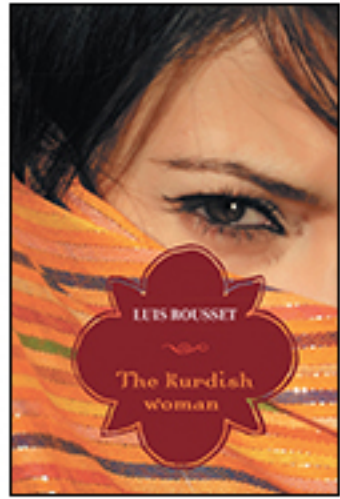


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The Kurdish Woman

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"Whenever he ventured a side glance at the girl, he was always met with a smile and a firm regard from those amber-colored eyes."

When John Davenport, an American Army Special Forces officer, meets Arya Sintesi, an agent in Turkey's secret service and the daughter of a Turkish politician, sparks fly. Unfortunately, Arya is engaged to a prominent diplomat, and her culture deems switching horses in midstream, so to speak, as a serious social faux pas that would destroy her parents' lives. Davenport continues his military career fighting terrorism across the globe, unaware until a chance meeting brings the couple together again briefly that Arya gave birth to their daughter. She also agreed with her new husband never to reveal the biological father's true identity. Arya's career in Turkish intelligence continues until she's captured on what should have been a simple covert operation in Syria. John has been determined since meeting Arya to move heaven and earth to reclaim his place in her heart. How he surmounts the many obstacles on this personal mission is the defining essence of this military intelligence thriller.

Rousset expertly spins a well-developed, well-researched, and deliciously detailed story. The characters are well-rounded, if a bit perfect, but their dilemma will pull readers' heartstrings and keep pages turning. The familiar storyline of star-crossed lovers is made fresh and vivid, and the Middle Eastern settings, military intrigue, and almost non-stop action will capture the interest of an international readership. While the English translation is quite competent, the prose feels a bit formal at times. However, this feature fits well with the military and cultural formalities found within the plot. Fans of fast-paced international intrigue with a romantic twist will agree that this story delivers what it promises. Rousset's storytelling is on par with some of the big names in the military romance genre.

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