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Morgan (Brethren Origins Book 4)



Synopsis

MORGAN HAD NO NEED OF A WIFEThe eldest daughter of a Privy Councilman to His Majesty, Lady Hawisia Van Goens is a reserved but levelheaded woman born and bred to serve her intended lord and master, without complaint. Dedicated to duty, she accepts her position as wife to a powerful man, with unimpaired aplomb, and refuses her husband naught. She supervises the household, maintains the undercroft stores, and charms local dignitaries. Although Hawisia is well aware of Morgan's preferences, because he reminds her at every turn, she endeavors to fulfill her position, offering him everything he requires, except the one thing she holds most dear—her heart. Can she settle for friendship when all she ever wanted was love?**BUT HE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT HAWISIA**The youngest and brashest Nautonnier Knight in service to the Crown, Morgan Le Aguillon embraces English life and all its temptations, much to the Brethren's displeasure, thus he is in no hurry to wed. When he is commanded to take a bride, in a show of loyalty to the King, he is disappointed to learn his future mate is the older sister of the woman he desired. Once they assume their roles as stewards of a conflicted region, he manages his new chatelaine as he would any other servant. Soon, he realizes he woefully underestimated his lady and discovers her unimpeachable beauty. Given Morgan considers himself a consummate romancer, what happens when he courts Hawisia, in earnest, and all his skills prove futile?

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Customer Reviews

Morgan is the youngest and most handsome of the Brethren. He is also the only one who has embraced the secular life. And he is more than a little proud of his sexual prowess, much to the disgust of his fellow Brethren knights. He's been ordered by the king to marry and shows up late for his wedding directly from the whorehouse and is very vocal about his displeasure with his chosen bride. He exchanges vows with Hawisia and then proceeds to ignore her and dance and flirt with other women. Later when he is confronted by Arucard about his appalling behavior, he again states that he had no desire to marry Hawisia and that he wanted her younger sister. But what he doesn't know is that Hawisia has overheard the entire conversation and when she steps out of the shadows, she's more than happy to tell him that that was fine because she didn't want to marry him either. These two have a rough beginning - Morgan cannot understand how she has not fallen at his feet like other women and Hawisia has no desire to be hurt anymore than she already has been by him. She's a dutiful wife in every sense of the word but she refuses to open her heart to him. At first Morgan is fine with Hawisia basically just being his bed partner and servant. But soon he begins to desire more and asks his Brethren brothers and their wives what he can do to make her love him. It was very sweet watching Morgan change and become a loving husband. And sweeter still once Hawisia allowed herself to love him back. I would highly recommend this book and while it could be read as a standalone title, it would be best if the series was read in order.

I knew from the previous books, Morgan was going to be a hard character to love, and I was so right. Our h is sweet, somewhat plain, carries her heart on her sleeve and is more servant than wife. Which is all the fault of Morgan, oh how I wanted to stop reading because he was so arrogant and conceited. His turn around was too fast for me and unrealistic. When they consummated their marriage he was a brute and only thought of his conceited self. It was hard to feel the lovemaking as passionate when it was one-sided. It was mildly described and didn't become loving until near the end. This was mostly a relationship build, as there were no fight scenes or much tension. My least favorite of the series. We do get a nice Epilogue which I enjoyed. We do get HEA, near the end romance story and no cliffhanger for our couple. But, the last of the unmarried Templar's goes missing, so that is the next story. I only hope the formula changes some because they are becoming somewhat of a cookie cutter story. (ljb)

Each and every time I have picked up a book I am swept away by a world and characters that feel like I could go and visit them any time I wish. Morgan is no different and my love has only grown I now know more of the world and characters that I have met and grown to love as if they were real people in a real world because they are real maybe not in the sense of physical beings but they are very real I have felt what they feel and known their thoughts and secrets. I can't wait to see what's yet to come and to reunite once more with my friends and their ladies and follow them through their trials and tribulations and stand tall with them as they find their victory!!!

Morgan is the most handsome, light hearted, arrogant and clueless of the former Templars. Ripped from his family when he was just a child to enter the Holy orders he always felt he must be lacking something to have his parents dispose of him. Enter his bride who hears him say that he had wanted the pretty sister. So his bride was complacent to his wishes but tried to keep her emotions to herself. I enjoyed how Morgan sought out the older well married companions and how the wives helped the new bride. And Morgan changes and matures as he puts someone above his own needs. This book was an easy and delightful read full of love and laughter.

I love Barbara's Brethren Origins series and Morgan's story was a good read. She creates well defined characters and this was a quick read. Morgan and Hawisia have relationship issues to contend with and it is heartwarming to see how they achieved true love. The book was all about them and did not exhibit the suspense or conflicts of the other books in the series. It was not the best of the series but it was a good story that held my interest from beginning to end.

Very quick read. I read it in less than a day. Not the best out of the series. Really didn't like Morgan. His treatment of Hawisia during sex was horrible but if you have read all the other books, it is a must. I gave it 5 stars because it was quick and light. Read it if you want something not too heavy. I have loved just about all of Barbara Devlin's books in both of the series. Worth paying for.

I enjoyed Morgan very much , since I read the first 3 of the original Brethren and love all Barbara Devlin's books but I was disappointed with the ending. His Wife is ready to have the Baby and that's the end I would have at least liked to find out if it was a boy or Girl. Also is there going to be a Book about the 5th. brethren Geoffrey ?

I am a big fan of Barbara Devlins books but this one was disappointing. The characters were not developed well as well as the plot. It felt rushed and much shorter than even a novella. Wish she could have taken more time with this book. Hopefully Geoffreys story will be better.

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