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1197 A.D.

*Sir Garren le Mon is an agent for Richard the Lion Heart in the political war against his brother, John. Under the command of William Marshall, Chancellor of England, Garren is the king's most trusted and loyal servant.*

When Garren is ordered to marry into a family deeply loyal to Prince John, the knight is understandably reluctant; the House of de Rosa is infamous for its bloodlust and bizarre characters. *Upon meeting the Lady Derica de Rosa, however, Garren thinks perhaps that the marriage may not be all that unpalatable.*

Derica is beautiful and humorous, and Garren is smitten. Upon the eve of the betrothal, however, Garren's identity as a spy is discovered and he is set upon by the de Rosa's. With Derica's help, he escapes execution and together the two of them begin an enormous trek across England and Wales to flee her pursuing family. *When William Marshall discovers that Garren has deviated from his orders, he too goes in pursuit of him, undermining Garren's trust with a friend he has known since childhood.*

Duty soon separates them and Garren stages his own death in battle in order to free himself of William Marshall's directives. But news of his death gets back to Derica, who finds herself a pawn between her family and William Marshall as she grieves for the man she loved and now has lost. *It is a race against time for Garren to return to his wife before she is forced to marry another, all in the name of politics.*

## The Whispering Night Details

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# **From Reader Review The Whispering Night for online ebook**

## **Simon says**

OK, I thought I'd give this a whirl, and enlarge my horizons, but I had to give it up when, on the first page, Richard the Lionheart is described as Richard the Second!

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## **Lisa says**

### **Epic medieval romance**

This book is just a bucket of fun from beginning to end, and very entertaining reading.

There is a cross dressing knight who sobs through his mascara on hearing his niece Derica is about to marry.

Derica is an over protected daughter surrounded by an all male family who just want to kill her suitors.

Suitor Sir Garren Le Mon is forced to marry Derica as part of his spying job description. He really doesn't want to until his eyes meet Derica's across the room full of fighting relatives.

Add two adorable children, an abandoned castle and a legendary ghosts and you have it all. Recommended escapist reading.

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## **Richard Rudolph says**

### **Another good book by Kathryn Le Veque**

A very good take of forbidden love, knights, and adventure. Where love triumphs over all obstacles, and has great adventures along the way.

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## **Dawn says**

Just read this as part of a historical romance collection. It is an older work of Le Veque's and one of her better ones!

It is a sweet read with a wonderful hero and a strong intelligent heroine.

The heat level is mild, not as spicy as her newer stuff, and is filled with wonderful historical details that I always loved in her books.

It is a shame that her newer work has changed so much.

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## **Maree Repa says**

Five Amazing Stars

A Knights Tale

I was just absolutely thrilled to read book one, Ancient Kings of Anglecynn. Such a wonderful exciting historical English series. With such amazing characters throughout!

Set during the twelfth century. Such a marvellous romantic tale. I simple enjoyed this most wonderful tale. I completely enjoyed these fabulous characters. Such a great and the best in the line of a wonderful series too!

I thoroughly enjoyed another favourite book written by Kathryn Le Veque. Congratulations to you!!

\* I recommend this book to everyone!!

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## **Eileen Dandashi says**

Both hero, Garren, and heroine, Derica, were likeable in every sense. The characters were well-matched with intelligence, wit and wills of determination.

Garren obeyed William Marshall's edict to marry Lady Derica, even though he hadn't wanted to. Once he met the lady, liking her enormously, he still didn't want to marry her, but for entirely different reasons. He does indeed marry Derica, but on his terms, not William Marshall's.

William Marshall wanted and needed to do what he felt right for England. Not even his fatherly affection for Garren was enough to deter him from that cause. But I ask you. How much should a man give to his country? Is he expected to sacrifice his personal happiness and the need to protect his own? This read helps you ponder that question.

A father's love can be something fierce especially when he sees himself losing his only daughter. When Derica walked away from her father to follow Garren, it devastated the man something awful and with that came a desperate attempt to get her back. So here is another question to ponder. Should he have fought so hard to get her back when it was clear to him she wanted to belong to Garren?

In time of war and conflict, politics are a dirty game, no matter when in the history of man. It's hard to know who is friend, foe, spy or no. This story has them all.

Kathryn Le Veque writes a thought-provoking story even beyond the great love that springs between Derica and Garren. I was well-engaged with the many twists and surprises as the story unfolds. I couldn't believe what I heard when--well never you mind. Suffice it to say my jaw dropped out of disbelief. What a wonderful twist!

As with every book I've read of Kathryn Le Veque, this one was no less appealing and thought-provoking. I highly recommend this author.

Narrator Michael Angeles used many different voices for the dialog, from very old to very young. He was quite adept in his voices for the female and children's voices and the scenes where Derica broke down and cried were quite emotional. Overall, I thought his performance done well, although some of his voices didn't work well. He actually made me think a couple of the characters sounded rather simple-minded, or older than they actually were. His voice for Fergus's father cracked so much, I had difficulty following the dialog, even though the voice was authentic sounding. The engineer work was of poor quality in several places; keeping voice levels consistent and removing extraneous noise. It didn't occur all the time, but it was noticeable enough to comment on. Now, that being said, I want to remark even with these thoughts, I enjoyed Michael Angeles's narration, his emotional commitment to the characters. I'm happy to have listened to the story, for I'm sure he added to its entertainment.

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### **Kiesha ~ 1Cheekyllass says**

The story was "OK" - not her strongest but tolerable.

My biggest issue was the narrator. He sounded OK as long as he was speaking as a character but when he read the story outside of character, he sounded awful. He appeared to add an "ah" to the beginning of Garren's name so it sounded like "Ahgarren" and he did the same with Derica. Although his character voices were not bad, the reading was too much. I never want to hear him narrate again.

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### **Midnight Sapp says**

I really like Kathryn Le Veque's medieval romance books. But sometimes her endings doesn't make me happy. Thank God this one wasn't like that. Loved the epilogue, I love when authors tells us what happened to the characters in the end.

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### **Nicole Laverdure says**

I am a huge fan of Kathryn Le Veque's books because she never disappoints me. The Whispering Night was written some years age, and this author is like a good wine, the older it gets, the better it tastes. I loved Garren and Derica's romantic story! I enjoyed following their journey filled with passion, action and adventure.

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## **Jen says**

Enjoyed this book very much. Especially loved the last chapter. Not many books go into detail of what happens later and i loved learning of their family after their harrowing tale.

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## **Liloshadow (ReNee) says**

Full of intrigue, love, and friendship. Very Character rich...

I freely admit I am a big fan of this authors stories! I despaired that I would ever find another author that wrote great medieval love stories. This author doesn't write the usual romance story where the H/h figure out they are in love at the very end and get married. They are refreshingly opposite that way. In these they USUALLY fall hard and fast...and the rest of the story is about their trial and tribulations together. As a reader she also keeps you on your toes. You never know who may die, who a villain may be, who's a spy, or how a story may end...its usually a happy ending; but not always in the way you expect. Sure, sometimes you are able to guess...but she usually slips a couple surprises in there somewhere.

The Whispering Night as a few surprises for the reader...not as big as some of her other stories. The last story I read by this author made me stop reading and gasp "Holy Crap!"

With all that said, this story has battles, castles being sieged, spies, love, romance, fierce friendship, fearsome knights, and a brave spunky heroine.

Garren is a knight of William Marshall. The Marshall sends Garren on a mission to spy in the camp of his enemy. From that moment on Garren's life will never be the same. He begins a journey that takes him from that of a lonely knight to a life rich in love, then to utter heartbreak and finally back to love again. He is the kind of knight all men fear but secretly want to emulate. The heroine Derica is spunky and brave not afraid to speak her mind or go after what she wants. There are too many minor characters to name here, but you can't help but fall in love with some of them as well.

They are also some humorous scenes mixed in...I wont say here, but its not something you see everyday in a Medieval romance! ; )

Happy Reading!!!

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## **Helen Knapp says**

### **Excellent reading**

In Kathryn's usual style she masterfully weaves her story. This book, as all of hers, was hard to put down. Entertaining, romance and suspense. It has it all. Highly recommend.

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**Allie says**

Slow at times, but a good story. Then ending brought tears to my eyes!

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**Tammi Schane says**

I loved this book so much!!! Kathryn gets better with each book. Garren and Danica have such a good storyline. It kept at the edge of my seat the whole book. I couldn't wait to see what happens next.

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**Anne says**

I just loved the characters in this wonderful story. You couldn't help but cheer for the main two to be able to be together! Sorry this had to end!

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