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Call it fate, call it intuition, or just call it common sense, but somehow young Alanna knows she isn't meant to become some proper lady cloistered in a convent. Instead, she wants to be a great warrior maiden--a female knight. But in the land of Tortall, women aren't allowed to train as warriors. So Alanna finds a way to switch places with her twin, Thom, and take his place as a knight in training at the palace of King Roald. Disguising herself as a boy, Alanna begins her training as a page in the royal court. Soon, she is garnering the admiration of all around her, including the crown prince, with her strong work ethic and her thirst for knowledge. But all the while, she is haunted by the recurring vision of a black stone city that emanates evil... somehow she knows it is her fate to purge that place of its wickedness. But how will she find it? And can she fulfill her destiny while keeping her gender a secret?

With *Alanna: The First Adventure*, veteran fantasy author Tamora Pierce has created a lively, engaging heroine who will charm middle-school readers with her tomboyish bravado and have them eagerly searching for the next book in the Song of the Lioness series. Like Brian Jacques's tales of Redwall, this popular quartet is an entertaining fantasy series for younger teens. (Ages 10 to 13) --*Jennifer Hubert*

Review

"A lively, fascinating tale."--*Booklist*

From the Publisher

"Alanna's fans will be pleased to see their heroine triumphant in all ways that matter."

-- **School Library Journal**

"Full of slam-bang action...young readers will rejoice."

-- **Kirkus Reviews**

"It has the appeals of good winning over evil, and of the resilient courage of a believably heroic female protagonist."

-- **Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books**

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