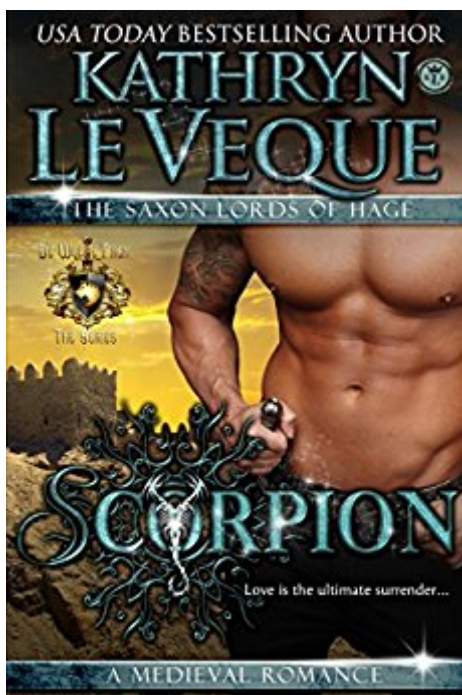


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Synopsis

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1289 A.D. - Sir Kevin Hage, stinging over the loss of the object of his affections to the Welsh warrior known as the Serpent, drowns himself in warfare in order to forget his heartache. He travels to The Levant to fight the Muslim infidels, transforming himself in the process. He becomes hardened, brutal, and heroic and returns to England a changed man, an English assassin known as the Scorpion. Now on the home front, he must fight a battle greater than himself - the fear of loving a woman under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. With all odds against them, follow Kevin and his lady on their journey of discovery, adventure, and an awakening love that is stronger than all the stars in the heavens in this unforgettable Medieval romance. Love... thy name is SCORPION.

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Customer Reviews

This is a terrific story! I just want to know where I can find more stars for a review, as it does not

seem as if five are enough. Sir Kevin Hage was a chivalrous character in "Serpent" who lost the love of the woman of his dreams to another knight. In his disappointment he left England with his two best friends, also formidable knights, to go fight in the crusades. This is finally his story. Hage returns to England six years later, and is caught up in a maelstrom of intrigue and danger in his new assignment as a knight to King Edward's cousin, the duke. It is here that Hage meets the twisted duke's beautiful but unwanted wife, Annavieve, and the tale begins. The plot is provocative, the characters are appealing, and the story kept me reading late into the early morning hours- I couldn't put it down!! truly enjoyed this book, it was fantastic, and highly recommend it to lovers of historical fiction, romance, Kathryn LeVeque, or anyone who enjoys reading a rollicking good story!

All through reading this I kept trying to figure out what was keeping me from loving this story? I never felt a connection to the H/h. The reason they came together was awful. The King told her if she ever needed him to let him know, but she never thought on it. I liked Kevin in the previous story, but he became hard and uncaring. The son's from Paris and The Wolfe join him for 6 years to fight in the Holy Land. It was nice to catch up with the son's from the heros in book one and two. Yes, there is lovemaking, somewhat descriptive but not as passionate as in her other books. We do get a HEA, but since I wasn't drawn to the character's, it was ok. I couldn't get over Kevin never went home when he returned to England, he sends his mother a note, another reason I didn't care for him. As in KLV books, several die and I won't explain who, but some deserved it. There is suspense at times, some twists, some intrigue, but this wasn't a favorite of mine. I won't go into the premise because it has been told by other's. I don't think it is worth \$3.99 though. Sometimes, this author does bundles, so hold out for that or a price drop. If I wasn't use to her novels, how great she usually writes, I may have rated it higher. She is a great story teller and I highly recommend the two books prior to this one. I think the Dark Destroyer is still my favorite. (ljb)

This is Sir Kevin Hage's story, who was already extensively involved in the "Serpent". Since the love of his life married another man, Sir Kevin and his two very best friends went to The Levant. Having closed off his heart to all emotions he has become a ferocious knight and has earned the nick name "Scorpion". After six years he is tired of his life as a successful assassin and he returns home. As soon as he puts a foot on English land, Kevin is summoned by the King and soon the events overturn. Lady Annavieve Fitz Roderick is of Welsh royal blood and has therefore been kept locked up as a king's ward in a convent. Now she is to marry the king's cousin. She has accepted her fate but the Duke of Dorset has made it very public that he doesn't want to marry at all. Finally he

relents, especially because the king has offered him the notorious "Scorpion" as a minion. Except for one twist, the plot developed nicely, straight forwardly and uneventfully towards the happy end. I missed the depth in the story line and especially the atmosphere that would enhance this depth. The main characters were portrayed nicely but somehow they didn't grip me and failed to persuade me. I'm sure this is my mistake - maybe I just didn't have the adequate set of mind when I read the book. Although I expected more, this was definitely not a bad book!

I'm sorry but I'm giving the story only three stars. It probably deserves more and totally because KLV is an excellent author (I have a majority of her books and really enjoy the dark gothic medieval feel to them) but I couldn't get past chapter ten in this book. I stopped reading it, saw it sitting there for awhile, ignored it some more... picked it up again and pretty much skipped the middle and went to chapter 20 and low and behold, it seemed, I didn't really miss much... I was very sad to see Kevin's love story be summed up in the epilogue, quick and nice and tidy. I thought he deserved so much more. I usually can't put her stories down let alone ignore them. Something was off on this one for me... Alls well that ends well, aye?

This is the culmination of a story begun in *The Serpent*. The knight of this book was a friend of the heroine in that book but he also loved her. But by that book's end, Kevin Hage realizes he has truly lost his first unrequited love. As this book begins Kevin is returning from 6 years away fighting in the Middle East, trying to heal his broken heart. But Kevin returns with his two faithful friends to be faced immediately with an assignment to serve the Duke of Dorset and his new unwanted bride. Life is not easy for Kevin but he finds the love of his life amid one dramatic event after another. As in every Le Veque novel this book has interesting side characters, lots of action, a touching love story, and a well-designed HEA. This is another great addition to the stories about the men and women of the Wolfepack.

Oh those Hage men! How they make me swoon, first with Kieran Hage the Elder in *Crusader* and *Kingdom Come*, then Kieran the Nephew in *The Wolfe* and *Serpent* and now Kevin! My heart is going pitter patter. I loved this story with Kevin and although there were times I couldn't believe what I was reading he never lost his honor with himself (he did with me once but I won't put in a spoiler!) The ONLY reason I did not give this novel 5 stars was the ending. I was voraciously reading along and bam then it was the Epilogue and some chapters for other books. Thank you Kathryn for once again being able to make me to laugh out loud while reading and then to tears where I had to stop

because I could not read the pages. Please keep writing for I am entranced by your ability! Got to keep my Medieval on!!

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