

DANCE OF DESIRE

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A Medieval romance

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Fane Linford spends nightmarish years in brutal captivity during the Crusades. Unbroken, his loyalty to his king never wanes and his valor earns him the right to any bride in England. Now, as the newly appointed High Sheriff of Warringham, Fane must uncover a plot to overthrow the crown and bring the traitors to justice. A bride is the last thing on his mind, until an exotic dancer tempts him to distraction. In this woman, he sees a wildly passionate soul to match his own.

Veiled in the costume of an eastern entertainer, Lady Rexana Villeaux has one goal – entice the sheriff while her servant destroys the documents that could prove her brother's part in a conspiracy. However damning the evidence, Rexana believes her brother wrongly accused.

In one night, Fane discovers his fiery dancer's identity and by morning Rexana fully expects to face his wrath, but the sheriff knows what he wants and now he knows how to get it. Fane offers Rexana a bargain she cannot refuse – her hand in marriage for his aid in exonerating her brother. Each has their own reasons for wanting the match, but their dance together is equal parts desire – and deception.

Dance of Desire presents a tightly woven plot, rich detail, and an authentic medieval feel. Though true to the time period, the author still developed highly sympathetic characters. This beautifully written story is a delightful “must read.” Ms. Kean keeps her readers guessing right to the very end.

One of the best historical romances this reviewer has ever read! *Dance of Desire* will definitely stay on the “keeper” shelf.

5 Kisses