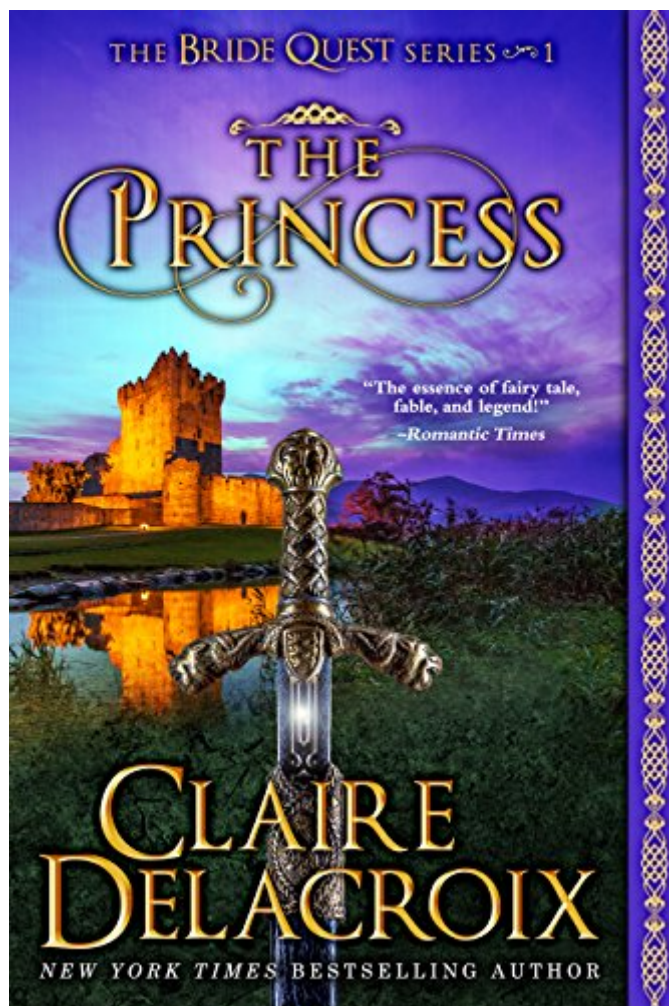


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# The Princess (The Bride Quest Book 1)



## Synopsis

Princess Brianna of Tullymullagh is determined to marry only for love—until her father's holding is conquered and the king decrees that she must wed one of the victor's sons. Thinking she can outwit this condition, Brianna issues a challenge: the son who brings her a gift that makes her laugh will win her hand. Thus begins the Bride Quest of the three brothers Fitzgavin, Burke and Rowan, knights both, ride out on Brianna's quest, each intent upon triumph. Only Luc refuses to participate, for he knows that a princess had no place in the life of a battle-weary warrior like himself. Brianna is not inclined to accept his refusal—she tempts him and awakens his slumbering senses with her alluring beauty and her sweet kisses. Luc has sworn to lay down his sword forever—until he is the sole one who can defend the fair maiden who has claimed his shielded heart.

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## Customer Reviews

King Henry has decreed Princess Brianna of Tullymullagh must marry one of the sons of Gavin Fitzgerald the man who had conquered her family's castle, but she'll only marry for true love. Brianna set a task for the brothers to compete for her hand in marriage to bring her a gift

to make her laugh. Burke and Rowan Fitzgavin both knights set off on their quest knights at her command, but Luc Fitzgavin the eldest brother has no interest in a Princess bride he's just a battle weary warrior vows to lay down his sword and find a simple life. He has no interest in a bride he feels there's no place in his life especially for a princess. Luc stays behind and spends his time working on the poorly cared for orchard, but what he does not know is the orchard is near and dear to Brianna heart it was a favorite place of her mothers. Luc doesn't expect to be attracted to Lady Brianna's quick wit and charm to invade his senses and his soul. Luc and Brianna find that as they spend time together he's insanely attracted and protective of her and Brianna finds the one man who will win her heart by making her laugh in the bride quest. Luc thought a princess had no place in the life until he was forced to take up arms to protect the fair Princess who had claimed his heart. A captivating story of an Irish Princess and a battle weary warrior. I love the story 5 stars!!!

This story has solid characters and a good plot. Luc, the hero, has given up his knight's status in exchange for a simple life and he is less than thrilled to be called to his father's side to participate in a quest set by a spoiled nobleman. The nobleman is not spoiled and the two son become embroiled in some mysterious murders. Eventually all is solved and the story ends happily. The characters are interesting and the language is reminiscent of a medieval story

Absolutely love this author and her books! Great story that keeps you entertained until the end! Would recommend!

An amazing love story. Brianna's home has been conquered by King Henry. She's being forced to marry so decides to create a challenge for the would be grooms. I loved all the characters and couldn't put this book down. Great medieval romance!! I was given an arc of this book and voluntarily reviewed.

I'm so pleased to see this series written some 20 years ago, being re-released. The jacket covers have all been revamped and are absolutely beautiful, depicting castles and swords. The Princess starts a series about three brothers who find their true loves. There is nothing like a fairy tale theme to get me smiling even before I begin the read. Author Delacroix does not dampen my anticipation and enthusiasm with her beguiling speech pattern, mystery with surprising twists and a clever, beautiful, pure-of-heart heroine who wants only to marry for love. I am pulled

emotionally and mentally into the keep of Tullymullagh. The life may be simple, but the danger can take your breath away. Brianna, daughter to the King of Tullymullagh, does not want to be forced into a marriage. King Henry II has taken the castle and surrounding lands, giving them to its new vassal, Gavin Fitzgerald. Brianna is to marry his son. This does not fit with her plans, so she sends all three sons on a quest to bring her something which will make her laugh. The one who makes her laugh the loudest and longest will have her hand. Could she truly ensure there was no victor in this contest? Aye! If Brianna set terms upon the resolution, the brothers would have to meet them. It would be just like a bard's tale, the princess demanding that a trio of suitors compete to earn her favor. The elder son, Luc Fitzgerald, does not want to participate. He just wants to return to his home in Wales. But his sire's request and one of his own make it nigh impossible to not come. It was time to obtain Llanvelyn's seal from his father, a promise his sire promised to fulfill. "On principle alone, Luc was prepared to dislike everything about Tullymullagh, no less its spoiled princess. But the first sight of Tullymullagh's high square tower awakened an unexpected admiration with Luc." When the other sons are off on their quest, Luc stays behind and spends his time working on the orchard which has been poorly cared for. He loves working the land, a love he gained in his childhood when he lived with Pyrs, a man who saw the caliber of person Luc is. Unbeknownst to him, the orchard had been near and dear to Brianna's mother. Brianna is curious about this man who wouldn't fight to win her hand. Curiosity and Luc's teasing nature, keep Brianna coming back to the orchard. What is it about him which draws her? From Luc, he doesn't want a princess, but his eye and reaction to her, he can't control. "Brianna was the perfect, tiny fairy queen of Pyrs's bedtime tales. Luc had never imagine that such beauty could exist outside of fanciful stories and was clutched with a desire so primal that it curled his toes." When he first looked at her: "Then she glanced at Luc. A jolt ripped through him as their eyes met. Her full lips parted ever so slightly and Luc had the distinct sense that they were the only two in the hall." Gavin, the father, is a bit of a pill. It is difficult to read him. He is a bully, even with his sons. He enjoys demeaning people for it raises his own prestige, or so he thinks. However, he is a man who learns a very big lesson with a huge price. We get to know more about who Luc is. He's a man of honor, a man of his word. This is very important to him. He no longer carries a sword, laid down some 10 years ago. He has strong reasons to have done so. Evil walks within the castle. People die. Luc wants to protect Brianna, for death walks closest to her. The characters all play important roles, providing a rich field for lies, intrigue, and false leads. Father Padraig is very much

the moralist for the people. When a mishap happens, it is because of the sin of the person. I enjoyed not liking him. Ruarke de Rossier is the knight who is supposed to protect the keep. He has questionable morals, and a ready smile for Brianna. He doesn't entirely ring true. Luc doesn't like him overly much, but when Gavin beats him and he's defenseless, he stops the beating, stands before his sire, ready to be beaten himself. I thoroughly enjoy Brother Thomas, a jovial monk with a big belly he very much likes to fill. He adds both humor and past knowledge which Luc needs to ferret out the killer. Themes: When jealousy takes hold, there is no room for logical thought! Bullying doesn't make people loyal. Honor cannot be a knight's by right. It is part of his soul, his character and all invasive. Greed and seeking wealth by any means, will eventually take you down. Beauty of the soul is most beautiful of all.

I read this book as part of a collection some time ago and was happy to see it released as a standalone. Determined only to marry for love, Princess Brianna sets up what she thinks will be an impossible task for her prospective suitors: the first one who makes her laugh loudest and longest wins her hand. The eldest son, Luc Fitzgavin, does not want to participate at all, and so stays behind while his brothers set off on the quest. He busies himself tending a long abandoned orchard, which, unbeknownst to him, was a favorite of Brianna's mother, and also dear to her heart. Their reluctant, but undeniable attraction, keeps pulling them together. As always, Ms. Delacroix draws you into the story with beautiful descriptive prose, dialog which feels perfectly natural and native to the time period, and a heartwarming and lovely HEA. A copy of this book was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book and my comments here are my honest opinion.

This is an amusing and entertaining story. Brianna is smart, brave and determined. Luc is stubborn and loyal. The storyline is entertaining and captivating. It's a highly enjoyable book that belongs on the top of your TBR list. I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author. This is my voluntary and honest opinion of it.

Wonderful story, very well written. the characters are wonderful. Looking forward to the next one in the series. A copy of this book was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book and my comments here are my honest opinion.

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