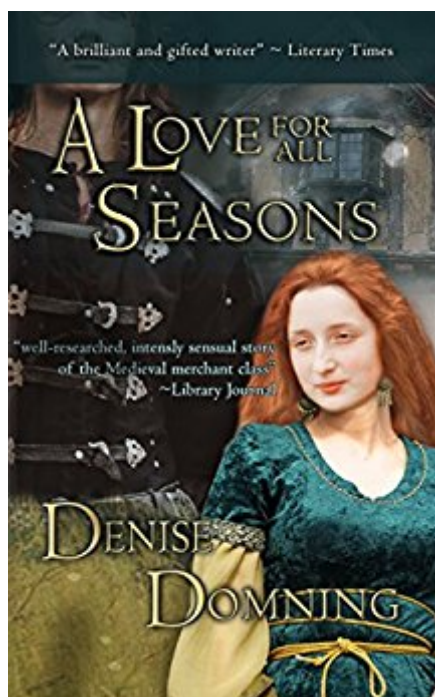


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# A Love For All Seasons (The Seasons Series Book 5)



## Synopsis

The award-winning author of *Winter's Heat* presents the conclusion of the five-part Graistan Chronicles, a historical romance between a medieval apprentice and a young woman promised to another man. Johanna of Stanrudde, wife to Katel the Spice Merchant, hates the man her father forced her to marry almost as much as she hates Robert of Blacklea, the man who stole her heart and her virginity then abandoned her. But as famine walks the land this winter, Johanna discovers her husband's plot to destroy Rob who is newly returned to Stanrudde. After Rob saves her from a mob of the starving can she stand aside and let Katel kill him or find the faith to trust Rob when he vows that he still loves her?

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## Customer Reviews

Overall Rating: 3.75 // Action: 3.5 / Emotion: 4.75 / Romance: 4 / Sensuous: 2 / Intrigue: 4 / Medieval Flavor: 5 / Humor: 3 / Tears: 6 "A Love For All Seasons" is the fifth and final book of Denise Domning's "The Graistan Chronicles." It took the author a while to tie Robert of Blacklea, now known as Robert, the Grossier of Lynn, to the other brothers in this series, but she managed to do so with flair and suspenseful interest. The book could easily be read as a stand-alone book, but

the reader would miss the nuances that pass between the supporting characters Alywna (mother to the wool merchant, Jehan) and Richard, Lord Meynell (Alywna's other son). Although Rob was a merchant, he epitomized the attributes of honor and integrity that were espoused to be characteristics of a medieval knight. It was easy to feel such compassion and sympathy towards Rob as his story was revealed using visits to his past as an intriguing story took place in the present. So easy was it to identify with the pain and angst Rob suffered as a child, that his story drew many tears of compassion. It was more difficult to feel the same compassion towards the heroine, Johanna. Mostly because she has spent the past sixteen years fighting bitterly with the husband she hated, Katel le Espicer. Johanna was the spoiled child of Walter the spice merchant, yet her father forced her to marry a man he despised over a boy he loved. Johanna's character was redeemed because she finally admitted to herself that she had made matters much the worse between herself and Katel because of her selfishness. Domning wove a deeply intriguing tale of how Rob and Johanna overcome the evil machinations of Katel to extract revenge upon the two people he hated most in the world.

A Love for All Seasons is the fifth in Denise Domning's 5 book season series. Unlike books one through four, however, it can stand alone. The other 4 books in the series only tangentially relate to this one. History and Romance are my favorite topics. So I really enjoy Historical Romance! "Historical romances", however, rarely contain much history. The main characters are usually 21st century people in old time houses and clothes. This is particularly true of romances, which take place in the Middle Ages. When I read them, I enjoy the romance and hate the history. Unlike almost all novels set in the Middle Ages, Ms. Domning's characters are true to their time period. They think and act like people living in the time in which they are situated. Real people who lived at the time of her story, who are acting exactly as they did, also appear in her books. This adds to the feeling of reality. I was impressed to see my 25 greats uncle mentioned in one of her books! At the time the story took place, he was well known and powerful. Today only medieval historians (and a few history buff family members) know about him. The plot of each of Ms. Domning's books revolves around a problematic aspect of medieval culture. Being romances, the main characters end up happy and in love. But the aspects of medieval culture she examines probably resulted in many unhappy endings. Other readers' reviews strongly suggest reading this series in order. Although each book can stand alone, I agree with this suggestion. From first to last they are: Winter's Heat, Summer's Storm, Spring's Fury, Autumn's Flame, A Love for All Seasons. This review is about A Love for All Seasons in which Ms.

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