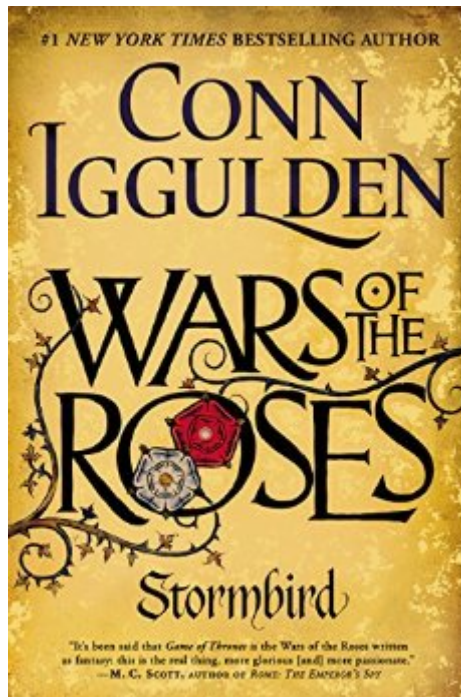


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# Wars Of The Roses: Stormbird



## Synopsis

“Capturing the violence and romance of medieval life, Iggulden makes real those grand characters who live in the collective memory. A page-turner sure to have readers eager for the next in the

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The first book in #1 New York Times bestselling author Conn Iggulden’s brilliant new historical series about two families who plunged England into a devastating, decades-long civil war. In 1437, the Lancaster king Henry VI ascends the throne of England after years of semi-peaceful regency. Named “The Lamb,” Henry is famed more for his gentle and pious nature than his father’s famous battlefield exploits; already, his dependence on his closest men has stirred whispers of weakness at court. A secret truce negotiated with France to trade British territories for a royal bride—Margaret of Anjou—sparks revolts across English territory. The rival royal line, the House of York, sees the chaos brought on by Henry’s weakness and with it not only opportunity in the monarch, but also their patriotic duty in ousting an ineffectual king. As storm clouds gather over England, King Henry and his supporters find themselves besieged abroad and at home. Who or what can save the kingdom before it is too late?

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There seems to be a slew of books appearing in 2014 about the Wars of the Roses and why not with all the ingredients laid out by history for an imaginative mind to compose an impressive array that brings the 15th-century English and French events and names alive for their eager audience. Who doesn't want to read about the pious mentally inept king, a she-wolf from France, the devious dukes, an epic battle for a crown and an author's interpretation of the princes in the tower? I know every time I see a new book about the Wars of the Roses I hear my name called and enthusiastically await the release date. It's like a firework show, you wait with anticipation and then the show starts. Even though you have attended dozens of firework shows and know what to expect you have to see one more to see if more can be added. Stormbird (Wars of the Roses #1) became that one more show I had to see. After reading multiple reviews and watching the book trailer this was the book I just had to read and sadly I think I was expecting more than what was presented. There is no doubt Stormbird (Wars of the Roses #1) is entertaining but it seems to be more suited for those readers who desire non-stop action and precious else. Although the battle scenes, the details about the importance of English longbows, superstitions, the depictions of archaic medical techniques and effects were entertaining at first and overall fascinating there just seemed to be a lack of characterization. I was hoping for a little more in terms of multifaceted characters and for the names from history to come alive. The beginning of the novel had promise and contained exactly what I wanted to see but then veered and tilted down a long succession of action scenes that just didn't stop and the names, dates and places began to blur for me.

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