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For twenty years, Avant plotted revenge against the dark king, but when a mysterious woman suddenly appears, everything changes. Although his prophetic Gift reveals she's the Seed of Light chosen to restore the Crown, his overwhelming attraction to the woman threatens his long-held plan for revenge and two decades of fidelity.

Abby Randall is inexplicably transported from Dallas to the medieval land of Jastain. There she meets Avant, who claims she's the foretold champion of his people. While the hot guy has her hormones pumping, his crazy talk of defeating an evil king leaves questions to his sanity. Through his supernatural Gift, Avant transplants his memories into her, but neither are prepared for how their hearts intertwine.

Together they embark on their quest, but when Abby and Avant come face to face with destiny, will they sacrifice what matters most to provide a happily-ever-after for the people of Jastain?

## Queen of Jastain Details

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### CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says

This was a great story that sucked me in as soon as I began reading. I was able to connect to the characters and understand and love the world right from the start. Abby was an awesome character; she began as a spoiled self-absorbed brat and blossomed into a strong person you could admire. The story is written from both Abby and Avant's point of views, which lets you see both their frustrations and emotions, with the added bonus of seeing their worlds from each other's eyes. Even the secondary characters were great, well-developed, and added to the story. Over all this was a pleasurable easy to read story, rich with detail and vivid, relatable characters with adventure, mystery, and suspense.

Llaph

Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance & More

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### Maer says

What a fun ride this is! With an Advanced Readers Copy, I got to read this new book, which releases on 4/15/13.

I loved the characters and world that Rader created. With a heroine quite different from any I've read, Rader brings a new dynamic into the fantasy genre. Abby is spoiled and at first appears shallow, albeit sympathetic. However, the idea of her saving anyone, least of all a displaced king and his kingdom, seems ludicrous.

Ah, but wait! Abby has hidden depths and Rader creates a fantasy heroine who blossoms delightfully in her new world. Even as I rolled my eyes at times at some of Abby's silliness, I also rooted for her right from the beginning. She has an endearing quality that brings her to life and keeps those pages turning. Rader did an awesome job writing her.

Avant, the male lead character, is also interesting. Conflicted, loyal and honor-bound to the Nth degree, he walks a serpentine path to his "destiny."

Overall, this story is fun and well-written. Rader's plot has twists and turns that don't end up where you think they will. The writing is crisp and smooth. This is a fast and easy read.

Highly recommend!

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### Stephanie says

Queen of Jastain was amazing. I was totally captured by her descriptiveness of the surroundings....it was a wonderful escape!! I found myself lost in the land of Jastain!!! I loved the story of Avant and Abigail, the interesting twists, the struggles and the victories. The attainable love, that is just out of reach...kept me

turning pages!! The intricate story line was the best...every time I thought I had it figured out it turned a different corner, that was awesome!!

I would highly recommend Queen of Jastain by Kary Rader!!!

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### **Llaph | No Frill | No Shill says**

Abby Randall is having a really bad day. She was just betrayed by her ex-boyfriend and best friend. In addition to the betrayal, she is transported somehow from the modern world of Dallas to the medieval world of Jastain. There she meets Avant, who says she was prophesized to be the one to save their world. Through his power, called implanting, he transfers his memories into her so that she can immerse herself into his culture, which also has the side effect of creating a unique link between them.

Avant has spent the last twenty years plotting revenge against the evil impostor king who had tried to kill him, and who also stole his wife. His prophetic gift told him that the Chosen One was coming, someone who will return the light and restore the rightful leader upon the throne. What it did not tell him was that she would be a beautiful girl from another world who frustrates him and kindles a strong desire in him that will test his twenty year old oath of fidelity he has kept for his wife.

Abby has to go from a spoiled party girl, who only knew how to shop, to a capable woman who has learned how to use her powers, worthy of being the Chosen One. Avant has vowed to help her, even if it takes them to Abby's world and high into the mountains of Jastain, and even if there is an intense growing attraction between them. Along the way they find surprises about the prophecy, connections between worlds, and the past betrayals. Even if the light is restored, will the revelations keep them from admitting to the love growing between them?

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### **Dahlia (yadkny) says**

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### **Jacque says**

Avant has been waiting years to seek his revenge against the dark king. His goal: restore the Crown and to bring peace to the people of Jastain. First, he must find the Seed of Light. In walks Abigail...or shall I say drive. Abby is having the worst day of her life. She finds her ex-boyfriend with her best friend as they go to make an important announcement. As she flees away in her beloved X-terra, she suddenly finds herself in a meadow with a strange man running towards her. Together they embark on their quest to provide peace for

the people of Jastain. However, can they do it without sacrificing what matters most - their love?

Abigail is the perfect heroine for this story. She has a sass about her that makes her a completely likeable character. "Sir Hots-A-Lot" Avant is just that...HOT and way too honorable for their raging hormones. The story line is presented from both of their points of view, which allows the reader to experience both their frustrations, passions and emotions. The secondary characters are all wonderful additions and supply interesting surprises to the over-all story.

I like how the story feels medieval without being too historical. With no set time period, I have the freedom to enjoy the story without having to analyze for time period accuracies. There is an underlying, not religious per se, but a spiritual quality that combined with the supernatural, adds a depth to the story. Author Kary Rader did a great job of explain everything but occasionally I found the plot dragging a bit. I personally would have preferred a little more romance and a little less adventure. Overall, Queen of Jastain is a real good book. If you are looking for a great read to while away the afternoon then look no further

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### **InD'tale Magazine says**

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A finely crafted world, with some nice twists.

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### **Katie O'Sullivan says**

With beautiful descriptions, sparkling dialogue, action-packed pages, and a strong heroine who grows into her power as the story progresses, QUEEN OF JASTAIN has everything a reader could ask for from a time travel romance. This well-written tale kept me reading well into the night, cheering for Abby and rooting for her happily-ever-after.

The novel starts with a bang in present-day Texas, where we meet spoiled little rich girl, Abby Randall, moments before her former best friend delivers a gut-wrenching blow with her engagement to Abby's ex-fiance. In the ensuing maelstrom of emotions, Abby is somehow transported through time to a medieval kingdom, where her cute little car is sorely out of place and her designer mini skirt and high-heeled Dolce Gabanas are even more of a problem.

Enter the handsome knight, whom she rescues from pursuers on horseback. Avant has waited for so long to avenge his kingdom, but didn't expect the champion of prophesy whom he was waiting for to be... a woman. Especially not a beautiful woman with whom he is so completely and utterly captivated.

The tension between Avant and Abby practically sizzles on the page, especially since Abby's a thoroughly modern woman, and Avant a chivalrous medieval prince. Ms. Rader alternates the point of view between

Abby and Avant, so the reader is privy to the sexual tensions mounting on both sides of the equation, and to the frustrating situational misunderstandings that arise and come between them.

When I was younger, I had a real thing for King Arthur and medieval-type stories. One of my all-time favorites is *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, by Mark Twain. Not that it's a great Arthurian tale, but I love the time traveler aspects to it, and the juxtaposition of the modern guy thrust back in time to the Middle Ages. The narrator's quirky humor provided a fresh perspective on all things medieval.

In *QUEEN OF JASTAIN*, Abby's dry wit and self-deprecating humor reminded me of Twain's narrator, and had me smiling along with her as she navigated the strange landscapes of Jastain.

Bottom line? I loved this book and totally look forward to reading more from this author.

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## Melanie says

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Queen of Jastain was an excellent read, definitely my kind of book...

The synopsis is spot on in its description as the author creates a wonderful fantasy adventure with a good versus evil background and a will they, won't they love story. I liked our main characters, it was really easy to connect with Abby from the start because the first time we meet her, her heart gets broken and with her emotions being all over the place it causes the catalyst of her journey to Jastain where Avant is waiting for her. I like the modern girl thrust into different world scenarios, I like that they usually clash with the men because of different values, expectations and the woman's 'wilfulness', it causes a few good situations when the man tries to take the upper hand but on the whole is unprepared for this modern woman. Abby is just like this, she pushes Avant's buttons constantly and when he transplants his memories to her, it gets worse. They have an undeniable connection which neither of them are prepared for – Abby is willing to go for it and isn't about to let anything get in the way but she tests Avant's iron clad will & his 20yr celibacy which he is clinging onto for dear life. There is a reason for the celibacy which I will not speak of, but I would say that instead of coming between the reader & the romance it made it better because it gave that sort of forbidden feel to their feelings, like it was hopeless, but the moments they shared instilled hope for them both. The romance is not straight forward, there are many factors in the complicated relationship but that my heart flutter all the more and in fantasy books, I feel there is a certain innocence in blossoming relationships, they don't just jump in feet first, it unfolds into a something that you know could stand the test of time particularly when they both share so many life changing situations.

The storyline was really interesting, as usual there is a good versus evil scenario with an undertone of religion – light v dark gives a God v Devil kind of feel to it. The world is overcome by darkness, dark deeds, unhappiness, despair... all have taken over the land of Jastain and have done for years. Abby is the forefront of a prophecy that Avant has adhered to for over 20yrs and the basis of how darkness came to the land, we are given clues here and there throughout the books as to what the prophecy entails but are kept guessing until the latter part of the book at the exact meaning which I enjoyed because not everything was set in stone as prophecies tend to be. There are a few skeletons lurking in peoples closets which makes for good reading along with some twists and turns which kept me on my toes and when I thought I had it worked out – I was wrong. I also like the fact that whilst it was mainly set in Jastain, that there was an opportunity to see Avant uprooted into our world and his reaction to it. There are a lot of things going on in this book that are great - secrets, misdirection, prophecy, romance, histories, burgeoning powers, battles, dangerous situations... it's

just full of everything I have come to expect from a great fantasy adventure but don't take my word for it, go read it! I hope you enjoy it as much as me. 5\*s

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### **Tiffany says**

I received this book free through Goodreads First Reads.

Queen of Jastain was pretty good. It was quirky, interesting and a little corny but overall a quick and easy romance read. The only thing that bugged me was the female lead had some annoying tendencies. I really dislike when female adults giggle ALL THE TIME. Other than that, I liked her. The stories concept was exciting and the romance was your typical one.

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