

Synopsis for Sir Guinevere by Dana Cowden

5th Century England. The Dark Age...

The stories of Camelot, King Arthur, and Guinevere have been around for ages, but Guinevere that is always portrayed as the spoiler of Camelot. But what if those stories are all wrong about her?

Twelve year old Guinevere is no damsel in distress. As the only child of King Leodegrance, she is taught to ride, use a sword, and has a talent for knives to match her spunk. After her father is betrayed and murdered by former knight MALLEWAS, her mother draws the enemy away to give MERLIN time to hide Guinevere in a secret passage. Mallewas is determined to have a male heir of royal blood, so he uses Guinevere's mother to that purpose. Once Mallewas has left her, Merlin and Guinevere sneak her out and hide her at a peasant home.

Young Guinevere is hell bent on avenging her parents and taking back their land, so Merlin takes her to a compound to train to become a knight. There, at Sir Ector's, she meets ARTHUR who breaks through her defenses and they become the best of friends.

By the time she's nineteen, Guinevere fights with the other Squires and Knights against the many invaders surging into England to plunder. While camped near the battlefield, a rogue knight, MALLEGANT, asks to join the group. He proves his skills in battle and becomes a leader the knights look to in each battle. Because his father is Mallewas, Guinevere attempts to kill Mallegant but is stopped by Arthur and Merlin.

Pride wounded, Mallegant complains about Guinevere to his henchmen. Taking the cue, they attack Guinevere. Arthur tries to save her but is knocked over by a blow to the head. He lands beside a sword gleaming in the moonlight. The blade is stuck deep within a boulder. Arthur pulls it with ease and plunges it into one of the thugs.

Merlin and the other knights see what has happened. Guinevere is shocked when Merlin declares Arthur to be King. Mallegant argues that he deserves the title, but Merlin tells them Arthur is destined to be a king. When Mallegant turns against them, Guinevere attacks. Those loyal to Mallegant fight against Arthur and Guinevere, but they are outnumbered and escape. Arthur finally convinces Guinevere to come with him to build Camelot by knighting her.

Burned by what he sees as betrayal, Mallegant realigns with his father, Mallewas. They take the son Guinevere's mother had after the rape to ransom. Guinevere blames herself for not following through her vow to kill Mallewas. She finds her brother in the dungeon with Mallegant, who has come to care about the boy, but Guinevere is captured by Mallewas. Mallegant tries to save her

and is badly injured. Mallewas grabs the boy and heads for Camelot where his men wait to attack.

At Camelot, the bridge is lowered for Arthur and his men when the ropes break and the enemy attacks. Arthur fights to protect Camelot. Mallewas arrives with Timothy just ahead of Guinevere and Mallegant. Mallewas and his men pour into Camelot. Guinevere's group follows. At last Guinevere faces Mallewas.

Mallewas pummels Guinevere, but she uses her knife to kill him. Through the efforts of Guinevere, Arthur, Merlin and the knights, Camelot is saved. Guinevere returns her mother to their old castle and once again flies her father's flag. As she watches her brother practice his sword fighting skills, Guinevere finds peace in going back to Camelot, with Arthur.