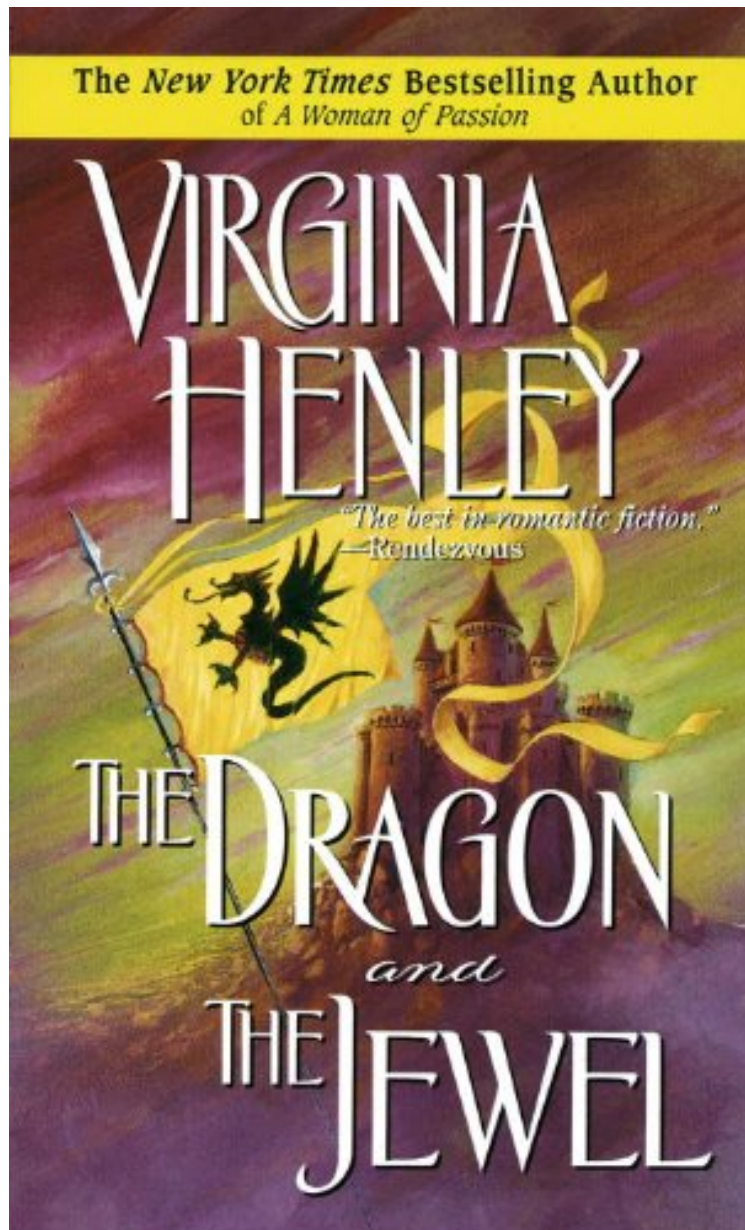


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Von Virginia Henley : The Dragon and the Jewel (Dell) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dragon and the Jewel (Dell):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Second

book to trilogy...Von Tracy TalleyThis is the second book to the Plantagenet Trilogy. The first is FALCON AND THE FLOWER and the third is THE MARRIAGE PRIZE. This story is about Princess Eleanor Plantagenet, the King's "Precious Jewel". After King John died, his children King Henry III, Richard of Cornwall and Princess Eleanor were left alone to basically run England. Their mother Queen Isabella married another and moved on. This is the great love story of Princess Eleanor Plantagenet and the famous warlord Simon de Montfort, the Earl of Leicester. This true story of these two passionate people is told with such flair and sensuality that only Virginia Henley could tell. True the story is compressed to about three years, when in reality it was more like thirty. But she pulls it off with no problem. The sequel, and last book to this trilogy begins in the year 1253, this book ends in 1240. That is the reason for the dropping off at the end. The story continues into the next book, for all those complaining about the sudden abrupt ending. The characters from the first book make many appearances in this one, namely their son Sir Rickard de Burgh. He is appointed the Princess's guard. In the beginning of the story there is about 190 pages of story between Eleanor and her first husband, the Earl of Pembroke, William Marshal. He was much older than her and when she became a widow at the age of 17, she took a vow of chastity of perpetual widowhood. Simon first saw her and fell in love. He had to have her at any cost. The passionate love these two shared and the enemies and treachery they endured, is awe inspiring. Simon is breathtaking, a great warlord of his time, and Eleanor is beautiful and strong willed. She is a woman ahead of her time. This story will make you smile and feel like you are there with Simon and Eleanor. Henley has an uncanny knack of bringing the reader into her world. I could almost hear the swords clanking and the King shouting. This is an excellent read, don't miss it. I have read this many times, and still find myself enthralled everytime. Virginia Henley is an extremely talented writer, she brings these people to life and shows you the sacrifices they made for their beloved country, when civil war was knocking at England's door. Simon was a great warlord and leader, I think you will enjoy this great 13th century love story in all its glory. It's a keeper.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Upgraded my assessmentVon Ein KundeAfter writing a research paper on the Plantagenets of this reign, I decided to re-read 'Dragon and Jewel'. Again, I cared little for Eleanor's spoiled, petulant behavior, but if her mother was the previous child bride from Spain, then I can understand the characteristics Eleanor portrayed. But I respected Simon de Montfort more after re-reading a second time, however was quite disappointed to learn during my research that Simon was lead an oppositional nationalist uprising against King Henry, resulting in a civil war in which Henry was defeated and Simon de Montfort became a dictator, and called a Parliament that included not only knights of the shires, but burgesses from towns representing the commoners. This was the first time the commoners were represented! However, King Henry prevailed and Simon de Montfort was later killed at a battle lead by his nephew, the king's son Prince Edward. I would have liked to know how Eleanor spent her days as a widow of Simon's. Was she imprisoned? (Not uncommon for relatives to be imprisoned and later murdered). Was she banished to Spain to spend her remaining days with relatives there, or was she, since she was a wealthy heiress, married to a powerful war lord or knight loyal to the king to ensure power, funding, and strength, or were Simon's heirs stripped of all belongings, titles, property, etc. and left at the mercy of any knight willing to marry a beautiful but penniless woman. If Ms.Henley answered these questions at the end of the book, I am unaware of such due to the fact that the book was a library paperback copy and rumbled with back pages missing. I feel that Simon's love for the ridiculous Eleanor was in vain! But we all must meet our maker, and leading a revolt against a king is a sure way to meet your maker!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Dragon The Jewel will always be my favorite book!Von Ein KundeVirginia Henley is the best! I though history boring until I began reading her novels. Now I'm a history buff. The Dragon The Jewel is the first historical romance novel I read I quickly became hooked. I've now been to England/Scotland/Wales/Ireland twice to trace the history that she portrays in this wonderful book and her others. She really does her homework!!! The facts are accurate the places artfully described! She's unbelievable! Standing at the entrance of the castle, you really can imagine Simon Eleanor rushing back to Chepstow. Their "beloved Kenilworth Castle" is awesome you can imagine their lives there thanks to the picture that Virginia paints of life events at those times. Some people laugh at romance novels - but I challenge them to tell me what they know about world history my knowledge leaves them in the dust - all because artists like Virginia Henley make it interesting real for us! Thank You Virginia!

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