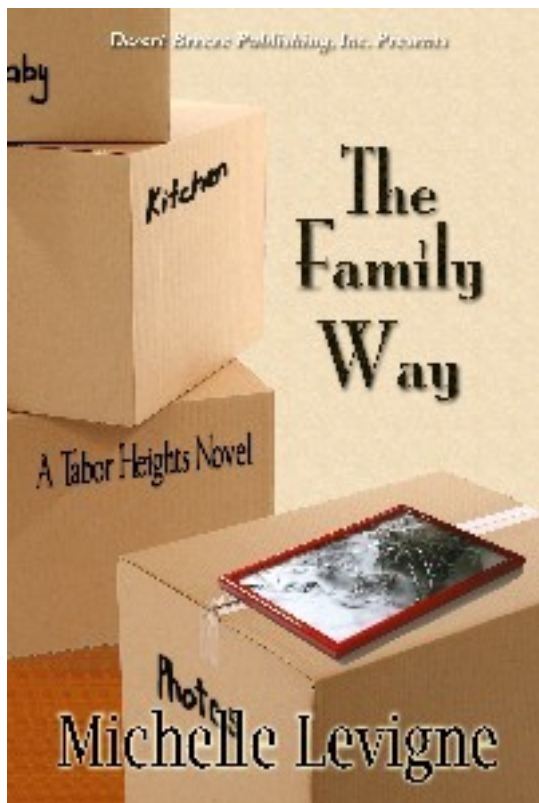

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Description

Lisa thought she walked into her marriage with her eyes wide open, aware of the hard task of getting the approval of her cold, domineering father-in-law. When she discovered she was pregnant, she thought she would finally be accepted, but Todd's reaction to the news was the last thing she expected: "Is it mine?"

She had endured his father's constant criticism because she thought Todd loved her, but now she wasn't so sure. Maybe Todd had never loved her, and he was more like his father than she dreamed. To protect her baby, should she leave him, and refuse to continue the Montgomery family tradition? Where did being a 'good Christian wife' end, and the need to protect her sanity and her baby begin?

Insightful reviews

Vicky:

My first reaction to this story was "why haven't I heard of this author before?" A quick internet search revealed that this isn't her first book, not by far. So where has she been? Buried in the obscurity that is the small press/e-book world. A world I know all too well. This is a world that is often populated by so-so authors and less than stellar copy-editing. I should know. I'm there as well. But in this case, the tag doesn't apply. Michelle creates a vivid world full of magic, emotion and intrigue.

In "The Wolf That Was" we are introduced to Tirian, a young woman who is magic, but cannot do magic. She often feels as if she is torn between her world and the world of nature. One where she belongs in the forest. When a cruel wizard kills Tirian's mother for the secret within Tirian, the young woman is left alone to figure out her answers.

Then Bran appears. Cursed by the same evil wizard, he is a wolf most of the time, but a man in the light of the moon. Neither in control, both in pain. Together, Tirian and Bran go on a quest to find help for their separate problems. An ancient seeress sends them to the aid of a young orphan girl, the daughter of a powerful witch and wizard. Tirian and Bran face corrupt rulers, fear from those who don't understand them and the confusing power of their own natures.

This was a delightful read and I know I will be looking for more books from this talented fantasy writer. If you want a good story, well-developed characters, believable world building and a satisfying end, keep an eye out for Michelle L. Levigne.

Shawna Williams: I enjoyed this book a great deal. It reminded me of our early years of marriage when my husband and I were trying to forge our identity apart from our parents. Fortunately neither of us had to put up with any family members like Lisa's father-in-law, but I do recall a fight over whether or not it was considered bad taste to register multiple colors of bath towels -- a difference in how we were raised.

This book made me nervous at times, b/c I wasn't sure how it was going to work out. And sometimes I wasn't sure I wanted it to work out. Michelle kept me on the edge. She also did a great job in fully exploring human nature and the modes of behavior we often default to when we feel we've been wronged. The characters in this book were an excellent balance - no one too perfect, or too flawed -- which delivered a spiritual message that wasn't just truthful, but also touching. Sometimes these two don't go hand in hand, and I applaud her for this ability.

What I absolutely delighted in while reading this book was the interaction of the characters with those in Michelle's other Tabor Heights novels. It makes you feel like you're bumping into old friends. I definitely recommend *The Family Way*, as well as the other books in the Tabor Heights series.

And if you're curious, after 18 yrs of marriage we have quite the assortment of colored bath towels, and are happy just to have something to dry off with.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews: What do tragedy, loss, faith, and love create? A Firesong.

Dani Paul and her brother, Andy, faced the loss of their parents when they were only very young and turn to their musical talents to create the group, Firesong, to get them through.

Along with their cousins, Andy and Dani take Firesong on a musical ministry, finding their futures along the way. Andy marries Katie, Dani's best friend, and the others figure out who and what is best for each of them. At the same time, Dani continues to deny herself any connection to anyone except for the family that she has always been close to. Kurt Green, a schoolmate from the past, has returned to town to help the group with their musical aspirations and has increasing feelings towards Dani. Will his love be enough to get through the walls that she has built around her for protection? Will she finally place her faith in God's hands to live as she has always wanted?

I thoroughly enjoyed the characters in this story. You could feel the warmth and the feelings among them, especially as a family. Following them through their ups and downs created a very good story, moving very smoothly and keeping the pages turning. This was my first book by Michelle Levigne that I have read and I would definitely like to read more.

I would recommend this story to anyone who enjoys a sweet and contemporary read.

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Lenore (Bibliolatry Me!): learn OUR evaluate AT:<http://paranormal-romancejunkies.webs...>

Debbie: i actually used to be looking ahead to whatever else from the ebook description, however the booklet itself was once well-written and interesting. i believe i'd have given it 4 stars if I hadn't been so thrown off through the very fact it wasn't what I expected. Princess Vevina is given plantwise magic and betrothed to Prince Fallon on her christening day. Prince Fallon grows right into a charming, yet merciless and scheming man. Princess Vevina is totally

charmed by means of him till she overhears him discussing his actual emotions approximately her and her kingdom--she's only a pawn for his eventual take-over of her kingdom! yet there is not anything she will do with out beginning the very battle she desires to avoid. yet then Prince Fallon begins to result in his personal downfall. He kills his father, turns into king, and breaks his betrothal to Vevina to marry a girl he thinks is extra attractive than her and a nation extra filthy rich than hers. Vevina is thrilled and marries her youth most sensible friend. At her wedding, Fallon realizes that Vevina rather is extra appealing than his wife, so he comes to a decision to strike again through attempting to kill every body she loves and take over her kingdom. Fallon kills, lies, and manipulates occasions to fit himself. Vevina units out to have her revenge on him for what he is done, yet her bitterness is commencing to poison her magic and ruin the very issues she desires to protect. Will Fallon win within the end?

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews: Glori enjoyed operating with children--and not only simply because childrens produced magic that fed her personal Fae magic. but if her magic all started going wonky and all her upkeep spells for the daycare set to work backwards, no longer even her Fae administrator may perhaps repair what was once wrong. Lance Knight confronted a lonely future, due to a relatives curse that became him right into a mouse on the darkish of the moon. Lonely, apart from the ghosts of all his angry, misogynistic male ancestors. And he could sign up for them someday, if he did not discover a girl to like him regardless of the curse. He wanted the kiss of a Faerie princess to damage the spell. while he received referred to as to Glori's daycare heart to house an implausible trojan horse problem, and learned she used to be a Fae, he notion his difficulties have been solved. Glori hated telling Lance that the Fae did not have hereditary royalty anymore, yet she promised she might attempt to locate him an answer whereas they labored jointly to unravel her problem. issues received sticky whilst she discovered that she was once facing the Fae identical of puberty, and Lance may well simply be the reply to her problem. If purely his nasty, ghostly kinfolk would not hold moving into the way. A glittering, gleaming fae who adores children, and a pest exterminator who becomes a mouse at complete moon. now not the standard mixture for protagonists. Did I point out that the fae (Glori) munches chocolate bars like there's no the next day and the exterminator (Lance Knight) trails a legion of relatives ghosts at any place he goes? Both have stumbling blocks to beat which look insurmountable: Glori's spells aren't operating any further this means that the kids in her crèche aren't any longer shielded from disorder and bullying; and Lance is trapped with these ghosts till he can discover a appealing Faerie Princess to kiss him and holiday the spell. Glori? Nope – she's now not a princess. In any case, the ghosts don't like Glori because, "she's a bleeding twinkle-butt faerie!" Humor isn't missing during this fast paced story, not just total -- for example, Glori's spells aren't operating simply because she's in want (rather like a puppy on heat) -- but in addition within the details: the ghosts yelled with such strength that they shocked a dozen roaches. The clash to be resolved retains the reader enthralled to the end: Glori's organic clock is ticking, and should Lance locate his Faerie Princess in time regardless of being knee-tremblingly drawn to Glori? Apart from the colony of ancestral ghosts, who're snigger out loud funny, there are few characters populating the story. However, those people who are there every one have his or her personal foibles that endear them to the reader in order that i discovered myself simply in need of the easiest for them. Once again, Ms. Levigne proves to be the main flexible of authors with a large choice of superb books to her name. it sort of feels her mind's eye is familiar with no boundaries. If i've got one feedback to make approximately this one, it lies in being a tad predictable. There aren't any jaw-dropping

revelations, nor any heart-stopping romance. But, then, it doesn't want these issues since it is a simple read, simply excellent for a reader wanting a feel-good, quiet, comfortable afternoon story. initially released on lengthy and brief reports

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