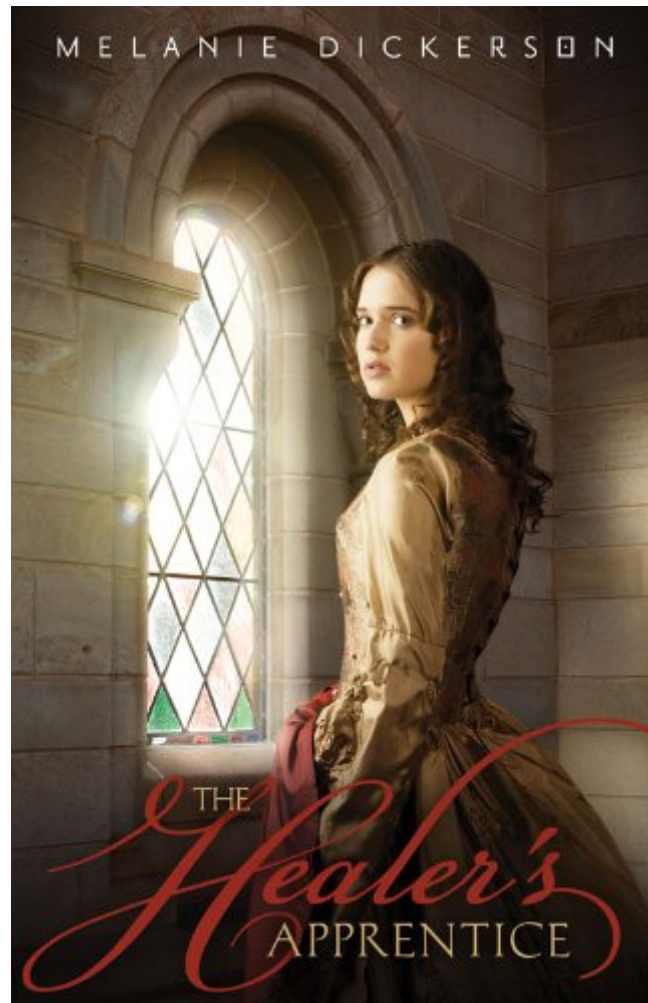




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Synopsis

In author Melanie Dickenson's new book, a young healer's apprentice named Rose believes she will never marry until she meets Lord Hamlin, the future ruler of her village. Hamlin is everything she could ever want: kind, understanding, and a man of faith, but her low station and the fact he's already betrothed to a mysterious woman makes their romance impossible. As Lord Hamlin seeks to find the sorcerer who cursed his future bride, Rose's life spins toward confusion. A creative retelling of the classic Sleeping Beauty tale.

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Customer Reviews

Wow! I could not believe this was Melanie Dickerson's debut novel! Within a few minutes, I was lost in an enchanted world with castles and cobblestones until the very end. I loved how Lord Hamlin noticed Rose "right from the start! Even though he visited her and danced with her" he always remained chivalrous, even though he wanted to be with her. But honestly, I wanted to smack Rose when she let herself be deceived by someone she had

been warned was not honorable| but handsome young men can be very persuasive “ and young, innocent girls are easy prey. Rose may have enjoyed his supposed affection for her, especially after feeling unloved by her mother, but thankfully she never allowed herself to go too far with him. This story reminds me that evil exists “ and it’s not always ugly, but sometimes can be wrapped up in a pretty package. The right path is not always the easy path, but it’s the right choice. Melanie did a wonderful job showing how difficult it can be to make the right choice, especially when others are urging you to take the other path. Melanie Dickerson’s characters are perfect “ well written, entertaining and represent the same values and flaws of the heroes and villains that inspired them. Melanie is such an awesome writer! It is amazing how she weaves stories from classic fairy tales, creating her own stories “ believable stories “ and uses them to tell a story of hope, love and faith. If you enjoy reading exciting, medieval fiction| with a happily ever after, don’t miss this wonderful series!

Welcome to fourteenth century Germany, where a girl named Rose has captured the hearts of two brothers. As an apprentice to the local healer, Rose lives inside the castle walls and is receiving an education far beyond what most women are given at that time. She was chosen to be placed under Frau Geruscha’s tutelage and wants to learn the healing arts, even if it’s not something she is naturally drawn towards. Lord Hamlin and Lord Rupert, sons of the duke of Hagenheim, come home after being away for some years and both fall in love with Rose. As the eldest, Lord Hamlin has been betrothed to the daughter of a neighboring ruler since he was very young. Lord Rupert will inherit very little and would be prudent to find a wife with a rich dowry. As Rose become friends with both young men, she is aware that anything more than friendship is not likely, even as Rupert begins making strides towards a courtship. Having never met his betrothed, Lord Hamlin works hard to curb his attraction to Rose and stay faithful to the unknown Lady Salomea, whom he will finally meet in a few months. Lady Salomea has been in hiding many years, as her life has been threatened by the evil Moncore. Deciding to try to catch Moncore so his betrothed will be safe at last, Lord Hamlin encourages Rose to marry Rupert and leaves on his quest. But when Lord Rupert’s motives become suspect and a strange man begins shadowing Rose, it soon becomes clear that all is not as it seems. Loosely based on "Sleeping Beauty," this tale brings us mystery, danger, hope, and a reminder that though God’s plans often take us by surprise, they are always exactly right. How good to remember our trustworthy God during the sometimes dark and uncertain days we all go through! I’m so glad I have been able to read a couple of Melanie Dickerson’s fairy tale retellings, and I can’t wait to read more. Stay tuned for future reviews.

Brilliance! You love the characters at the beginning, and adore them until the end. Rose in particular is wonderful blend of thoughtful, sweet, smart and fiery, not in anyone's face but still speaking her mind, and still very real in the mistakes she makes. Wilhelm is just as lovable, and you're rooting for them both before you know you are. You'll hate the villains just as much! The plot clips at an even pace, twisting just when you have it by the tail. Just enough calm and tension throughout, and a truly wonderful ending to top it all off. All the while Dickerson maintains the classic fairy tale, interwoven with bits of Scripture that will touch your heart. Overall, just a timeless story for all ages.

Melanie Dickerson has a way of bringing her novels to life. She draws her readers in and almost holds them captive until the very end. Healer's Apprentice is her version of Sleeping Beauty and it is a beautiful story. I love how she focuses on the romance and displays what a relationship show be like as opposed to instant live and sexual intimacy. She displays real intimacy. I enjoyed the minor Christian elements as well such as the characters praying or quoting the Bible. It added a special quality to the book. This is the second of her books that I have read (first being Merchant's Daughter) and I cannot wait to read another. Highly recommend.

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