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Chivalrous – Valiant Hearts Book Two

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Into this world of endless possibilities, our lives begin. When we challenge ourselves to seek out what can certainly be amazing, we avoid the frustration of living up to someone's expectations of who we should be. Having our dreams take flight invites a good measure of hope that life is indeed meant to have purpose and meaning. In this book, a young woman, Lady Gwendolyn Barnes, determines in her heart to find more meaning out of a proper and prim lifestyle she is expected to live as a noble maiden.

She has grown up in a castle, set in England, with several brothers who take pride in their skills as brave Knights who defend the family's Kingdom. Gwen, the only sister, prefers armor over alluring ball gowns. Jousting over the judgements of a father who insists she act like a regal lady, living in the lap of luxury. At a jousting tournament for Knights, she secretly joins in and comes face to face with her own Knight in shining armor. Sir Allen of Ellsworth admires the free-spirited Gwendolyn and throughout the book, trials and tribulations try to keep them apart. In the end, both of their courageous hearts refuse to settle for outdated traditions and this chivalrous Knight chooses to be with the lovely, mindful maiden.

In reviewing this book, the word chivalrous describes this Knight's tale where valiant men display gracious courtesy and respect toward noble maidens. This story is adventuresome where the fact remains that true love can do all things but fail. I admire the authors encouragement toward young women to be confident and go after their dreams. I enjoyed this book and its message to believe in all we can be.