

Legends about King Arthur and Knights of the Round Table

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Speaking about history of Britain and it's kings the first person which comes to the majority's minds is Arthur. He was the legendary leader of Britons who defeated the Saxon invaders. Memories about him are still alive in lots of legends and novels, his achievements are remembered even now. Today I'm going to tell you about his life and feats.



There are lots of legends about king Arthur and every of them is different, but one story is met more often than others. It is a fairytale about betrayal and nobility, honor and treason, love and war.



The king Uther Pendragon fell in love with a beautiful woman. But Igraine was married a knight Gorlua. Uther was sorrowful because of his hopeless love, but his friend, an old wizard Merlin, helped him. He turned the king into Gorlua and Uther spent a night with the gorgeous lady agreeing that after the magus will raise a child who will be born after their relation.



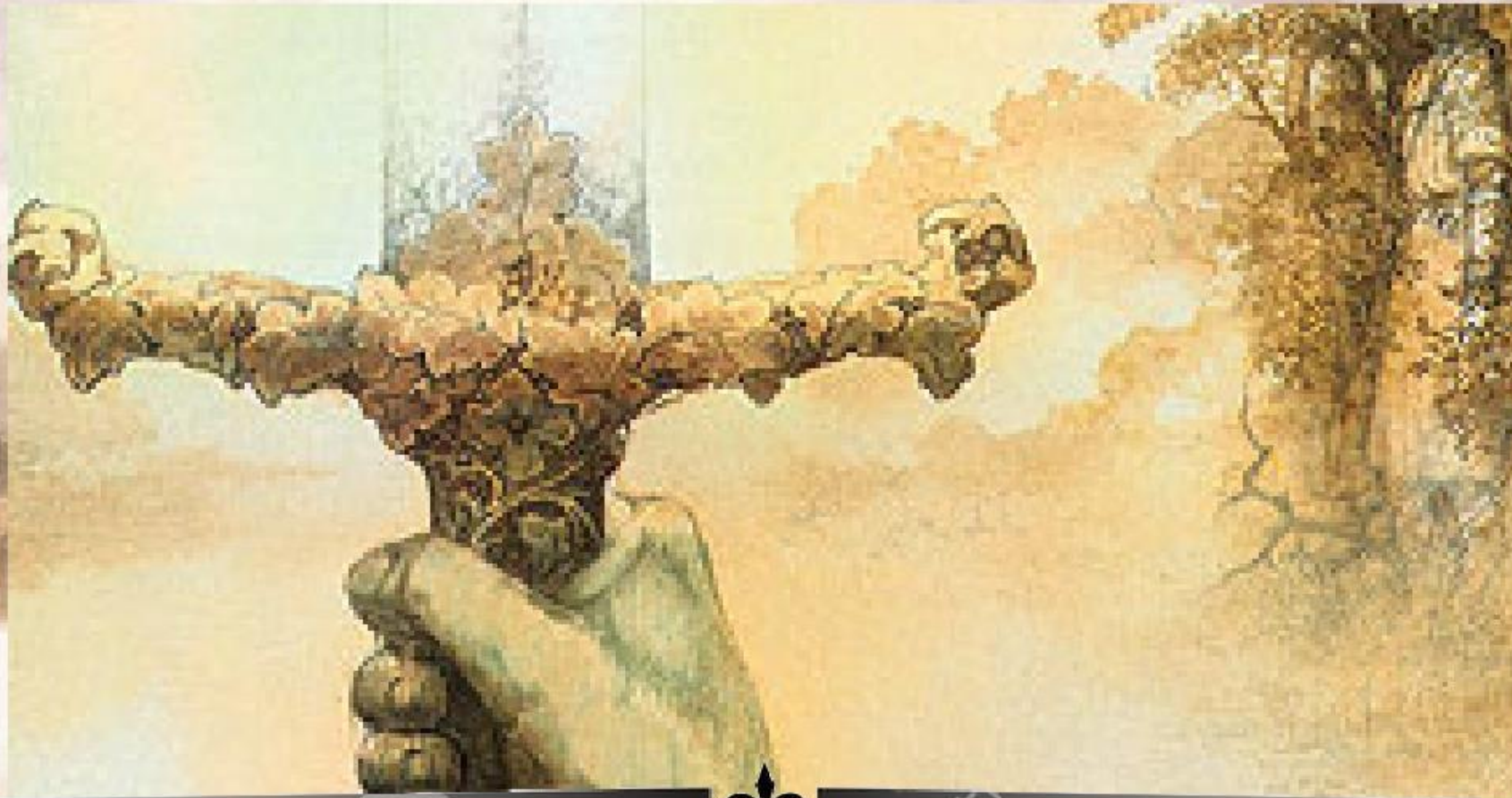
Merlin gifted Arthur strength and braveness by power of magic and after he let an old knight, sir Ector, to raise the boy. After a couple of years Uther was poisoned, and the country was sinking in anarchy and civil strife.



Twenty years later Merlin showed a sword which was stuck into a big rock to young Arthur. "This sword can be taken only by the real king of all the English land", - the wizard said and let Arthur to try to pull it out. The boy didn't know he was the Uther's son and he didn't expect he'd do it. But he did, and Merlin told him about who he was. Though not everything was going well in the future of the young king.



Arthur made Camelot to be the capital and got the best knights from all over the world. For them to feel equal, he used the round table Merlin presented to the king. It's said that there were about one hundred and fifty brave warriors around this table. The most famous of them are Gawain, Lancelot, Percival and Gareth Beumains.



After the sword from the rock was broken down during a fight, Merlin presented a new weapon to Arthur. It was a sword made by the lake's elves and given to the young king by Nimue, the lady of the lake. It was supposed to be used only for good deeds and brought back when the right time comes. This sword was called Excalibur and it was the strongest weapon ever.



The king married a beautiful woman. Her name has different variations, from Guinevere to Kvennuvar, but the idea is that it meant "White Fairy". Though her name didn't save her from becoming the most unfaithful wife in novels. Once she was kidnapped, but saved by the knight Lancelot with whom she had an affair. That was an outbreak of a war.



Arthur heard about Mordred's deeds and came back to the Camelot. His army and knights of his son met on a field and the great fight started. Traitor Mordred was killed by Arthur's spear, but he also mortally wounded his father.



The dying king asked one of his knights to bring Excalibur back in the lake he got it from. Arthur himself was brought to the Avalon on a boat by fairies and his younger sister Morgana.



But it's believed that king Arthur will raise again and save Britain when it needs him.

