hand. For only with Elaine at his side will Lancelot have the strength to free himself from the enchantments that bind him...

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Arthurianmaiden says

I cannot be more surprised to say that I really liked this book because I am not a Lancelot lover, still I decided to take a risk and buy it anyway because I loved "Gawain" by the same writer. I am glad I took it! as "Gawain" this novel is full of arthurian themes reimagined and usually ignored in other adaptations: Elaine of Corbenic and her love for Lancelot, Lancelot's madness, the quite creepy figure of the lady of the lake stealing baby! Lancelot and what could have been a difficult relationship between Lancelot and Gawain, the two champions of the king. The characters were also very well written and, without spoiling anything, I really loved how Rowley interpreted Lancelot's madness and darkness. Some minor SPOILERS now: there were four major things that disappointed me, the first was the way the author avoided Guinevere/Lancelot because if from a side gave a bit more of mystery and drama to the first part I think it also missed some complexity that Rowley could have written in Lancelot, another thing was the absence of Galahad and Lancelot son/ father relation which has been completely ignored and the last complain I have is for the lady of the lake because I would have loved to know more about her plans and reasons. A part from this it has been a very good and enjoyable read and I really recommend this book to Lancelot fans!

Lorinda says

Actually could not make myself read this book, too smutty for me

Danae says

i enjoyed this book. there was one part where it got really lame really fast because, of course, they had to throw sex into the book, but aside from that, this was a good read.

Allison says

3.5 stars. This is an odd story, but then it's based on kind of an odd story, the tale of Sir Lancelot and Elaine of Corbenic (mother of Sir Galahad).

I am never particularly fond of instaLove plots, and that kind of happens here between Lancelot and Elaine. Elaine is practical and down-to-earth, to the point of refusing to believe in magic for most of the story, but she and Lancelot seem drawn to each other upon clapping eyes on each other. The word Destiny is bandied around, but there doesn't seem to be anything actually magical about their relationship. Both of them just seem to act out of character whenever they're near the other. Lancelot is kind of a selfish ass--except when Elaine's around, when he somehow becomes sweet and tender. Elaine is always trying to do what is best for her people and her family--except when Lancelot's around and then all she can think about is banging him. (view spoiler)

It's hard to tell if this is in the same universe as Rowley's Gawain. The characters who do cross over between the books are largely the same in appearance and personality, but when this might take place in the internal

timeline I am not sure because Ragnell/Aislynn never appears or is mentioned in this book, but Lancelot is a complete asshole and spends a lot of time with Guinevere in that book (eventually he becomes less of an asshole and has a falling-out with Gwen here). So I am inclined to treat them as separate books and universes despite the similarities.

TINNGG says

"strange women lying in ponds, distributing swords, is no basis for government"- Monty Python

But I suppose our current system isn't much of an improvement...

So Lancelot was grabbed as a baby/child/something by the Lady of the Lake and...

Well, color me confused. The monk/friar/priest/whatever he was, was convinced that Avalon was a real place, closely hidden, and the people were human. And yet... well, SOMETHING weird was going on.

Mordred is Gawain's brother? Eh? Well, there are two others in the series so maybe some clarification will occur, particularly since one of the other two is about Gawain.

Guinevere was ah...not romantically attached to Lancelot - at least in this work. Rather, her attachment was a bit more... Ok, apparently her mother decided to remain with Lancelot's father as his mistress rather than return to her husband. Yeah.

Now to the meat of the story. Lancelot is having issues - caught between Guinevere and Arthur (who didn't know the truth about their relationship), falling for the h, his whole entanglement with the Lady... The book spans several years, though there is some skipping due to circumstances. At least, unlike most medievales I've read, she and her keep weren't handed over to him as an award for him to whip into shape (gag, puke) Rather, they were kept apart by things largely beyond their control, and he treated her as a knight should - in my view anyway. So, the book was a bit confusing but the lack of triggers plus an interesting premise made up for any shortcomings.
