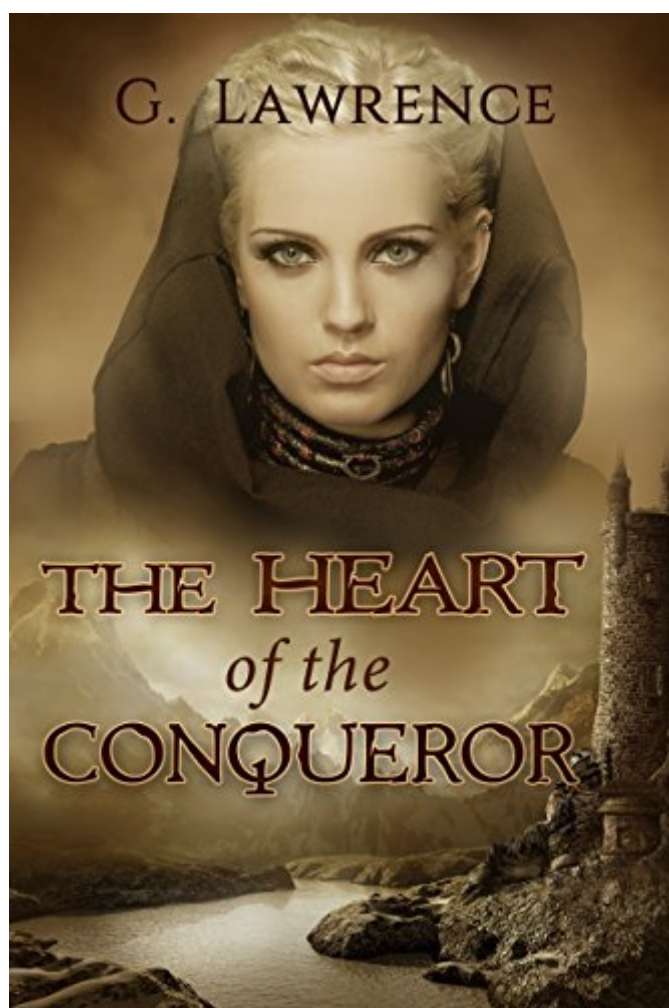


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The Heart Of The Conqueror (The Chronicles Of Matilda, Lady Of Flanders Book 1)



Synopsis

14th October 1066. Two armies converge to decide the fate of England... The most famous date in English history, when the might of the English Saxons faced the wrath of the Norman invasion. The man who stormed the sands of Sussex was William, bastard Duke of Normandy, the man they eventually came to call the Conqueror... But the Heart of the Conqueror was Matilda, Lady of Flanders and Duchess of Normandy. At the side of the most famous war-lord of history, Matilda worked, not as quiet, modest wife, but as a leader... as a ruler just as ruthless as her husband. Under her soft mask of beauty and modesty there lay the heart of a woman powered by ambition. A woman who was strong, courageous and devious... Through the eyes of one of the most extraordinary women of history unfold the events leading to the invasion of England and the battle that would decide its fate... This is the story of Matilda, Lady of Flanders, Duchess of Normandy and Queen of England. In its first draft form, this novel won a HQ Love Award in the Wattpad awards, The Wattys, 2014. The author's thanks to the excellent proof reader on this book; Julia Gibbs. This book is part one of a two volume series by G. Lawrence on the life of Matilda: The Chronicles of Matilda, Lady of Flanders

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Customer Reviews

I would guess that one of my problems with this book was that I really disliked the "heroine." She was probably a woman of her time as she chose the strongest male she knew as her partner, and taught women how to survive and manipulate in an era of total male dominance. The long "seduction" of a British earl is a bit fanciful, and presents Matilda as a true schemer and villain. The lengthy, detailed description of the Battle of Hastings was something that I skipped (already knew the outcome), so if military history is of interest the book can fill this need. A reminder that sometimes the good guys do NOT win.

Readers will find that Matilda, presented in HEART OF THE CONQUEROR, as a strong women, and many readers will like this representation as a breath of fresh air compared to the same old weak woman-strong man twaddle women have had to put up with for centuries. It gets old, and no matter how often it's spewed, many of both sexes won't buy into this lie any more. A strong man like the historical William of Normandy would not have remained married and faithful (from all accounts) to Matilda for so long. It seems that he was always dedicated and committed to her even in 1066 - we're talking about the rough and ready Viking Period here. Matilda is characterized by Lawrence as I believe she would have actually been - complete with all of the flaws and virtues we exhibit in 2017. Both William and Matilda are appealingly and colorfully drawn; Lawrence's descriptions are vivid. I would like to read volume 2 in her series, but does not seem to have it - a shame, because one wants to read more of these characters, though I know how the final historical picture is finally painted. If you love reading history with a personal touch (aside from the drier historical prose), I can think of no better book for your delectation than THE HEART OF THE CONQUEROR.

I knew William the Conqueror had children but never thought about him having a wife, so I was excited to read this book. The author obviously did a great deal of research and the historical part was impressive. She gave a real feeling for the setting of the story. It did seem like the author went out of her way to make Matilda of Flanders an unsympathetic and unlikeable person as well as her husband. When I read a historical novel, I like the author to at least attempt to make the person sympathetic. She did make it clear, in the context of the time, why it seemed necessary for Matilda to be the way she was, but I wasn't convinced. I probably won't be reading the second book. Oh, yeah, I didn't realize until I was well into the book that it was only Part 1.

Great read!! I love strong women, especially back when we had no rights. Matilda is a very strong and complex woman. Making her own way in the world of men. A little slow in the middle, but once

you finish, you'll know why and G. Lawrence gave life to all these characters. I'm hoping the second book comes out VERY SOON!!!!

It's an easy read, but just be aware that it's strictly a novel ... there are very, very few actual facts on record about Matilda's life. I didn't buy into the author's premise that Matilda was as hard as the author decided to make her. Matilda was given a strong streak of liking S&M with her husband and it just hit a sour note with me. I mean ... that's such a bizarre thing to make up for a character in history. It just seemed odd to make that up out of thin air and put in a "historical novel" as opposed to a book of just pure fiction. But for entertainment purposes and nothing else, the book is readable.

Satisfying, definitely. Knew of William but not of his wife, Matilda. So thank you, Ms. Lawrence, for the enlightenment on the very first Queen of England. Will be anxiously looking to your next book.

This book covers the time of the invasions of England. Most important is that for the first time a woman(Matilda) is selected to govern a country.

Women have always faced restrictions, and ambitious women have used successful men to achieve their ambitions. Despite being abused, the leading lady in this book thought she deserved the most powerful man available! This seemed to be a successful marriage, and who can argue with success? I look forward to the author's next book!

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