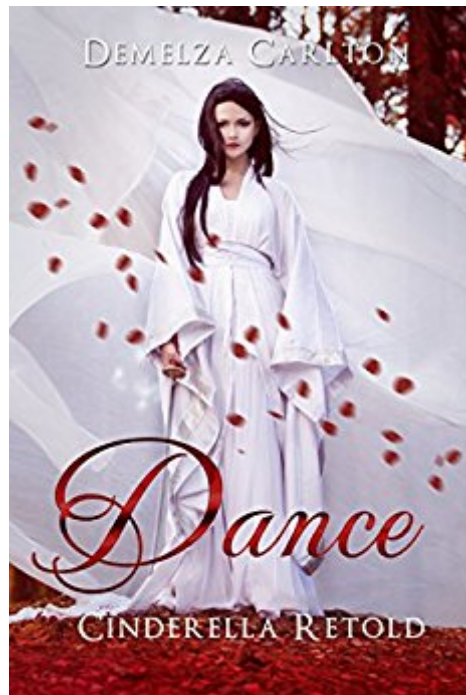




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# Dance: Cinderella Retold (Romance A Medieval Fairytale Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

A dutiful daughter. A prince forced to find a bride. If the shoe fits...Once upon a time...When the Emperor's army comes recruiting, Mai signs up, seeing it as the perfect escape from her stepmother and a lifetime of drudgery. Armed with her mother's armour and a pair of magic shoes, Mai marches off to war...only to find herself sharing a tent with the General's arrogant nephew, Prince Yi. The best swordsman in the Empire, Prince Yi wants to make war, not love, but the Emperor insists this will be Yi's last campaign before he must marry. Prince Yi has never met his match...until now. Can one woman win the war and the prince's heart? 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) Appease: Princess and the Pea Retold (#7) Blow: Three Little Pigs Retold (#8)

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## Customer Reviews

This story is more like Mulan than Cinderella. However it was still enjoyable. I really like the way the dance was performed. So far Enchant is my favorite. I do want to read the next book.

This is a glorious retelling of Cinderella, in the fashion of a Chinese tale of a girl who loves her Father and Mother dearly, but unfortunately, her Mother has died, and her last words to the young girl were to tell her Father to teach her to dance. And so he begins, at six years old to teach her martial arts. Her parents are famous. Her Mother, a General's daughter, trained by her Father in the art of war, and very skilled, fell in love with a junior officer, and married him. They fought side-by-side, and when he was injured, she carried him on her back, and directed his men, to win the battle! Being that her Father taught her everything he knew, and her mother taught her the art of war, (as her Father had taught her), when the Emperor's decree came that her Father should join his wife's brother, the general who kept trying to take over this one city to the north, that kept on resisting and fighting back well enough so that the general kept losing men and battles. Her father said there was no way that he would go out of forced retirement, only to have that incompetent fool blame the loss on him! But Mai's stepmother, Jing, who the Emperor had forced the General, her Father, to marry so that he May produce sons, told her that if her Father did not go, the Emperor would surely send his soldiers to kill them all! So Mai, disguised as a young man, went in his place, as Yeoung Mao, his son. And on her first day at camp, she stood and watched a Prince Yi, placing the newcomers where they should be best suited in battle, or as a guard. Mao (Mai) watched him closely, which she found much easier to do when he took off his shirt, and was able to see how he handled his sword, what moves he made, and when it was her turn, she beat him. Unfortunately, the general saw it too, and decided that Mai/o should stay in the Prince's tent., train with him, etc. And so their friendship began. Of course, there is much more than this. But would I be a friend if I told you the whole story, and not let you enjoy reading it yourself? I wouldn't be so mean as that! Believe me, you will love it!!

Creative combination of the classic fairytales Cinderella and Mulan. I love Ms. Carlton's series of fairytales retold. She does a wonderful job using the framework of fairytales of old while creating characters with depth and just a little bit more pizzazz. I love that the relationship between Mai and Yi started off as friends. I also enjoy the strong heroines that the author portrays in her stories. I have

read several books from this author and she does an awesome job of telling stories that are difficult to put down. This is a great series and I can't wait to read the next book!

If you expect to get sleep, do not start reading this book later in the evening lol !!! I could barely even put this book down long enough to go to the restroom!!! It was that dang good people!!! This is a retelling of Cinderella with a very unique twist. Normally I like a book with lots of sex but this one kept me on the edge of my seat all the way to the end!! So much so that I didn't even realize there was no sex till they finally did the deed and the book was over. I've never had a book captivate me like this one!! This is my first book by Demelza Carlton but it won't be my last!!!

New things will always be compared to old things. Yes this is set in China, and obviously with the main female character going to war under the guise of a male to protect her father's honor/life will make people think of Mulan. It can't be helped. But that is really where the similarities end. Because, as the title states, this is also a Cinderella story, retold. The story and setting are interesting, but it's really the characters, and their inner conflict and attraction to each other that drives the plot and interest of the reader. In a lot of ways, I'd say this book is more similar to Seven Daughters and Seven Sons by Barbara Cohen (which I absolutely love). Just a warning to the reader, this book does have mentions of lustful behavior and men taking advantage of prostitutes, and a coupling described in moderate but short detail between two married individuals.

I loved this telling of Cinderella. Mai was the oldest daughter of a great master of the dance. When war broke out she agreed to represent her father's house to save the family. The prince wanted to fight to avoid having to marry. Both went to war and forged a friendship not knowing what their future would hold for them. Magic, witchcraft, fairy godmothers, evil stepmother's couldn't change their destiny. I believe in love and this writer pulls the reader in and holds your attention and reinforce our belief love and HEA.

This story is Dance: Cinderella Retold, written by Demelza Carlton. All I can say is Wow! Give me more! This story is meant to be a retelling of Cinderella but it also seems to be the story of Mulan as well. She is but a girl who wants to dance with her father. He is the Prince of Swords, being forced to select a bride to continue his lineage. Will she succeed in her deception of the Emperor's army? What will happen if she is discovered? Find all of that out and more! I received a complimentary copy and voluntarily chose to leave this review.

This one was more on the SWEET side than previous ones in the series. Mai! I really enjoyed her being so much a fighter with a dutiful mind and so. Also a sword master. She could kick man's asses! And yet she was thinking and being like women. Until one day... Her father got a new wife and she gave him new children (no, he still was training Mai) and when the war began she decided to join the army in his place - with a little help of her stepmother's magic. Will she manage to live as a man in the army? What about Prince's interest in her (AS A MAN). was nicely surprised that it was more about war and relationship than balls and court things. Really enjoyable Cinderella retold!

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