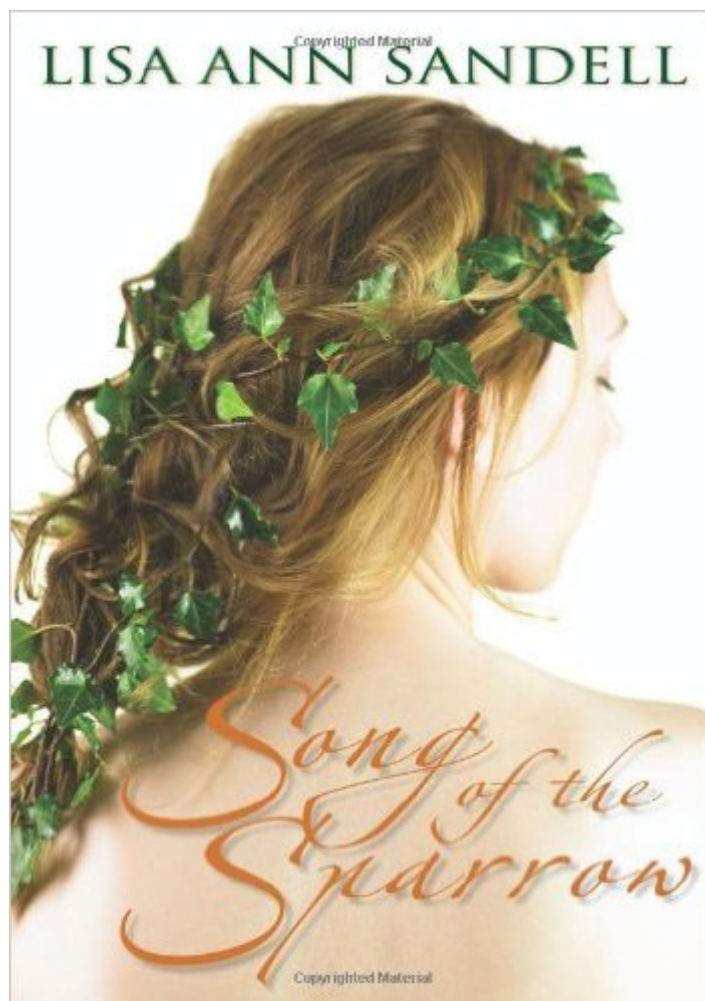


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# Song Of The Sparrow



## Synopsis

Since the days of King Arthur, there have been poems and paintings created in her name. She is Elaine of Ascolat, the Lady of Shalott, and now there is a book all her own. The year is 490 A.D. and 16-year-old Elaine has a temperament to match her fiery red hair. Living on a military base with her father, brothers, and the rest of Arthur's army, Elaine pines for the handsome Lancelot, and longs for a female friend. But when the cruel, beautiful Gwynivere arrives, Elaine is confronted with startling emotions of jealousy and rivalry. Can Elaine find the strength to survive the birth of a kingdom?

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LISA ANN SANDELL is the author of *The Weight of the Sky*, a novel in verse that Kirkus described as "lovely" and "poignant." A longtime devotee of Arthurian legends and a children's book editor, she lives in New York City with her husband and their puppy. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

LISA ANN SANDELL is the author of *The Weight of the Sky* and *Song of the Sparrow*, two critically acclaimed novels for teens. She lives in New York City.

Shipper was quick, book delivered as advertised. This is a great book! The prose writing and story are a wonderful telling of the King Arthur story told from a young woman's perspective.

I first read this book at the library and fell in love with it! So I decided to buy it! It's such a wonderful adaptation!

Such a good story! Novel in verse about a variant of Tennyson's "Lady of Shalott" which is my favorite poem. The girl is charming, and a fighter and you will root her on through her adventures and sympathize in her trials. It's a great tale!

I've often borrowed this book from my local library till I bought it. It's an amazing story, well written and worth obtaining if you love reading about King Arthur, Camelot and the knights of the round table.

I found this book while browsing through 's lists and reviews. Even though there was no summary for the book, I ordered it, based on the lone review, and the fact that I liked the cover. I was rather surprised to open the book and find it told in verse format (I think that's what it's called - it's not really poems, but like prose or verse). I've never read a book like that, and from the review and lack of summary, I'd assumed it was a novel. I had been ridiculously excited, being a fan of stories like the Round Table and Arthur and medieval times, but a little less thrilled at the format. But I told myself I'd give it a try, read a couple of chapters. The story was amazing. It's a retelling of Elaine of Ascolat as a teenager in Arthur's (then military leader, not yet King) military camp, surrounded by all the young Knights of the Round Table (Arthur, Lancelot, Tristan, Gawain). As the only girl, aside from Arthur's older sister, she has a special, unique position in the camp, until beautiful and snobby Gwynivere comes along. Gwynivere also catches the attention and affection of Lancelot, whom Elaine has had a crush on since childhood. Told within this setting and legend is Elaine's growing up, coming-of-age story/moment/adventure. I don't really understand the purpose of the format, but it read like a really fast book. I finished it in a couple of hours and then immediately went looking for more on the legend of Elaine (aka, the Lady of Shalott - I just kept thinking of that scene from Anne of Green Gables...). I was surprised at the parts of the original legend that made it into this story. This book also re-interested me in Meg Cabot's Avalon High, which I had to track down so I could reread it after reading this amazing version. Bottom line, great story that sparked further interest in the legend.

Great book

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