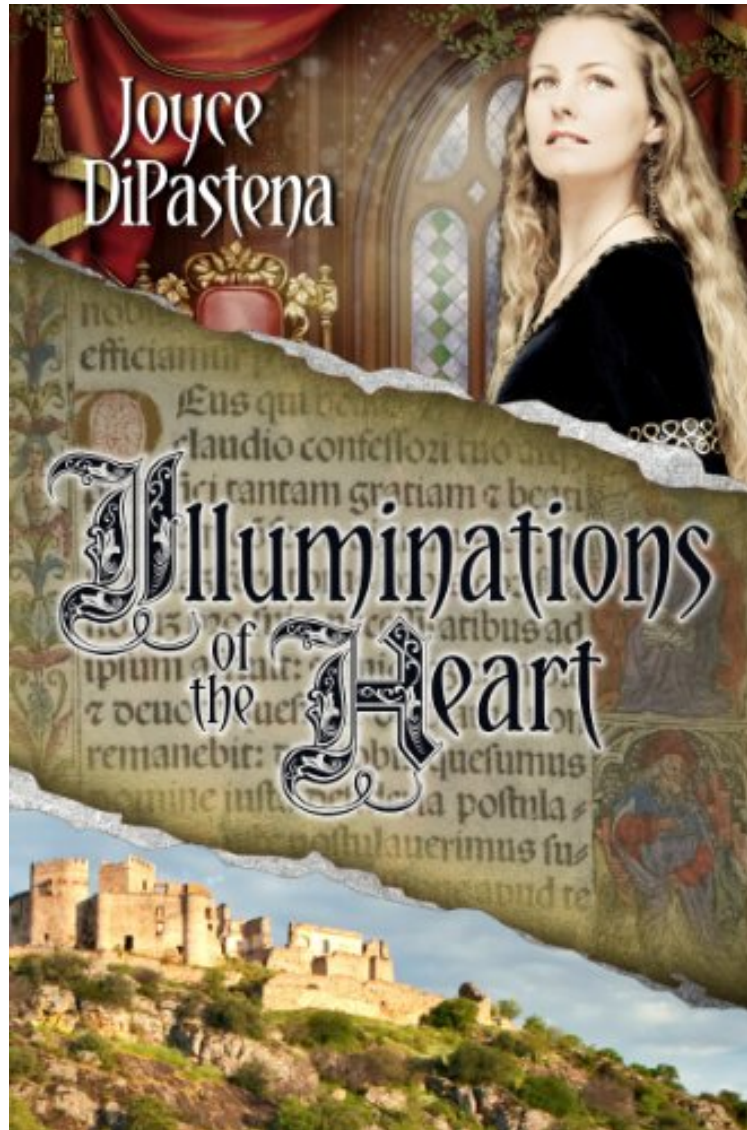


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooAfter the deaths of her husband and brother, Siriol de Calendri is directed by her brother's will to travel to France and live under the guardianship of her brother's friend, Sir Triston de

Brielle. Unfortunately, Siri is nearly identical to Triston's late wife, Clothilde, and to make matters worse, her brother's will requested that Triston find a husband for Siri. Siri wants to put her training in illumination to good use and earn her living in an illuminator's shop, and besides, she has no desire to marry anyone else; she's in love with Triston. But can he get past her resemblance to his first wife and learn to love her for herself? Using some of the characters introduced in *LOYALTY'S WEB*, DiPastena paints a tale of sweet romance in twelfth century France. In the classic romance format, the characters' lives are entwined and twisted together with difficulties at every turn until the reader isn't sure they'll be unraveled in the end. It was my pleasure to be drawn in by *ILLUMINATIONS OF THE HEART* and once I started Siri's journey, I couldn't put it down until I reached the last page . . . and then I still wanted more. While this is an adult title, I believe it's appropriate for teens, as well. Reviewed by: Joan Stradling

Kurzbeschreibung Siri de Calendri was trained in the art of illumination in her brother's workshop in 12th century Venice, but when her brother dies his will sends her to the county of Poitou in France, where she enters the guardianship of her brother's friend, Triston de Brielle. Once settled, she hopes to find employment in an illuminator's shop until Triston unexpectedly snatches her heart away with a kiss. Triston is a man of quiet honor and courage, but the guilt he carries for the death of his wife, Clothilde, has left him numb and hesitant to love again. Worse yet, Siri bears an uncanny resemblance to his lost love. Or does she? Her merry laughter and twinkling eyes are very different from his late wife's shy smiles and quiet ways. Yet when he gazes into Siri's face, all he sees is Clothilde. Siri is determined not to live in another woman's shadow. She has illuminated many a priceless book with pen and paint, but can her own vibrant spirit illuminate the darkness in Triston's soul and make his heart beat for her alone? *Poitevin Hearts, Book 2: Men and women living and loving amidst the political intrigues of medieval Poitou* (a region of France once ruled by the Kings of England.) *Illuminations of the Heart* is a PG-13 rated historical romance. The *Poitevin Hearts* romance series is linked together by recurring characters, but each title is written as a stand-alone novel. They can therefore be read and enjoyed in any order. Additionally, some characters in this series appear in titles not listed as a *Poitevin Hearts* romance. If you wish to read about the characters chronologically, the titles in order would be as follows: *Loyalty's Web* (*Poitevin Hearts, Book 1*) *Illuminations of the Heart* (*Poitevin Hearts, Book 2*) *Loving Lucianna* (*Hearts in Autumn, Book 1*) *Dangerous Favor* (*Poitevin Hearts, Book 3*) *The Lady and the Minstrel*

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ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende Joyce DiPastena dreamed of green medieval forests while growing up in the dusty copper mining town of Kearny, Arizona. She filled her medieval hunger by reading the books of Thomas B. Costain (where she fell in love with King Henry II of England), and later by attending the University of Arizona where she graduated with a degree in history, specializing in the Middle Ages. The university was also where she completed her first full-length novel...set, of course, in medieval England. Later, her fascination with Henry II led her to expand her research horizons to the far reaches of his "Angevin Empire" in France, which became the setting of her first published novel, *Loyalty's Web* (a 2007 Whitney Award Finalist). When she's not writing, Joyce loves to read, play the piano, and spend time with her sister and friends. A highlight of her year is attending the annual Arizona Renaissance Festival . Joyce is a multi-published, multi-award winning author who specializes in sweet medieval romances heavily spiced with mystery and adventure. She lives with her two cats, Clio and Glinka Rimsky-Korsokov, in Mesa, Arizona. Email her at jdipastena@yahoo.com, read more about her books on her website at <http://www.joyce-dipastena.com>, see what she's working on now at <http://jdp-news.blogspot.com>, and follow along as she researches her books at <http://medievalresearch.blogspot.com>.