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Only For His Lady (The Theodosia Sword Book 1)



Synopsis

***Please note, "Only For His Lady" was previously featured in the "With Dreams Only of You" collection. It now features a prologue and epilogue! It is an approximately 30,000 word novella. A curse. A sword. And the thief who stole her heart. The Rayne family is trapped in a rut of bad luck. And now, it's up to Lady Theodosia Rayne to steal back the Theodosia sword, a gladius that was pilfered by the rival, loathed Renshaw family. Hopefully, recovering the stolen sword will break the cycle and reverse her family's fate. Damian Renshaw, the Duke of Devlin, is feared by all--all, that is, except Lady Theodosia, the brazen spitfire who enters his home and wrestles an ancient relic from his wall. Intrigued by the vivacious woman, Devlin has no intentions of relinquishing the sword to her. As Theodosia and Damian battle for ownership, passion ignites. Now, they are torn between their age-old feud and the fire that burns between them. Can two forbidden lovers find a way to make amends before their families' war tears them apart?

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Customer Reviews

If any couple could give Romeo and Juliet a run for their money in the family hatred department it is

Raynes and the Renshaws. The Raynes are convinced that all the bad luck that has happened to their family is the fault of the Renshaws. What did the Renshaws do to cause this hatred? They bought a sword (The Gladius) that was supposedly stolen from the Raynes years ago. With this generation the curse continues, the heir Richard Rayne proposed to a woman who rejected him to become betrothed to arch-enemy Charles Renshaw. The last straw comes when brother Luke is reported missing in action while fighting Napoleon's forces. Something must be done and so Theodosia (the only daughter) decides to take matters into her own hand. She will go to the Duke's house costumed to sneak into his masked ball and steal the Theodosia sword. After all, she was named after it, who better to retrieve it. Dressed as Joan of Arc (in armor and breeches) she sneaks into the Duke's study. The Damian, Duke of Devlin (or the Devil Duke as he is known in town) sees her and follows. As she makes a mess of things, she doesn't realize that the man she thinks has come to help is really the Duke himself. Instead of sending her to jail, he kisses her and the sparks fly. Even though, the Raynes refuse to attend any event where the Renshaws might attend, Theodosia and Damian meet again and again (on purpose). She tells him the tale of the broadsword and how it will bring happiness to the owners. Against the wished of both families Theo and Damian find love and happiness. The sword that had caused so much hatred, at last brought love to the possessors.

Generations of strife between two families stemming from the theft of a broadsword is theme for this inventive and entertaining tale by talented author, Christi Caldwell. Ever since the Rayne family lost the Theodosia broadsword to the Renshaw family, who stole it many years prior, the Raynes have had nothing but bad luck in so many aspects of their lives. Now, Lady Theodosia Rayne, who takes her namesake to heart, is determined to retrieve that which was stolen from her family and restore some luck and perhaps some happiness. Damian Renshaw, the current Duke of Devlin, is formidable man. He incites fear in many due to his reputation and an ugly scar marring his otherwise handsome visage. Usually bored with the balls held at his home, this time something catches his attention. Well maybe not something, but someone, attired in masquerade wear attempting to look like a man, but clearly a woman with generous assets. His interest piqued, Damian follows the woman and discovers her in the midst of a mess, trying to steal his sword. At first Theodosia has no idea she has been cornered by the Devil Duke himself, thinking he is assistance, sent by a friend to abscond with the broadsword. When she realizes he is one of the enemy, she clearly states her purpose without fear or chagrin. Damian is fascinated by the fearless Theodosia and allows her to escape. And so begins the cat and mouse game between the Devil Duke and his

not so unwilling prey. Now if that doesn't grab your attention and make you one-click this wonderfully written story, I don't know what will. ONLY FOR HIS LADY is a novella that packs a full story into few words. Ms. Caldwell grabs the reader's attention and doesn't let go. The Devil Duke and Theodosia are brilliant characters with great personalities, and their tale just may mean the end of a feud, but you need to read it to find out!

****Previously featured in "With Dreams Only of You" collection. Which now includes a prologue and epilogue! ****Only For His Lady by Christi Caldwell is another great read by this author. I absolutely love everything she has written, thus far. "Only For His Lady", is Book 1 in what promises to be a most intriguing series, "The Theodosia Sword". This is the story of Damian Renshaw, the Duke of Devlin and Lady Theodosia Rayne's story. The Renshaw and Rayne's family have been rivals for years. But will stealing the Theodosia sword back from a Renshaw return the Rayne's good fortune and lift the curse, forever? Intrigue, adventure, a sword, a curse, passion and romance, makes "Only For His Lady", a very enticing story. But will Theodosia and Damian's love survive or will all be lost? A fierce, brazen lady meets a thief in the night, what follows is captivating, as well as mesmerizing. Another hit! I recommend "Only For His Lady", to fans of Historical Romance, legends, rivals, and anyone who love a great, quick read. While, only about 114 pages, they are packed full of exhilarating entertainment! Ms. Caldwell, will leave readers all agog with her engaging characters and her intriguing storyline. I can't wait to read the next installment of "The Theodosia Sword". A must read! ***Personal buy* Rating: 4.5 Heat rating: Mild Reviewed by: April R**

Determined. Foolhardy. Gutsy. All words to describe Lady Theodosia Rayne in her quest to retrieve the sword stolen from her family; a sword she was named after – the Theodosia Sword; a sword that is purported will reverse her family's bad luck and restore their fortune. What she doesn't count on is encountering nor falling in love with her nemesis in her retrieval. Damian Renshaw, the Duke of Devlin, relishes his position of being feared by all; it provides him with the solitude he desires. That is until he meets the spitfire trying to steal a piece of his family's treasure. He becomes intrigued by the beauty who defies centuries of animosity between the families to right what she believes is a wrong. Each meeting between Theo and Damian is more entertaining than the last and provides an insight into what fuels the family feud. As the battle continues for the right of ownership will truths come to light or will the past prove to be too difficult to overcome even in the face of love? Christi Caldwell keeps providing superb stories that involve all the emotions and had me alternating between cheering Theo on (while smacking her family) to berating Damian for being

so full of himself (while wanting to punch his mother!).

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