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## NEW ARTHURIAN NOVEL GIVES READERS GUINEVERE'S POINT OF VIEW

**ST. LOUIS (January 1, 2016)** – *Once Upon a Time* has been captivating viewers with this storyline since September. In July 2016, Guy Ritchie will bring it to the big screen. Arthurian legend, that is. But those stories are focused on the legendary king and his court. In a year when the U.S. may see its first female President, it's only fair to ask, what about his queen?

Nicole Evelina brings the female perspective to life in her Chaucer Award-nominated debut work of historical fantasy, *Daughter of Destiny*, which tells the story of Guinevere's life before her legendary lover in her own words. But she's not the fading flower of medieval legend. Evelina's Guinevere is a sword-wielding priestess born into the war-torn world late fifth century Britain. Descendent from a Celtic mother born to lead the Votadini tribe and Roman father, she is a woman of her own mind who takes action to shape her destiny.

As a young girl, terrifying visions force Guinevere to Avalon, where she meets Morgan, a woman of questionable parentage who is destined to become her rival. As Guinevere matures to womanhood, she gains the powers of a priestess, and falls in love with a man who will be both her deepest love and her greatest mistake. Just when Guinevere is able to envision a future in Avalon, tragedy forces her back home, into a world she barely recognizes, one in which her pagan faith, outspokenness, and proficiency in the magical and military arts are liabilities. When a chance reunion with her lover leads to disaster, she is cast out of Northgallis and into an uncertain future. As a new High King comes to power, Guinevere must navigate a world of political intrigue where unmarried women are valuable commodities and seemingly innocent actions can have life-altering consequences.

You may think you know the story of Guinevere, but you've never heard it like this. Listen and you will hear the true story of Camelot and its queen. Fans of Arthurian legend and the *Mists of Avalon* will love *Daughter of Destiny*, the first book in the Guinevere's Tale trilogy that gives Guinevere back her voice and traces her life from an uncertain eleven year old girl to a wise queen in her fifth decade of life.

The audio book of *Daughter of Destiny* is narrated by Hollywood actress Serena Scott Thomas, who has appeared in the Oscar-nominated film *Inherent Vice*, the James Bond film *The World is Not Enough*, as well as television series such as *Nip/Tuck*, *Nash Bridges*, *NCIS* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. She will also voice the other two books in the trilogy.

Print and ebook copies of *Daughter of Destiny* may be obtained from Amazon, Barnes and Noble.com, Kobo, iBooks, and Smashwords, among other outlets. The audio book will be available soon from iTunes, Audible and ACX.

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### **About the author**

Nicole Evelina is a St. Louis historical fiction and romantic comedy writer. She is one of only six authors who completed the first week-long writing intensive taught by #1 New York Times bestselling author Deborah Harkness in 2014. Nicole has traveled to England twice to research the Guinevere trilogy, where she consulted with internationally acclaimed author and historian Geoffrey Ashe, as well as Arthurian/Glastonbury expert Jaime George, the man who helped Marion Zimmer Bradley research *The Mists of Avalon*. She can be found online at <http://nicoleevelina.com>.

Nicole will publish three additional books in 2016: *Camelot's Queen* (the second book in the Guinevere's Tale trilogy, out March 23), *Been Searching for You* (a romantic comedy, out May 10) and *Madame Presidentess* (historical fiction about Victoria Woodhull, the first US woman to run for President in 1872, out July 25).

### **Early praise for *Daughter of Destiny***

Short-listed for the 2015 Chaucer Award for Historical Fiction.

"A gripping read that brings a wonderfully depicted Guinevere tumbling out of the shadows of myth." - Anna Belfrage, author of *The Graham Saga*

"Nicole Evelina shows a deep and passionate love for the Arthurian world, and her re-weaving of the story of Guinevere and Arthur makes for enjoyable reading. With more volumes to come, if you like stories of Camelot, ancient priesthoods, magical Avalonian dreams and embattled romance, this is for you." - John Matthews, author of *'Arthur of Albion'* and *'The Camelot Oracle'*

"Colorful and exciting...love all the characters. You will have a ball with this book." - Serena Scott Thomas, actress and audio book narrator

### **Book Facts**

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