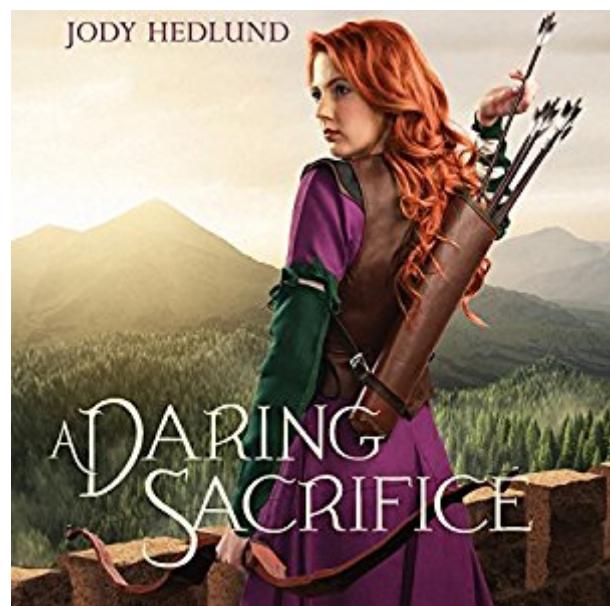


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# A Daring Sacrifice



## **Synopsis**

In a reverse twist on the Robin Hood story, a young medieval maiden stands up for the rights of the mistreated, stealing from the rich to give to the poor. All the while, she fights against her cruel uncle who has taken over the land that is rightfully hers. Forced to live in the woods and hide with the poor people she's grown to love, she works to save and protect them, but she never anticipates falling in love with the wealthy knight who represents all she's come to despise.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Favorite Quote:"I promise, I'll never run away again, except to be where you are."I received an ARC of: A Daring Sacrifice via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.Cheesy right? Well that's exactly what you are signing up for with this one. A lot of melodrama and a boatload of extra cheese. Along with a plot full of no twists or turns and seeing everything coming from miles away.Now I had a severely edited copy of this so in a way that is a bit unfair. My kindle version had words cut out at the beginning of each chapter in Juliana's perspective. I picked up a paper copy of the book at the store to look at it to see what was going on with my copy because the words were absolutely tiny on Collin's chapters and huge and block on Juliana's. On the paperback copy I noticed she had different fonts and sizes for each character but this did not translate to my kindle copy AT ALL. Every chapter of Juliana's I probably missed a good chunk of the first paragraph or two and had to kinda guess at what happened. Mine also had some red text so I'm assuming this has all been fixed for the actual kindle release people have to pay for. Of course this is nothing

against the author or the story I just really hope they did fix this for paying kindle customers. I had a few problems with Collin. Overall he was pretty smarmy and self-centered. Now in some ways did he change? Sure. In others? Not so much. There is a level where someone's cockiness isn't attractive, it's obnoxious. OF COURSE he was better at archery than her and better at tracking and better at generally everything. His internal dialogue was at times borderline turning off my kindle before I have the urge to throw it worthy. He was going on and on about her and her place in nobility when he honestly put her in more danger than she was originally in. He was so full of his own virtue I was pretty done with it. At least by the end he turned into a pretty decent guy. Julianna started out so strong and then pretty much turned into a love sick puppy but at least she still stood by her decisions. I wanted to see more of her internal strength though, a woman in Robin Hood's shoes would have so much scrutiny and such a difficult time in that particular time period. We just saw everyone swarming over her as if she can't protect herself and needs to have a mans protection. Which I suppose I should have seen coming. Overall I just wasn't all that impressed. I was expecting dazzling action and incredibly strong characters and I just kinda got...meh. Plus lots of let me die! No me! NO OMG YOU CAN'T GET HURT! Let ME die! No me!

Well, I have to be honest and say I did not - could not - finish this one. I made it over halfway through before giving up, though I did read the last chapter and skimmed bits and pieces of the end. I was nervous to start it because I had concerns from "An Uncertain Choice" but I wanted to carry through with the series and find out more about the other two knights introduced in An Uncertain Choice. Unfortunately, I found it very disappointing and cannot recommend it, especially for the age-group it's targeted for. I read through over half way of the book before setting it aside, and even then I had numerous marks of spots that were just...terrible and so inappropriate. YA readers should not be reading this kind of books, especially in Christian YA. Truly, I was...am...disgusted with the content of this book. The cover is gorgeous, but the concept is one overly used, and the writing was even a bit choppy. But what was the worst was the highly inappropriate romance, and extremely graphic torture descriptions. Like, nasty. I can give examples if need be, but I won't include them here for not wanting to disturb my readers. There were just a LOT of mentions of "rippling muscles" and other gross innuendos that were so not necessary. This book hit me more as one of those embarrassing adult romances rather than what was supposed to be an innocent and adventurous YA Christian fiction. There was no godly theme, and it just was not a book I could recommend. I can't really express my sadness and disappointment over this book justly, because it really does grieve my heart. I am not trying to attack the book, and certainly not the

author, but we should be providing good, wholesome, and still exciting books for our YA readers. For all readers. We can have exciting without inappropriateness and graphicness of any sort. But this book was unfortunately those as well as other unnecessary things.(A side note: I had left my copy of the book out, sticky-marked and all, and my cousin was over and he picked up the book, and looked at the marks, then told me "This is a very creepy book". Made me laugh, but it's true - by the marked spots, it is ... disturbing.)I received a complimentary copy of this book from BookLook in exchange for my honest review which I have given

Completely delightful! This spin on the Robin Hood fable brings us into the life of Juliana Wessex, a medieval maiden who moonlights as the Cloaked Bandit. Juliana is of the nobility but has been ousted by her cruel Uncle; fearing for her life she hides with others in the woods of her family's land. Much like Robin Hood she takes from the rich to feed the poor. Things take a turn when she runs into a wealthy and noble knight. While there are aspects to the story that mimic the Robin Hood tale, Hedlund makes it her own and does a wonderful job of winnowing out truths, as well as a delightful tale. This story engaged me early on but really wowed me in the last half of the story. The romance was sweet and clean, and without giving too much away, a wonderful example of true love. There are a few kisses but nothing inappropriate for the age level. And while young adults will enjoy this story, I believe adults will be equally swept up into the tale. This novel can be read as a stand alone, however, it does have characters from Hedlund's previous novel, *An Uncertain Choice*. My recommendation would be to read them in order, but as I said you do not have too! For those of you who did read the previous novel, you will be delighted to know that the noble knight in this story is Collin or Lord Goodrich! Yay! Not only that but it looks like there is in the works a 3rd novel for Sir Bennet! To wrap it all up, this one is definitely worth the read! It left me with some good truths to chew on, a grin on my face and a smile in my heart!4.5 Stars

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