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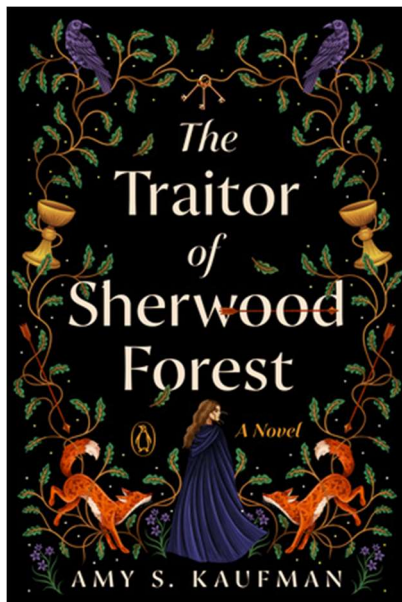
"[A] fascinating retelling of the tale of Robin Hood..." — *Booklist*

THE TRAITOR OF SHERWOOD FOREST

A NOVEL

BY AMY S. KAUFMAN

★ "The right amount of historical background and subtle inclusion of period-appropriate combat combine to make this action-adventure story a unique exploration of human relationship and growth." — *Library Journal* (Starred Review)



What if everything we believed about Robin Hood was a beautiful lie? In **THE TRAITOR OF SHERWOOD FOREST** (Penguin Books; On Sale: 4/29/25), medieval scholar **Amy Kaufman** delivers an immersive, heart-pounding historical reimagining of the Robin Hood ballads, told through the piercing eyes of one of his peasant-turned-spies. Revealing the dark truth behind the outlaw's legacy, Kaufman reminds us that we must be careful with whom we idolize. A medievalist with a Ph.D. and deep knowledge of the original ballads, Kaufman brings unmatched expertise to this retelling and is the perfect writer to shine light on the man beneath the infamous hood. Fans of Ken Follett's rich, immersive writing will be

drawn to her vivid knowledge of the period. Exposing us to voices rarely centered, Kaufman deftly weaves conversations about class, gender, the romanticization of war, and the dangerous allure of extremism into a deeply atmospheric, racing novel. With its compelling heroine, sultry anti-hero, and thrilling twists, this book is perfect for fans of mythological retellings, feminist histories, and dark historical novels.

Jane Crowe is an ordinary peasant girl who never dreamed she would work for the infamous Lord of the Greenwood. But when she's forced out of her home, she has no choice but to turn to Robin Hood for help—and he makes her an irresistible offer. He needs a pair of eyes in the King's Houses, and quiet, unassuming Jane—who has spent her whole life going unnoticed—will be the perfect spy.

At first, Jane’s work for Robin seems straightforward. She whispers to him about the nobles at King’s Houses and all their secrets, including the new Sheriff of Nottingham, who would like nothing more than to see Robin Hood’s head on a spike. But the more Jane is drawn into Robin’s world, the more she’s drawn to Robin himself—a man as charismatic as he is cunning, capable of plucking at her heart as easily as he notches an arrow. As Robin’s tricks grow increasingly dangerous, and shockingly violent, Jane starts to suspect that her hero cares more about his own legacy than helping the common people—and that despite his declarations of affection, he sees her as just another object to be stolen.

When Robin’s schemes implicate Jane in a brutal murder, she must decide: is she a prize to be won, a pawn to be used and discarded—or is she an equal player in the game between nobles and thieves?



About the Author: Amy S. Kaufman is the author of *The Traitor of Sherwood Forest*, a Robin Hood retelling based on the medieval ballads, forthcoming from Penguin Books in 2025. Amy holds a PhD in medieval literature and has written about the Middle Ages for both academic journals and popular websites, including *The Washington Post*. She is co-author of *The Devil’s Historians: How Modern Extremists Abuse the Medieval Past* (University of Toronto Press, 2020).

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