



# THE KING'S NIGHTINGALE

by Sherryl Jordan

An epic fantasy set in a land of sultans and kings, sumptuous palaces ... and slave markets.

When Elowen and her brother are seized by pirates and sold, separately, in the slave market of a distant land, Elowen's enduring resolve is to escape, rescue her brother and return home.

Sold to a desert ruler who admires her sublime voice, Elowen is given the title of the King's Nightingale. Honoured by the king, and loved by his scribe, Elowen lives a life of luxury, until she makes a fateful mistake and finds herself sold to a less charitable master.

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- A compelling story with themes about oppression, racism, gender equality ... love and loyalty.
- Jordan's descriptive writing is superb – evoking the sights, smells and sounds of the bazaars and palace life of a distant time.
- Readers will admire the strong female protagonist.
- By the author of much-acclaimed titles such as *Winter of Fire*, *The Raging Quiet* and *Tanith*.

**Sherryl Jordan**, multi-award winning author, was born in Hawera and currently lives in Tauranga.

Sherryl was a successful illustrator before she ever published a word. Once embarking on her true love, writing, she had written 36 picture books and 12 novels before her first, *Rocco*, was selected for publication by Scholastic. Then followed *The Juniper Game* and *Winter of Fire* and her much-loved, funny middle-grade series about Denzil, a hapless young medieval wizard.

Many of Sherryl's books have been translated into other languages.

## Praise for Sherryl Jordan's *Winter of Fire*

"... the stalwart heroine's visionary struggles are nothing short of inspiring. With a spare and effective style, Jordan brings Elsha's chilly world into sharp focus..." — *Publishers Weekly*

"20 years after having first read it as a young adult, it's still one of my favorite books of all time. My strong sense of female empowerment I firmly believe is rooted in this book." — *Kathleen*

"This book has shaped my life since I was a teen. I read it often and own 3 copies – my dearest possessions." — *Joy*

## Accolades awarded to Sherryl Jordan for *Winter of Fire*:

- 2001** The Children's Literature Foundation of New Zealand's Margaret Mahy Medal and Lecture Award
- 1994** Short-listed in the New Zealand AIM Book Of the Year Awards.
- 1994** American Library Association's Best Book for Young Adults and Recommended Book for the Reluctant Young Adult Reader
- 1994** Best Children's Book of the Year by Bank Street College of Education, USA.
- 1993** American Bookseller magazine's 'Pick of the List'



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