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All's faire in love and war for two sworn enemies who indulge in a harmless flirtation in a laugh-out-loud rom-com from debut author, Jen DeLuca.

## Well Met Meaning

Emily knew there would be strings attached when she relocated to the small town of Willow Creek, Maryland, for the summer to help her sister recover from an accident, but who could anticipate getting roped into volunteering for the local Renaissance Faire alongside her teenaged niece? Or that the irritating and inscrutable schoolteacher in charge of the volunteers would be so annoying that she finds it impossible to stop thinking about him?

## Well Met Jen DeLuca Epub

The faire is Simon's family legacy and from the start he makes clear he doesn't have time for Emily's lighthearted approach to life, her oddball Shakespeare conspiracy theories, or her endless suggestions for new acts to shake things up. Yet on the faire grounds he becomes a different person, flirting freely with Emily when she's in her revealing wench's costume. But is this attraction real, or just part of the characters they're portraying?

## Well Met Goodreads

This summer was only ever supposed to be a pit stop on the way to somewhere else for Emily, but soon she can't seem to shake the fantasy of establishing something more with Simon, or a permanent home of her own in Willow Creek.

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½ Emily - 24, travels across the country, to a very small town, after a breakup to help out her sister and niece while her sister recovers from an accident. Her niece, Caitlin, very much wants to be a part of the renaissance fair this year, but she needs a parental guardian to volunteer as well! Emily soon turns into Emma, the tavern wench.

½ Simon - 27, a high school English teacher, and very protective of his town's renaissance fair, that he helps run every year, while he also becomes Ian Blackthorn, the hottest pirate ever.

•Emma the Tavern Wench was turned on by Captain Blackthorn, Pirate. This could be a problem.

I mean, you all know where this is going. But the ride? One of the best I've been on for all of 2019. I fell so in love with both of these characters and everything they were going through, while also wishing that Willow Creek, Maryland, was a real town, because I fell in love with the entire community, on and off the fairgrounds.

I loved the themes of family and community throughout this story too. The unconditional love between Emily and her sister and niece was the stuff of dreams, and it was a treat to read. The angst between Emily and Simon was the stuff of magic.

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“Let us love you, and remind you that you’re worth it until you figure out what you’re going to do next.”

Overall, I just adored this one. From the romance, to the witty banter, to the sex, to the small-town setting, to the unconditional love of family, it was just everything. I couldn’t stop smiling while reading this one. This is such a unique gift to the romcom world, and I hope you all pick it up and fall in love with it soon.

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The quotes above were taken from an ARC and are subject to change upon publication.

Content and Trigger Warnings: talk of loss of a loved one (non-hodgkin's lymphoma), grief deception, depression depiction, and abandonment.

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## Well Met Vk

This was SO DAMN CHARMING. Pretty sure I was grinning like a fool the entire time because I just loved it so much. MY HEART!

2 Stars

I picked this for my August Book of the Month box selection. I was fresh off *The Reckless Oath We Made* and was in "Renaissance mode," I guess. And while this book is usually not something I go for - I don't typically read light, mainstream contemporary romance (nothing against it, just not really my typical fare) - this book sounded really cute and I was very drawn to it and excited for it to arrive. Plus, it had a really cute cover in what is pretty much my favorite color. So there's that. 2 Stars

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Unfortunately, however, despite knowing this would be light and fun...it ended up being just a little too light for me. I felt like I never really got to know any of the characters beyond the surface level and the main romantic relationship was without any romantic tension or chemistry.

I enjoyed the writing style, but as I said, it all felt very surface level. I never felt like anything - the characters, and their problems, motivations, and relationships - were never fully fleshed out to my satisfaction. And there was a lot of fodder to make it happen. So many missed opportunities.

That said, this was a light, sweet read from which will appeal to many readers. It just didn't work for me. ...more



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Consider me properly wooed by this book! This was the perfect summer romance.

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I loved the premise of this book so much. Emily and Simon clearly detested each other. But their faire characters fell into somewhat of a "showmance". And the banter was 10/10. I really loved the two sides of Simon. During the week he was a buttoned up English teacher but on the weekend, he let loose and became a devilish pirate with a wicked tongue \*wink\*

I also really liked Emily as a protagonist. Because of her previous breakup, she was dealing with insecurities of not being enough. She was somewhat lost at the start of the book and I loved seeing her move out of her comfort zone and embrace a new start.

I am definitely adding whatever Jen DeLuca writes next to my tbr! ...more

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"I'd held hands with my share of guys over the years; this certainly wasn't a new experience. But this was the first time I'd felt this: a sense of peace. Of protectiveness. The sense that this was the guy, and he was going to take care of me..."

I am keeping it short and sweet with this review, because you cannot miss from reading this novel. I am keeping my eye out that hopefully we can get a book for Mitch? Seriously, I need his kilt to be taken off by my teeth if I am being honest. Jen DeLuca, you better give us more Mitch action. Because I seriously want him like right now. But overall, this story is heart melting. Make sure to check it out, because you don't want to miss out on it.

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## Well Met By Moonlight

4.5 stars.

Huzzah, Jen DeLuca! Huzzah indeed!!

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Taking care of all of her sister and niece's needs makes Emily feel like she has a purpose again. Since her sister is so much older, they're finally getting the chance to build a relationship. And when Caitlin wants to work at the town's renaissance faire for the summer, Emily has to accompany her, but she doesn't mind. She gets to play a serving wench at the faire's tavern and she finds herself enjoying all of it.

All of it except Simon. During the year he's an English teacher, but he also runs the faire, which was his older brother's legacy. He doesn't tolerate any suggestions for changes and he certainly isn't interested in Emily's ideas or even her jokes. In fact, it seems like he just wants Emily to leave as quickly as possible.

But when the faire officially begins, something inexplicable happens. Why does Simon's pirate character take such delight in flirting with Emily's wench? It only seems to happen when they're in character. Is all of this just for show, or is there something else happening here?

As Emily struggles with her feelings for Simon, and tries to figure out her future in Willow Creek, she'll realize that living in a small town and having everyone know her business might not be as bad as she thought. But more than that, she'll discover that sometimes loving somebody means giving them the space to figure out their own problems and solutions, no matter how much you want to help.

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I loved this book. Sure, it was predictable, but the fact is, it was fun, charming, romantic, sexy, and emotional, too. DeLuca captured the setting and tone of a renaissance faire so perfectly I felt like I was right there in the woods alongside everyone. Beyond that, reading *Well Met* made me crave one of those giant turkey legs, too!!

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Check out my list of the best books I read in 2018 at <https://itseithersadnessoreuphoria.blogspot.com/2019/01/the-best-books-i-read-in-2018.html>.

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Cute, sweet, and fun! • • • • •

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Simon has an alter ego when he's on the faire grounds. He begins to flirt with Emily more and let his guard down.

And now Emily's thinking of staying in Maryland for good.

Aww, *Well Met* is so cute and tons of fun with some edge, too. Emily is written well, and she feels like she could easily be a friend of mine. Simon and Emily have a natural chemistry, and it was fun watching their feelings develop.

Overall, *Well Met* is an adorable and endearing romance you can't miss this fall!

I received a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.

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## Well Method

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Emily was such an amazing character, she had such a generous heart and a beautiful spirit. The chemistry between Emily and Simon was undeniable and the banter was divine. The renaissance Fair offered the perfect backdrop to the story. This really actually surprised me I am not a big Renaissance fair person, never been to one, never want to go to one, but I was completely intrigued with the goings-on at the fair. I think it really showcased the sense of community in this small town in Maryland, and added a little extra sparkle to the story. All the secondary characters were delightful! Mitch, stacey, and April in particular. Loved how supportive and kind these characters were. This was just a feel good story that still has me smiling a week later!

This book in three emojis: 🍷 • 🍷 • 🍷

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I actually had much more fun with the Renaissance Faire theme than I expected prior to reading. That's not really a time period I'm all that drawn to normally, but it was interesting reading the ins and outs of putting an event like this together. I did like Emily even though she might not be the most original character ever given the whole "recently lost boyfriend, moved to a new town, and feeling lost in life" isn't exactly uncommon in romances. I thought Simon and Emily had good chemistry together which to me is the number one thing I need in order to like a book in the romance genre. Overall, this was a cute story with a few touching moments and I definitely recommend it if you are a fan of the genre.

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## Well Met Traveler

Giveaway win!

Reading Rush: Read a book with purple on the cover

4.5 Stars

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And I think we all know what happens next.....

I loved this book. It was a fun and breezy read. The only thing I would do to improve this book would be to make it a dual prospective. I really really wanted to see the story through Simon's eyes as well. That would have made this a 5 star read.

Well Met is sexy and sweet and I want everyone to read this book! ...more

Emily is used to putting other people's needs before her own. She dropped out of college to do two jobs and put her boyfriend through his expensive law school. He was supposed to help her after the graduation, but as soon as he got his new and shiny degree, he decided to break up with her and cancelled their flat lease. As Emily was desperately trying to sort her life out, her older sister April had a car accident and, of course, Emily is only happy to stay in Willow Creek and help out for a few months, until April is able to drive and work again. Emily's niece Caitlin would love to participate in the local Renaissance Faire, an accompanying adult/ volunteer is needed...and this is how Emily takes on the role of a tavern wench for six weeks. She quickly discovers that despite being hard work, this is something that makes her feel competent and appreciated, as well as a part of this friendly little community. She also discovers that the sulky and uptight organiser Simon Graham is very different, once he dons a pirate costume. His character Captain Ian Blackthorne rather likes the tavern wench Emma (Emily's character) to the point of agreeing to undergo a beautifully romantic ceremony of binding, a kind of temporary betrothal for a year and a day after which the couple may decide to part and go their separate ways or...declare a different kind of intentions.

The book was so much fun. Emily is friendly, hard-working and helpful. She might be at the crossroads with her own future, but rest assured she will work it out. A lovely character, very easy to relate to and root for. Simon..well...If his character of a pirate doesn't do it for you, how about a quiet, responsible, and loyal teacher of English who is willing to woo his girl, and most importantly knows that she deserves

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to be the most important thing in his life, even if he has to let go of his past and make a lot of changes. The secondary characters are also kind and positive.

I loved the special atmosphere of a small town, where people not only would make casseroles for a neighbour in need, but would also go out of their way to change the schedule of their book club to give you an opportunity to join. If you want to...And if you don't, they won't hold it against you.

The book is charming in the best possible way. The pace is just right- the romance is neither too hurried, nor too slow to develop. It takes time to become a part of a community, but the feeling of belonging is worth it, that's why Emily's story is so great.

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