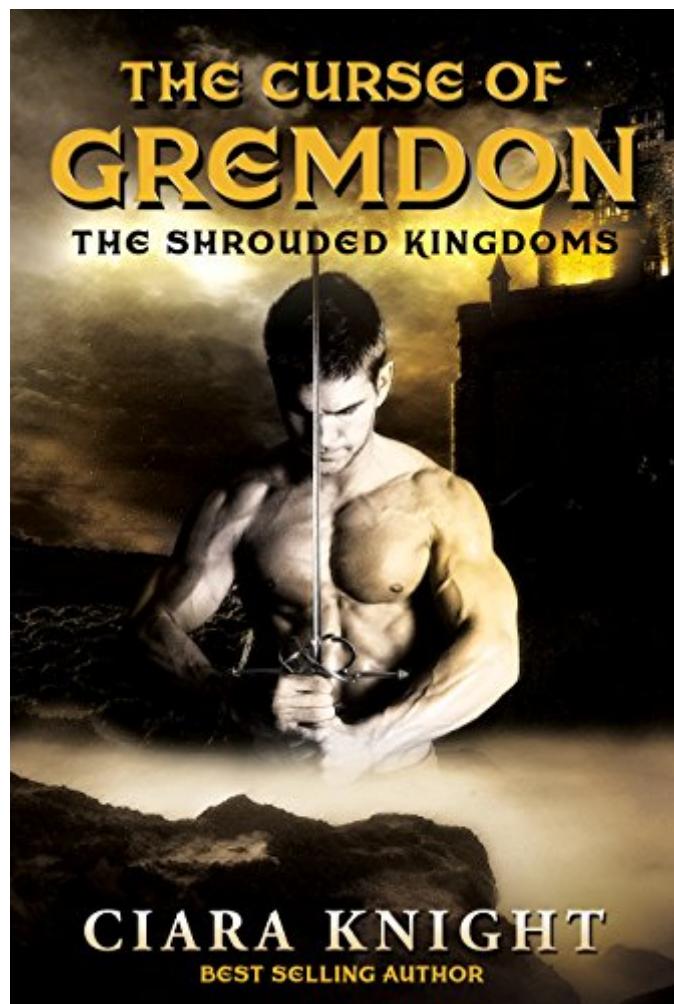


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# The Curse Of Gremdon (The Shrouded Kingdoms Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

In a world where marriage is forbidden, sex is only granted to male warriors, and the outer realm is full of murderous creatures, Arianna fights to protect the life of her only living relative, her brother. Tardon, an elite warrior, is granted anything he desires by the Elders, but finds little joy in the voluptuous women presented to him. Born for the bloodlust found only in battle, complicated emotions emerge when he discovers his equal in the alluring warrior, Arianna. Charged by the Elders with saving the castle from attack, Tardon and Arianna risk the curse when they traverse the vast outer realm to retrieve serum from the Tree of Life. If successful, the Elders have promised Tardon the right to marry and Arianna the cure for her brother's death fever. Will their love carry them through or will the discovery of a great deception be their ultimate demise?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Okay, I have to admit that I'm not a huge fantasy fan. Most of the time the totally displaced worlds and endless descriptions drive me crazy as a reader. But...that was just absolutely not the case with this book. The beginning hooked me so totally and unequivocally that I just had to keep reading. I mean, come on, big tough (made me think of Conan the Barbarian) hottie, Tardon in a sword fight

with a female warrior that was his match---or so she thought--was just a total turn on. I enjoyed the description laced into the action and the heat in the pull of battle. The desperate love in this romance totally kept me spell bound and when you get to the twist... oh, holy cow--I so did not see that twist. All in all, this was a great read and I devoured it in two sittings. I'd love to read more fantasy romances like this. Please send me more. :)

This is a great story. I LOVE TARDON! Well, all the characters, actually. They are deep and intriguing. The world Ciara Knight has created is extraordinary and very well developed. The twists and turns kept me intrigued the entire book. The love story between these two is so sweet and hot all rolled up into amazing. Nicely done, Ciara Knight!

Today's review is on The Curse of Gremdon by Ciara Knight. This is the first book that I have read by Knight, and I must say that I am hooked. I was pulled into the magical world she has created from the very first chapter. At first I thought that this would be one of those stories that would bring me to tears, but the glistening in my eyes was for a very happy ending. True love is never easy to find, and once you find it you never want to let it go. What if however it is forbidden for you? What if you could never consummate the passion of your love? This is the world in which Arianna lives. Because Arianna is a warrior she is forbidden to have sex. It is only the male warriors who can, and they are the ones that are given "gifts" in the form of willing women, from the Elders. The Elders whom control the castle with their laws and their magic. Tardon is also a warrior, an Elite warrior as a matter of fact. He is given just about everything and anything he could ever desire, even many women. One day however, after a practice match in the Pit with Arianna, he finds that he cannot get her off of his mind. Even when given a woman to satisfy him for the evening, he sees Arianna's face and not the other woman's. When Arianna and Tardon are caught together, they both face certain death. The only way to save themselves is to travel to the Outer Realm to obtain the serum from the Tree of Life. There are many dangers to face in the Outer Realm however. Strange creatures for one, and the vile Cursed. Things are never quite what they seem though. Arianna and Tardon come to realize the truth of what is really going on, and who the real Cursed are. The Curse is a unique fairy tale that I think anyone would enjoy. I am hopeful for a second installment. :) 4 of 5 stars

The Curse of Gremdon began with a fight between the two main characters, who seemed to secretly share feelings for each other. Arianna and Tardon were both warriors who were tasked with protecting their castle. Elders ruled over the castle and its people. The setting seemed to be in the

medieval past, but it could be a dystopian future. It was unclear. People lived within the walls of the castle, were extremely restricted with every aspect of their lives and sickness and famine were rampant. They were so restricted that they could not marry, could not have sexual relations without permission and could not leave the castle. Any transgression could be cause to be imprisoned or killed horribly by burning. It was a really harsh environment. The people were in constant fear of doing something wrong and of being attacked by zombie-like creatures. The elders sent Tardon and Arianna on a quest to the outside to retrieve something that would save their castle. Once on the outside, things were not what they had appeared to be. I liked the story-line and was pleasantly surprised by an awesome plot twist. The characters were well developed and likable. Tardon was a great warrior hero. He was strong, powerful, kind and passionate. I love how he would sacrifice everything for the woman he loved. Arianna is awesome. She is sweet, caring, family-oriented, wants to do the right things and can kick some serious butt. I liked the relationship Arianna and Tardon had with each other and how they fought side by side. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series. Four Stars \* \* \* \*

The Curse of Gremdon opened a portal to a whole new world for me. As I walked through this story the attention to detail was like watching a painter putting a brush to a canvas. It was inspiring. I loved the spin i.e. plot of the story it was different, engaging, dramatic, and yes even a touch of romance was added. However, you will not find a damsel in distress in this story the lead female character Arianna could hold her own and then some. Tardon the main male character he definitely made my head spin a time or two. These two together were amazing. I can say without any doubt that this story held me in its clutches and I was sorry when it ended. I will be reading the next book in this series you can count on that!

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