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# Revel: Twelve Dancing Princesses Retold (Romance A Medieval Fairytale Book 4)



## **Synopsis**

Twelve princesses. One wounded soldier. A mystery that must be solved. Once upon a time... Princess Bianca is sent with her sisters to the summer palace, a place no maiden has ever returned from. While her sisters seem perfectly happy, she has only one desire: escape. Vasco, a wounded soldier on his way home from war, stumbles across the summer palace and sets out to solve the mystery no man has managed to yet. If only they let him live long enough... Can the fair maiden and the wounded soldier uncover the sinister secret before it's too late? Romance a Medieval Fairytale series: Each book is a standalone, so they can be read in any order: Enchant: Beauty and the Beast Retold (#1) Awaken: Sleeping Beauty Retold (#2) Dance: Cinderella Retold (#3) Revel: Twelve Dancing Princesses Retold (#4) Silence: Little Mermaid Retold (#5) Embellish: Brave Little Tailor Retold (#6) Appear: Princess and the Pea Retold (#7) Blow: Three Little Pigs Retold (#8)

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## **Customer Reviews**

This story is based on the story of "The Twelve Dancing Princesses". Princess Bianca was the

fairest princess of them all, but has a secret of magical powers of invisibility. Bianca was smart and knew not to judge a man's worth by his looks or title. Bianca is enchanted by the handsome injured soldier named Vasco the moment she spies on him doing some repairs. Vasco is smart, honorable and brave. Upon learning of the great mystery of the princesses at the summer castle wearing through a pair of shoes each day, Vasco agrees to solve the mystery for the King. Vasco only has three days to solve the mystery, but all is not as it seems. Bianca agrees to help Vasco solve the mystery. However, time is running out for both Vasco and the princesses. I love how the author does a fantastic job of taking classic fairy tales and making them so much more. I love the characters of Bianca and Vasco and how much depth they have. I couldn't put this book down until I learned the secret to the mystery. I highly recommend.

This is a retelling of a not well known fairy tale: 12 dancing princesses. I have never read the original one, nor heard much about it. So I googled it to have basic information about this one story. Bianca is a princess that arrives as the last one in Summer Palace. She's the twelve princesses there. She has her own way and she is trying to do everything to leave the palace. Vasco is an injured soldier. That was looking for a work, that would be paid by food and place to sleep. Via events, he came to the Summer Palace. But he was different from other men coming there. Not arrogant, nor greedy. Will he be able to solve the mystery of worn dancing shoes that pile up each morning? Add to it magic, course and stubborn princesses altogether charming princess. A really good retelling of the not well-known story.

Revel 12 Dancing... is just long enough to take your mind off of the mundane problems we all face on a day to day basis, but short enough to be completed in a single sit down (think of it as a cat nap). Ms. Carlton again delights the reader with an unexpected reading of a classic fairy tale, but throws in a few well placed surprises to make it interesting in its own right. The characters of the story, Bianca and Vasco, swept me into the tale effortlessly leaving me wanting more of the story at its conclusion. I totally love stories that leave me with that desire to read more, more, more. Well done Demelza Carlton, you've made me a believer that you are a dynamic story teller, and I want More, More, MORE from your pen. I was provided a ARC copy of the book for honest read and review.

Interesting and fast read. I've never actually read the original fairy tale so this was really interesting for me. I'll go read it now to see how they compare. There were no noticeable grammatical errors,

and I was very intrigued. Bianca is sent to live in the Summer Palace with her half sisters but the house has a mystery to go along with it. I was dying to figure out the mystery and how it would conclude. I'm also very excited for the next book to see what happened to the birds! These books are stand alone and can be read in any order.

I liked it! 3.5 stars; it bugged me that she could have solved the mystery herself and then just told the hero the answer right when his "3 days" started; she knew something bad would happen to him if he couldn't solve it in time, but she had no time constraint, and got him involved immediately anyway... Kind of gambling with his life for no reason! Aaaand I'm not a fan of Ms Carlton's tendency to abruptly change tone and throw in a sex scene at the end. Other than that, I liked it! I'd recommend.

I very much liked the balance between fairy tale and real life romance that Ms. Carlton managed to create. This book was a relief to a reviewer who has been doing reviews for months and forced herself to read a fair number of books she did not completely enjoy. Both of the main characters fit their roles well and were people I admired and hoped found happiness together. The magic in the story is appropriate for a fairy tale and made the reading of it meet the purpose of such a story. I highly recommend it!

When I was small, my mother and grandmother told me all sorts of wonderful stories to hold my attention, to send me to sleep, or for other reasons which ..... Aaaaahhh .... Excuse me .. I have difficulty remembering now except they were magical, exciting, and thrilling. Demelza has written a stunner of a story that catches me the same way those ladies did in my past. You should read this book to enjoy magic and romantic love from a great author today.

This is a relatively small read, doable in 1-2 reading sessions, and is a nice change from the real story. It was easy to understand Vasco's pain, to truly understand his motivation. On the other hand, it was a bit harder to understand where Bianca was coming from, but only a little. Well worth a small read, fresh take on an old story.

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