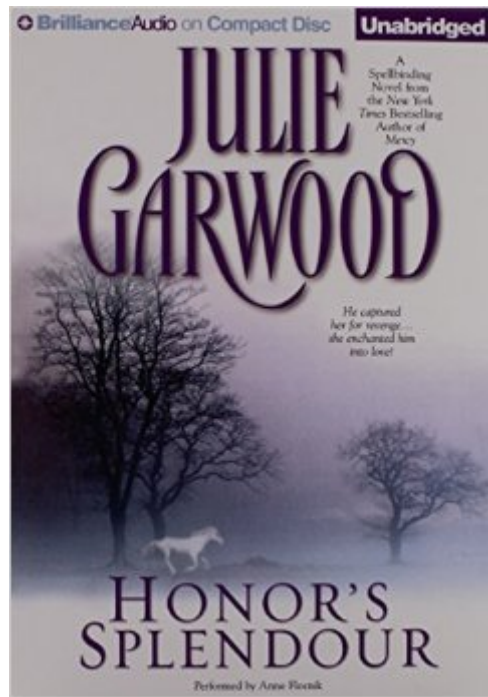


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# Honor's Splendour



## Synopsis

In the feuding English court, gentle Lady Madelyne suffered the cruel whims of her ruthless brother, Baron Louddon. Then, in vengeance for a bitter crime, Baron Duncan of Wexton • the Wolf • unleashed his warriors against Louddon's domain. Exquisite Madelyne was the prize he captured...but when he gazed upon the proud beauty, he pledged to protect her with his life. In his rough-hewn castle, Duncan proved true to his honor. But when at last their noble passion conquered them both, she surrendered with all her soul. Now, for love, Madelyne would stand fast...as bravely as her Lord, the powerful Wolf who fought for Honor's Splendour.

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## Customer Reviews

For me, this book is one of Julie Garwood's many best novels. I have read more than 10 of her books yet each time, it's a new different adventure. Yes, I agree that she sometimes described her heroine pretty much with the same physical descriptions such as freckles in noses, smells like roses, etc... However, I find this flaw rather inciting. Madelyne's strength, courage, patience and love for others simply captivated me to read on. Despite all the miserable times she had encountered during her growing up years, she still manages to keep her heart & spirit intact. Even after all the beatings and living life without a mother and a father, she still counted and appreciated her one single blessing of having an uncle who loved her. She doesn't dwell on the past, doesn't hold onto hate... and what's even more amazing is her unselfish side of wanting to help others find peace and happiness. Duncan is a true warrior in every way. He's honorable & patient. Practical & very disciplined...until love sank in, and that's when practicality & disciplined became somewhat a

burden. The slow realization and acceptance of love between the two was simply perfect. Each scene, little gestures of passions made this book irresistible. There are many heart warming and humorous scenes in this book as well... The warming of Duncan's feet, the wedding, the learning of archery, the finding of the WOLF, the beginning of friendship with Duncan's sister, Adela & a whole lot more. I could go on and on but I don't want to give it all away here for those who haven't read it yet. Oh, I must add that I find Madelyne's clumsiness entertaining. The secondary characters all contributed to make this book worth reading for as well. Perhaps J.G. will write a sequel or a separate book for Duncan's brothers and Adela's love story? The family twist and complications added spice and thrill from front to end. A must read & a keeper!

I am not going to explain the plot synopsis since other reviewers have done that very well. I will say this is one book that I go back to read time and again. After reading it once more, I wanted to review it though I find it almost hard to do justice to! The heroine (Madelyne) is strong without losing any of her femininity. The hero (Duncan) remains true to his character - honorable, yet tough. Each is enhanced by the other's strengths. Madelyne needs Duncan's strength to protect and boost her own self confidence. Duncan needs Madelyn's joy to help him become spontaneous and less rigid. I am always entranced by these two people! This book is filled with wonderful, touching and funny moments from beginning to end. Amongst my favorites are Madelyn mistaking Duncan's brother Edmund for a Cyclops when suffering a fever and the scene when all believe she is about to be run down by Duncan's huge horse! But, there are so many memorable moments - I don't want to spoil it for you! Wonderful secondary characters. So many that I cannot even name them all - although the other brothers (Edmund and Gilard) deserve books of their own, I don't think that Garwood went on to do that. Duncan's sister and Madelyn's Uncle were also engaging characters. The backdrop of visits to court and battles are so well described you find yourself right in the center of action. There are horrible villains (Madelyn's brother is just one of them) and yet another romance to concentrate on. This is one of those sweeping romances that you do not soon forget. Worth obtaining!

As a first time reader of Julie Garwood, I was quite impressed by "Honor's Splendour". I've always enjoyed historical and period stories and this story is right up my alley. The heroine is both strong and kind and the hero is dashing and passionate. The story begins in England, in 1099 in the feuding court of King William. Baron Duncan of Wexton, the Wolf, has vowed revenge on Baron Louddon after he discovers that the Louddon raped his young sister Adela while she was in the King's court. Duncan travels to Louddon's castle under what he thinks is a truce when he is

captured and set out to freeze to death. Louddon's sister, Madelyne rescues Duncan and then finds herself Duncan's hostage. Louddon's castle is burned and Duncan, along with his hostage and his army begin their journey back home. Madelyne, is a gentle woman who has been scorned by her father and brother all of her life. After her mother's death, she was sent to her uncle, a priest, to live. With her uncle she finds a home with love and learning. She returns home to find Louddon's feelings towards her have not changed, except for the fact that he now desires his step-sister. On the day she is taken hostage by Duncan, she had planned to escape to Scotland to live with a cousin. Now's she's the prisoner of her brother's sworn enemy, who happens to be the most handsome man she's ever met. I found this novel to be a very entertaining read. I enjoyed the transformation of Adela once Madelyne is brought into the Wexton home. Duncan's brothers, Edmond and Gilard also provide humor to the novel as well as a little competition romance-wise for Duncan. I was very impressed by Mrs. Garwood's style of writing. She's very talented and has a way of creating a character that speaks to your heart like Madelyn and Duncan. I look forward to reading more of her novels. I'd love to see some sort of trilogy involving the remaining single brothers. Just a thought...and a hint. :)

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