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LOCAL AUTHOR RELEASES HISTORICAL ROMANCES

He made her his thrall, but she enthralled him, in this historical novella, *Enthralled*, by Isabella Hargreaves.

Brisbane-based historical romance writer Isabella Hargreaves recently released her new publication, *Enthralled*, an historical novella set in 909-910 AD, when half of Anglo-Saxon England was occupied by the Danes.

Enthralled brings two enemies together when an Anglo-Saxon novice nun, Eadlin, is enslaved by a Viking and taken to live in the English Danelaw.

This novella represents another change of historical era for Hargreaves, whose stories have primarily been set in the Regency period of English history. "This story is another action romance in the Divided Isles Series – a group of stories set in eras when division among England's inhabitants was high. So far the series explores the English Civil Wars era and the Danelaw period of the Tenth and Eleventh centuries."

The newly-widowed Lady Eadlin of Mercia yearns for an independent life in control of her own destiny, but King Edward of Wessex has other plans. When he commands her to marry again to forge another political alliance, she flees to a convent in Kent. During a Viking raid, Eadlin is captured and taken to the English Danelaw where she is out of the king's reach, but her life is again controlled by a powerful man.

After one last Viking raid, Jarl Thorolf plans to put down his sword and farm his lands, which he realizes is the only way to achieve long-term peace in England. However, the young, defiant novice whom he enslaves is King Edward's runaway goddaughter and worth a large ransom.

If Eadlin escapes her captor, she risks falling into King Edward's hands. If she stays, she risks falling in love with the enemy. Captivated by Lady Eadlin, Thorolf must decide whether to protect her or return her to King Edward and prevent war with the Anglo-Saxons. Will he choose peace or love?

This is Isabella Hargreaves seventh historical romance. Previous titles are: *The Persuasion of Miss Jane Brody*, *Wanton Widows*, *Forbidden Valentines* (Regency-set); *Charity's Cavalier* (English Civil Wars era); *All Quiet on the Western Plains*, and *Journey's End on the Western Plains* (set in Outback Queensland after World War I). "And there are more eras still to come," says Ms Hargreaves.

The latest statistics from 2014 show that historical romances occupied about one third of romance book sales.

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