

OUT OF THE DARK
JoAnn Smith Ainsworth

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SETTING: 1120 A.D. Britain

In Ainsworth's suspenseful and entertaining tale, there are a number of well fleshed-out and intriguing characters, including the ghost of the heroine's grandmother. The story moves quickly and is exciting without a lot of blood and guts.

SUMMARY: As a result of a childhood illness, Lady Lynnet lives in a world of shadows. In the corridors of King Henry's castle, she overhears evildoers plotting murder and chaos.

Basil Ipswich, the sheriff of London, discovers her hiding from them. Though her parents try to convince everyone that Lynnet did not hear what she believes she did, Basil investigates and soon discovers Lynnet was not mistaken. The evildoers know about her and will attempt to remove her. As Basil's attraction to Lynnet grows, so does the danger from bad guys who are very familiar to him.

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