

Date: Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Reviewer Name: Carol Hubler

# Dauntless – Valiant Hearts Book One

**AUTHOR: DINA L. SLEIMAN**

---

At least once in a young person's life, they may consider themselves as simply ordinary. This is a humble thought that can lead to an opportunity in making a positive difference when up against a difficult situation. This story, set in the mid 1200's, in Wyndeshire England, is about a young woman named Merry Ellison. She finds herself stripped of nobility after a rebellion destroys Her family. She is left feeling ordinary and without much hope. There are many Children who are left orphans and searching for the security of home. Merry decides she will become their caregiver and lead them with confidence and courage. During this extraordinary labor of love, a young man who was Merry's childhood sweetheart, discovers she is in danger. He has her kidnapped and locked in a high castle tower to keep her safe. This couple encounter many unexpected difficulties and are amazed at the miracles unleashed to help them escape evil forces that threaten to destroy the love they have for the children and each other.

As in the legend of Robin Hood of the Sherwood Forest, Dauntless is a story where the author switches a traditional male character with that of a female. As in this legend where kings rule and the poor are mistreated, this adventurous story centers around the admirable virtues of protecting and providing for the oppressed. The author conveys that evil will not prevail and love wins. This book is written about an awakening to love and romance and is particularly encouraging to teen age girls to believe in their dreams. This book is highly recommended to check out.