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Custom demanded that Prince Urban get a love mark tattooed to the side of his left eye as an infant, just like the rest of his people, but to him, the stupid things have only brought on the scorn of his father, the misery of his siblings, and caused his entire kingdom to go broke from fighting so many wars over the irritating ink stains.

When Urban's sister must travel to Donnelly, the kingdom within the sand, for her arranged marriage to align two realms, he goes with her. But he no sooner steps foot inside their castle than his mark starts itching like a son of a bitch, telling him his one true love is near.

It just figures, though, that the woman meant for him is completely forbidden. Now he must decide if he should ignore the persistent mark, telling him she's the one, in order to avoid a possible war between kingdoms, or if he should discover whether she's worth risking everything for so they can be together. Either way, his life gets sucked into chaos with threats of beheadings, dark magic lurking, castle traitors scheming, and sword fights eminent.

Who knew one little tattoo could cause so much trouble?

(ONE TRUE LOVE is the author's first attempt at a fantasy romance. Please forgive her; she might've read an overabundance of Cassandra Gannon, Sarah J. Maas, and Eve Langlais books, then gone off to watch too many episodes of Supernatural, Game of Thrones, and Outlander, because this was the outcome.)

One True Love Details

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Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

Ok, I thought forbidden love in this case would be that she's Royal and he's a poor sap but he's a prince and she's married to the king's adviser and expecting a baby with her husband. How is that "one true love"?

Christie«SHBBblogger» says

[HEA (hide spoiler)]

Valentina says

Ay, es que ¡¿cómo no voy a entregar cuatro o cinco estrellas a un libro de Linda?!

Este libro fue todo lo que esperaba que fuese y más. Es la primera vez que Linda crea un libro de fantasía, y me fascinó. Siempre he dicho que adoro la forma que tiene la autora de escribir, de narrar, de lograr enamorarte de los personajes.

Urban es otro hombre más que se va a mis favoritos, pues su forma de ser me encantó (como era de esperarse). La forma que iba enamorándose me gustó, y te enamora poco a poco. Vienne fue encantadora, tan ella misma, siempre pendiente del reino y su familia. Los demás personajes también tuvieron lo suyo, te deja con ganas de querer saber más de ellos. (view spoiler) Obviamente se notan los giros de la historia a kilómetros, pero no por eso dejó de ser buena y atrayente.

La verdad es que fue un buen libro para pasar el rato, me entretuvo bastante como para sacar el celular y comenzar a leerlo cada vez que tenía tiempo, y más aun cuando buscabas qué leer.

La nota del autor ... wow. Me alegro que haya sido una forma de escape y sanación escribir este libro.

Todo mi amor para el libro y su significado.

Nadine says

2 Stars

It is difficult for me to write this review because Linda Kage is my favorite contemporary romance author. I'd read anything that woman writes. Her "**Forbidden Men**" and "**Grantan University**" books are fabulous. That's why I am all the more disappointed by her first fantasy novel ...

One True Love is the story of Prince Urban, who travels with his sister to an unknown kingdom to marry her to the King's brother. It's an arranged marriage and he goes with her to support her. The people in Urban's kingdom all get a mark tattooed when they are children. This mark should show them later who their one true love is.

It happens what has to happen, his mark goes crazy when he enters the palace. HEA on the way? As this is a forbidden love, the whole thing is unfortunately not that simple. I will put the next part into spoiler tags, as this is indeed very spoilerish.

(view spoiler)

So, back from the spoiler part. I try to make the rest of this review as spoiler free as possible. Promise!

I think I could have liked Urban if his love mark hadn't completely changed his character. At first he is self-confident, arrogant, a bad boy prince with a big mouth. But as soon as he meets his one true love, he whines after her and there is nothing left of the man we met in the first chapters.

I like men who show feelings and do anything for the woman they love, but this was just too much. Some may think he was romantic, but his behavior was pathetic to me.

I didn't like the idea that a love mark shows you true love and you have almost no choice but to love this person. I want to read why people fall in love and not just that a tattoo itches and it is as it is. That's insta love, something I really really hate. Linda tries to soften it a bit in the end, but it was already too late for me.

I couldn't take Urban very serious and his one true love was unfortunately too dull. He, driven by the tattoo, always thought how wonderful she is, but so she looked like a Mary Sue through his eyes.

A few short words about the fact that this is a fantasy novel:

The characters speak as if they are from the 21st century. That was irritating as hell. Of course, every author can design his imaginary world the way he wants, I just didn't like how the characters spoke and acted. There were too many contemporary elements to convince me that this could be fantasy.

I'm so sorry, I was so looking forward to this book, but I'm disappointed. Of course, I will read all of Linda's future books (I am looking forward to part 3 of her 'Fairy Tale Quartet'), One True Love was just not for me.

EscapeNBooks says

3.5-4 stars

One True Love by Author Linda Kage is a fantasy romance novel.

“I want to know everything there is to know about you. I want to know why you make me hot and needy whenever you’re near. I want to know why you—a complete stranger—fill me with a loyalty and respect I’ve not felt before. I want to know how you make me think about you constantly and ache for your mere presence. I want to know why I’m so willing to die for you if need be, why I’d cut off my hand rather than hurt you, or my tongue before I spoke a single harsh word against you. I want to know why I now see your enemies as my enemies and your home as my home. All my allegiances are firmly placed at your feet. Of

course, I'm curious to learn everything there is to learn about you."

I became a Linda Kage fan from reading her Forbidden Men series. These stories always kept me right on the edge, loving every moment of their forbidden love. It was quite a jump to go from edgy and this-century to fantasy. But, some things remained true. Linda Kage continued to give us mouth-watering writing with a forbidden twist.

"I crave you. In every way possible."

Urban was intense, brooding, protective. He kept what was his close to his heart. He loved fiercely, unabashedly; he did it with no regrets. Vienne longed to be loved, to be someone's most treasured love, not a prized possession. She was smart, sure, and wise.

"It made me wonder if maybe that was what one true love really was: the selfless giving of your heart to another without reason, thought, consequence or gain."

I loved the customs of Urban's family, which added charm and intrigue to the story. It's also an exceptional treat when we are given the opportunity to see characters change as their feelings develop and deepen into something more. One of my favorite parts of this novel was what happened at night. Shhhh....I'm not going to spoil it for you. But, this gave me all the feels, and provided an intimate knowledge of Vienne and Urban's true intentions.

"I don't want a good boy. I just want you."

One True Love was a unique and captivating fantasy novel. I hope we get more from this realm.

Carvanz says

SPOILERS

I've always enjoyed books by this author but I struggled with this one. While the world building was great, the writing as phenomenal as always, the characters well developed and the plot engaging, it had an element to it that I struggled with. Through the whole story.

Vienne, the heroine, is married until the very end of the book. Urban has a magical mark that alerts him when he meets his one true love and it lets him know fast that Vienne is the one. Soren, the husband, is not abusive, he's not mean or evil. He's just not involved or loving or romantic. And he doesn't give orgasms. So it was hard for me to get behind any building relationship between the hero and heroine.

Urban fights against all his instincts to stay away from Vienne. It's a pretty angsty read in that regard. While Urban is experiencing all the feels, Vienne is unaware of the mating bond that has consumed him and therefore, she is not suffering such emotions.

There is a lot of action moving this story along and I did enjoy that. Vienne is pregnant from the beginning and while I'm not a fan of heroine's being pregnant when they meet the hero, I have to say that Urban was incredible when it came to Vienne's baby. I loved his tenderness and care and would have loved to have more of these scenes.

This has a slow pace to it but not the type that makes you skim. It has a historical romance feel to it with the fantasy elements added in that I really enjoyed. Secondary characters were exceptional and I was just as invested in them as the hero and heroine without them taking over the story.

The steam here is about medium but I think I felt it to be so because this couple have sex in their dreams where they are able to connect. And as they're having dream sex, I kept thinking that the heroine was emotionally cheating on her husband. Once they are awake, they are both aware of what took place in their sleep and it adds to the emotional cheating element. I just struggled with it.

Overall, I do have to say that this author's first foray into fantasy romance was very well done as far as the writing goes. Again, it was my dislike for the married woman trope that bothered me. However, there will be more in this series and I do intend to read them.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book provided by NetGalley. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Dual POV

Safe – no ow drama but see review for other issues

Triggers (view spoiler)

Annie's reading corner says

ARC received by the author in exchange for an honest review

It has been a while since I had read a fantasy book. This was a nice comeback to that genre. I really enjoy this world so much, and all the characters were memorable. Linda did such a good job describing and creating this world.

For me, the romance in this story was sooo good. It was nice to see a different start between the main couple and see its development.

I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

Shari Kay says

Going from 'maybe' to no way. Blurb was *misleading* if you ask me.
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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

Live amazon <https://www.amazon.com/One-True-Love-...>

?5 True Love STARS ?

Whatever I say for this book isn't enough to express how much I loved it! Even before picking this book up I

just knew and I was feeling that this one will be something else! I absolutely loved the book !

It was romantic, sweet and beautiful! I loved the world Linda Kage creates and the characters so much! Urban and his true love stole my heart! They were cute and there was passion, I'm not going to say who she is because it will be a spoiler! You have to read it to see who she is! But believe me when I say that this one is so brilliant, unique and magical! Urban is the perfect hero that will make you melt and swoon over him!

I want to see more books from Linda Kage in this genre, I loved her writing so much and even though the book was long I read it so fast! The story line and the characters keep my interest all the time!

Kindling Micky says

DNF at 7% unrated.

If I continued it would be a very low rating. I cannot work with the writing style which is fantasy with a historical-Kingdom feel and a hero that speaks like he's from the hood. It doesn't work in any shape or form for me. Also the phrase 'one true love' has been uttered or thought so many times by 7%. This is all a pity considering I've enjoyed many of Linda Kage's books but clearly this one just isn't for me.

Jessica says

Fun read and great effort for the author's first fantasy novel.

Arranged marriages, deadly court intrigue, and a dash of magic make this NA fantasy debut a wild and fun ride.

I voluntarily read a Review Copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely my own and no one else's. Read more reviews! <http://dreamerjbookreviews.blogspot.com>

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Alexandra says

I received an e-ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review. Review can also be found on *Milky Way of Books*

Allow me to fangirl and rave a lot about this little gem! First of all, Linda Kage has been known through her NA Contemporary series "Forbidden Men" and this is her first attempt on the Adult Fantasy. Knowing her writing style I was very excited about this book! Also, it has a map!

Prince Urban of Hight Cliff follows his sister Allera who is betrothed to Prince Brentley, from another kingdom. The people of High Cliff get a tattoo close to their eye, which will 'activate' magically when their True Love is close.

So, imagine Urban's surprise when his mark starts to twitch and he discovers that his True Love is the most forbidden woman to him! And thus begins a tale of angst, secret love and humorous moments, but also with political secrets, murderous plots and forbidden magic.

I really didn't expect the book to be so freaking amazing! There's double POV for Urban and Vienne, many secondary characters who I'd love to see their own story, like Nicolette, and the world building left me with a bittersweet need to re-read Throne of Glass or watch Game of Thrones.

Plus, True Love's Kiss works here!

Some aspects of the characters were annoying like the King, who sometimes acted like a spoiled child and many times Urban proved to be far more intelligent and always pointing the obvious to the others. The humor in the book also was amazing and honestly, I'd love to listen to the audiobook if there will be one.

Don't miss the chance to read this hidden gem!

Desiree •°•.UnboundBookReviews•°• says

I had to stop 10% in. I was really gearing up to read this book. I'm a massive fantasy lover and thought this would be perfect since I'm an avid romance reader, as well. There's a problem, though; and it lies within this line: "Jesus Christ on the Cross..."

Now, my problem is not because I'm offended on a religious level, but, because this is too close to our real world. A basic rule of writing fantasy is for the entirety of the world to be new, fresh, and mysterious. The way of speaking, names, titles, lands, and religions; this must all be new to the reader. Otherwise you end up with an Ed Sherran in GoT type of thing. It takes you entirely out of the world. Sorry, but, even in the first 10%, the layout and plot of this story seemed to have been very haphazard.

Dora Koutsoukou says

4,5 ??? ???s???

Anne Z. says

I am a huge fan of Linda Kage and was super excited to read this. One True Love is Linda's first attempt at fantasy romance and she did brilliantly! The book was sweet, romantic, beautiful, touching... all the wonderful things I have come to expect from Linda Kage.

Prince Urban was fantastic! *swoon*

The way Urban reacts at finding out who his true love is and the way he acts afterwards will have your heart melting. He is one of the most loyal and caring characters I've read in a while.

Vienne turned out to be a very strong, clever and reliable woman. The more you read about her the easier it is to love her as well as Urban.

The chemistry and passion between the two was perfect. They are two very different people that fit and complement each other perfectly.

I also loved the side characters, they will make fantastic main characters on the books to come. I particularly loved that there was more than just one romance story happening at the same time and that both ended beautifully. I won't tell you who I am referring too though... Go Read! ?

All in all it was yet another fantastic work by Linda Kage!

But, after all this praise you are probably wondering why not 5 stars...

Well, I have a few deal breakers when reading a book. One of them is cheating. I can handle love triangles so long as there is no cheating. After about 20% into the book I was petrified I was going to hate it, but since I love Linda Kage I kept on going. I am VERY HAPPY I did. It was a great story and the forbidden love between Urban and Vienne was treated with great care. There was some level of cheating, so I cannot in good conscience give it 5 stars, but it was acceptable and even understandable.

Go read guys! Linda is AMAZING!

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