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The "black sheep" of the de Burgh family is a title Reynold wears well. Outcast and injured, this knight is journeying alone. But his bitter pilgrimage is interrupted by a very determined damsel who holds him to his knight's vow—to protect and serve!

Sabina Sexton knows her reluctant rescuer is skeptical about her quest. But the danger is very real, and wary Sabina must place her life—and her heart—in this dark and dangerously attractive knight's keeping....

## Reynold de Burgh: The Dark Knight Details

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### Elgyn says

Příběh byl docela zajímavý, i když na harlekynku zvláštní, ale konec mi přešel odfláknutý.

s. 126 *Bridgid* [Brighid]

s. 186 *neměla žádné vysvětlení, nepadlo jí nic, co by dávalo jakýkoli smysl*

s. 221 *paži., Pamatuj*

uvozovky - s. 221

řárka - s. 47

ji/jí - s. 220

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### Holly says

Reynold de Burgh takes a last look at his family's castle with a bitter sigh. Surrounded by his brother's happy families this black sheep decides its time for him to move on. Right before he manages to sneak away, the l'Estrange women gift him with some parting gifts and the knowledge that his plans for an aimless pilgrimage may not be as aimless as he thinks. Wary of their matrimony-minded meddling ways, but secure in the knowing that marriage is not meant for one such as he, Reynold sets off for his future. Never imagining that he was headed straight into legend, and to a love that would finally bring this aimless wanderer home.

Eh. Sorry folks. Reynold was never one of my favorite de Burghs. Simon always took that prize. I was always optimistic for his story though, because I certainly never could have imagined that Stephen with his charming drunken ways would have nearly usurped Simon's position as my favorite, but Reynold always seemed too bleak for me. I liked him, but I never could imagine how his story was going to unfold. And I never could imagine a heroine able to bring life into his eyes.

Sabina Sexton tries her best, but I think she was too broken herself to be of much use. Unfortunately she reminded me too much of an uneducated, superstitious peasant (harsh, I know) than a fiery and passionate woman capable of shaking Reynold out of his self imposed loneliness and despair. You know how you look at a famous model and you think, "eh. I just don't see the appeal." I never saw her appeal. And Reynold - I don't know what other women see in him. He came across as kind of dense to me. \*Ack! Runs away from knife-wielding Reynold lovers\* Even Reynold's squire gets disgusted by his woe-is-me attitude.

The story itself was interesting, but a wee bit drab and monotonous. I've always liked how Deborah Simmons's de Burgh brothers all had stories that were slightly unique, and character based. Marion with her amnesia, Geoffrey with his shrieking, spitting, shrew of a wife (she was my favorite heroine), Simon being taken prisoner by his bride, Stephen's lush-like qualities and his witchy wife, and of course who can forget Robin and his witless search for a cure. Reynold and Sabina certainly face a foe that none of his brothers have ever faced, and no medieval romance hero to my limited recollection, and for a while it helped send this story on its way. When I found out why Sabina was desperately looking for a hero I wondered how DS was going to extricate herself from her own plotline and while she did a good job, I didn't get a whole lot out of

this story. The middle part of the book seemed to go nowhere and the rest of it was just drab and colorless. The villagers were all drab, a villain popped up out of nowhere and pieces of the story did not seem to be fully fleshed out. Or maybe I had stopped paying attention. I don't know. I only know that this was so far my least favorite of the de Burgh brothers. In fact, I might even have rated it lower if it had not been for eventually revisiting with one of my favorite fictional families.

So to sum up. I love Deborah Simmons yet this was my least favorite de Burgh brother and my least favorite de Burgh book. But I can't wait for Nicholas's story. Which hopefully won't be an eight year wait.

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### Barbara ★ says

I found this book to be lame (no pun intended). Reynold de Burgh has a slight lameness which hasn't slowed him down in life. He's a knight but his brothers teased him when he was young and women have no interest in him. Poor poor pitiful me. He might be gorgeous but he is pathetic and annoying through most of the book. I almost put this down but figured it's only 277 pages, surely I can stand it that long. I'm glad I finished it because I liked the ending but man-o-man it was tough. I did like the heroine, Sabina, she was a tough cookie. Without her the book surely would have been tossed.

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### Zoe says

Read 20%, nothing special so I am abandoning ship. Life is too short for mediocre reads.

No rating because I only read 20%

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### ?nci Puyan says

<http://illekitap.blogspot.com/2013/10...>

Ben bu haftam? tamamen Harlequin'lere ay?rd?m hep onlar? okudum ve elimdeki b?t?n Harlequinleri bitirdim tek biri hariç... O da serinin son kitab? olan "Son DeBurgh". Onu da k?sa zamanda okuyup yorumlar?m art?k :))

Deborah Simmons kaleminden ç?kan "The DeBurgh" serisinin alt?nc? kitab? olan "Kara ?övalye DeBurgh" de bitti. Kitap Reynold DeBurgh'u anlat?yor...

Serinin di?er kitaplar?na göre çok dura?an geldi bana. Serinin kitaplar?n? pek s?rayla okumad?m ve henüz ikinciye okumadan üç, dört ve be?inci kitaplar? okumu?tum ?imdi ikinciye okuyup yeterince hareket, atraksiyon okuduktan sonra bu kitap çok dura?an geldi. ./ Reynold'un daha hareketli bir hikayesi olsun isterdim.

Hele ki ejderhaym??, onun pe?inden döndür?len entrikalarm??, öldü san?lan eski ni?anl?ym?? falanm?? filanm?? bana... ?mm... nas?l desem bilemedim ama beni tatmin etmedi. Kalemimi sevdi?im bir yazar? ve daha çok beklentilerim vard? bu yüzden beni pek memnun eden bir kitap olmad? ne yaz?k ki :(

Sevmedim diyemem, okumaktan zevk aldım ama ister istemez diğer kitaplar ile bir kıyaslama yapıyorsun okurken ve onların yanında biraz sönük kaldı.

Her neyse kitabı puanlamak gerekirse ben 5 üzerinden 3 veririm kitaba, seriyi ise herkese öneririm. Keyifle okunacak hatta sevinecek bir tarihi aşk romanı serisi...

The DeBurgh Serisinin Kitapları:

Wessex Kurdu

Kralın Buyruğu

Kalp Hırsız

Büyülü Lord DeBurgh

Büyülü Prenses

Kara Övallye DeBurgh

Son DeBurgh

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## Nikoleta says

Δεν μπορώ να πω ότι μου ήρεσε, αν κ είχε ασυνήθιστη πλοκή κ δράση για αρλεκιν, το θέμα του δράκου δεν με ήπαισε απ την αρχή, οι ήρωες ήταν νεοβραστοί (η ηρωίδα δεν υπήρχε σχεδόν σαν προσωπικότητα). Ο Ρόλντ μας ζήλισε με την εμμονή του με τα αδελφία του. Ο.κ. κέρσιος το κατάλαβαμε, η οικογένεια σου είναι τόσοσο υπεροχή που σου προκάλεσε σύμπλεγμα κατώτερητητας!! Εν τω μεταξύ... το love story που είναι;; Που είναι;; Υποτίθεται ότι είναι ερωτικό αρλεκιν, ερωτικό λυμeee.

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## Esra says

Yine çok güzeldi :) Baylıyorum bu DeBurgh kardeşlere yaaa ben de istiyorum bir adet, hangisi olursa olsun :D

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## Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

It was great to finally read Reynold's story. I love him even more after seeing him find his way to his own happy ending. Reynold really made his leg more important than it was. He thought that it was all that anyone ever saw about him, and felt bad because it made him feel different from his brothers. He needed to strike out on his own and find himself. Fortunately, his pilgrimage brought him to a group of people badly in need of a hero. Sabine and her remaining people believe they are being preyed upon by a dragon. They entreat Reynold to protect them from the dragon. Reynold doesn't really believe in dragons, but his knight code requires him to protect those in need. Plus, Peregrine, the squire appointed by his kooky l'Estrange aunts by marriage, insists he needs to do this because it's preordained as his knight's quest. Reynold agrees to help them, and finds himself falling for the blonde beauty Sabine, even knowing she can't feel the same for him because of his infirmity.

I felt that Reynold was somewhat too mopey about his leg. It makes sense, to a certain extent. Being in a

family of larger than life men, it must have been hard to be born different. This mission really gets Reynold to see himself and his 'lame' leg different. It doesn't have to be something that requires him to be alone and unloved by a good woman. It doesn't have to define him as a person. He begins to see himself through others' eyes for the strong, intelligent, capable man that he is.

Sabine adores him from the beginning, although she feels he's too good for a simple Sexton's daughter. Plus she's got her own secret cross to bear that she feel makes her unworthy of a man. Reynold is drawn to her, but thinks that she just wants his skills as a knight and not him. Reynold was somewhat frustrating in how he continued to push Sabine away because of his lack of self-worth. He was the only one who didn't see how wonderful he was. He had a habit of comparing himself to his brothers in a way that wasn't favorable for him--although having read the other de Burgh books, I could see that all the brothers have their weaknesses, no less than Reynold's. I was glad that he gets a wakeup call and comes to realize how much he's indulging in self-pity.

Although I thought this was a really good book, I was disappointed on how it was way too focused on the intrigue and mystery of the dragon. I wanted to see more about Reynold and Sabine's relationship. There are no love scenes. Okay, I admit that bothered me, because all the other de Burgh books did have some nice love scenes. I felt like Reynold should have gotten some good love scenes too. I think this book would have been five stars, if it had been a touch more steamy and if the romance was more of a focus. As it is, it's still a very good book, and I am so glad that I got to read Reynold story. I love this man!

Overall rating: **4.25/5.0 stars.**

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### **Cristina Contilli says**

"Quante persone cercano ovunque l'amore? Invece voi lo fuggite, ogni volta che vi viene offerto liberamente. Vi siete allontanato dalla vostra famiglia e adesso voltate le spalle anche alla donna che vi ama."

Nel complesso il romanzo è carino, però, il protagonista maschile più che un eroico cavaliere sembra un giovane timido e un po' testone!!!

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### **HÜLYA says**

Deburgh Serisini çok seviyorum her maceray? okumak bana ayr? keyif veriyor desem yalan olmaz..

Fakat serinin 6.kitab?na ben adapte olamad?m san?r?m ba?larda okurken biraz dura?an gibi geldi bana..Bu macera Reynold DeBurgh'a aitti..Sayfalar geçtikçe de ejderhalar filan pek sarmad? beni nedense..Serinin en be?endi?im kitaplar? Dunstan, Goeffrey ve Robin'in hikayeleri idi..Yine de Kara ?övalye DeBurgh'u okurken kitap tam da tahmin etti?im gibi ç?kt?..Ailenin kara koyunu..Kendine göre olan kusurunu bence fazla gözünde büyütmesi onu mutsuz ediyordu ..Babas?n?n biraz geç kalan evli?i nedeni ile kendi yoluna gitmek istemesi normaldi bence..

O yüzden Hac? olmaya karar verir ve tam güzergah belirlemeden de yola ç?kar.Yan?nda da Peregrine isimli ünlü L'Estrange k?z karde?lerin evlatl??? da vard?...Derken Yollar? Sabina Sexton isimli güzel bir genç

kad?n ile kesi?mesi ile hayat? de?i?meye ba?lar..Genç kad?n?n yard?ma çok ihtiyac? vard?r..Zira topraklar?nda ejderha ile sava?maktad?r.Bu ejderha insanlar?na büyük zarar vermi? köyü terk etmelerine sebep olmu?tur.Fakat olaylar?n içinde ba?ka büyük oyunlar dönmektedir genç kad?n neredeyse çaresiz kalm??t?r..

Reynold yard?m edip hemen gidece?ini dü?ünürken i?ler tahmin etti?inden uzun sürer ve Sabina ile aralar?nda yak?nla?ma ba?lar..Fakat iki tarafta birbirini kar??s?ndakine lay?k görmez ...??ler gittikçe dahada ilginçle?meye ba?lar...??in içine bir de hazine girer..

San?r?m yazar serinin sonlar?na gelirken biraz ?evkini kaybetmi? gibi geldi bana.... fakat bence serinin vasat kitaplar?ndan idi..Bundan önceki kitab? daha çok be?enmi?tim...Kurgu güzeldi fakat biraz durgundu bana göre..DeBurgh ailesinin en mutsuz bireyi olmas? nedeni ile bana öyle gelmi? olabilir..Okuyacak arkada?lara keyifli okumalar dilerim...

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## Countess Of says

This is a book I shouldn't have liked. Dragons? Knights? Really? But I really loved this book. The hero is hot, hot, hot and the heroine is a strong sister. Because of the time period, you will forgive their fruit-loopiness. Fav, fav scene at the end with the brothers in black on horseback, all pounding hooves and sexiness. Would have liked a little more steam though...

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## Tracy Emro says

I thought this book was pretty good, however I found the romance sadly lacking. If not for the mention of Reynold paying for favors and two kisses - I would have thought this was a young adult book. There were absolutely no love scenes.

On the upside, the mystery of Grim's End was interesting and at times baffling.

Reynold is the second to youngest de Burgh son and he has a bad leg. In past books he has been described as grim and brooding. And he is the same in this book. He has decided to leave home and brood in peace - I just kept thinking - Pity, party of one...

As he is leaving, he is stopped by the l'Estrange sisters, who proceed to tell him of his upcoming quest and convince him to take their ward Peregrine along with him as a squire. They also gift him with a pouch that they say he will need. He agrees with them, just so he can leave.

Reynold and Peregrine are traveling together for about a week when they come across a deserted village. Upon closer inspection, they find that the village isn't totally deserted and that's when we meet the heroine Sabina.

Sabina is trying desperately to keep her holding and see Reynold as a godsend - since he is a knight and she is a damsel in distress with a dragon that needs slaying - literally.

The rest of the book is basically Reynold finding the dragon and unearthing the secrets of the village. He is his usual broody self and displays a healthy dose of self pity (at least in my opinion)

I personally thought the best part of the book was when Peregrine finally loses it and tells Reynold what he really thinks. Not that it really opened Reynold's eyes - that didn't happen until his brothers showed up. And then in basically three pages of dialogue - he does an about face and decides that he is worthy.

The second kiss in the book then takes place - Sabina and Reynold profess their love and the book is over. The end.

This book was not what I was expecting and the romance left a lot to be desired. But it was still a good book and I am glad I read it. Here's hoping that the last book has a bit more steam...

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### **Adriana Fogaça says**

O guerreiro e sua insegurança.

Acho que o título, O Cavaleiro Negro, já diz tudo, Reynold é o irmão: misterioso, quieto, carrancudo, desconfiado. O que é mais estranho, apesar dele ter consciência, de suas habilidades como “guerreiro”, é totalmente inseguro em relação aos sentimentos que desperta nas pessoas.

É incrível como ele não se enxerga como homem, não percebe sua própria beleza. A única coisa que ele vê é o defeito na perna, como se ele nada mais fosse que um coxo.

A princípio fiquei muito irritada, mas na realidade, criei uma expectativa equivocada em relação a este livro, talvez por ter lido, as histórias dos outros irmãos do Clã De Burgh, várias vezes.

Achei que este, seguiria a mesma linha dos outros livros. Mas, não me ative ao fato que Reynold sempre foi e sempre será, o mais diferente da família De Burgh. Depois, que compreendi este pequeno detalhe a leitura fluiu. E não é que acabei gostando do que li.

Gostei muito da Sabina, Peregrine e dos irmãos De Burgh, que pela primeira vez, chegaram depois do problema já ter sido resolvido. Kkkkkkkk...

O certo a fazer é ler este livro, sem pensar nos outros livros da série. E ter em mente, que todas essas reações estremadas de Reynold, se devem aos traumas e as decepções que ele teve por conta do defeito na perna.

Vale apenas ler !!!!!

ADORO!!!!

RECOMENDADÍSSIMO!!!

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## ??NaR De?iRmeNci ? says

Kara ?övalye De Burgh

The de Burghs Serisi 6

Deborah Simmons

Yahu öyle çok merak ediyordum ki ama kar??mda ne buldum kötü diyemem ama ne bileyim daha farklı istiyordum

Neyse o?lumuz do?u?tan gelen bir aksakl?kla ya?amakta bunun için kimse ile evlenmeyece?ini kimsenin onu istemeyece?ini dü?ünüyor . Hac a itmek için yola ç?k?yor ve kar??s?na ç?kan güzeller güzeli Lady görünce hersey kar??yor. Ondan koruma talep ediliyor hemde bir ejderhaya kar??? komik gelmi?ti hala da geliyor ama hiç beklenmedik ?eyler oluyor romanda

Be?endim say?l?r ama sonu neydi ya var ya son üç sayfaya nas?l b?rak?l?r a?k anlam?yorum?

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