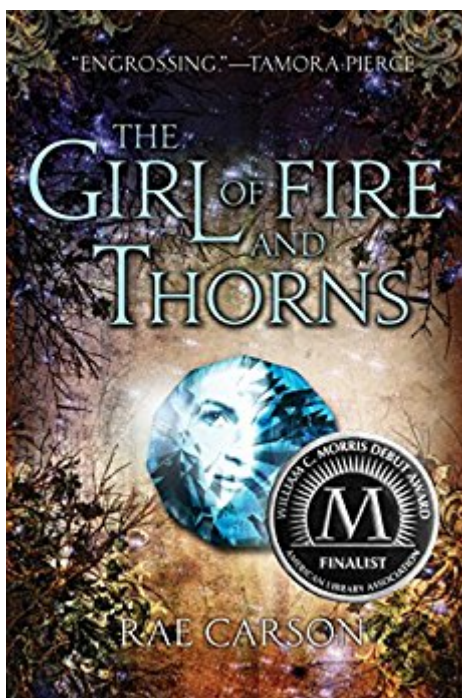


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The Girl Of Fire And Thorns



Synopsis

The first book of the New York Times best-selling trilogy, which Divergent author Veronica Roth called, "Intense, unique... Definitely recommended." Once a century, one person is chosen for greatness. Elisa is the chosen one. But she is also the younger of two princesses. The one who has never done anything remarkable, and can't see how she ever will. Now, on her sixteenth birthday, she has become the secret wife of a handsome and worldly king--a king whose country is in turmoil. A king who needs her to be the chosen one, not a failure of a princess. And he's not the only one who seeks her. Savage enemies, seething with dark magic, are hunting her. A daring, determined revolutionary thinks she could be his people's savior, and he looks at her in a way that no man has ever looked at her before. Soon it is not just her life, but her very heart that is at stake. Elisa could be everything to those who need her most. If the prophecy is fulfilled. If she finds the power deep within herself. If she doesn't die young. Most of the chosen do.

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Customer Reviews

4.5 Stars THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS was absolutely brilliant! Thrilling and heart-pounding until the very end! Rae Carson is an astonishing writer, that painted a world with creativity and magic unlike any I've ever explored. She blew the pages alive with her fierce characters and deadly world!! It truly was a brilliant YA Fantasy that stole my breath away with its pure awesomeness!!! First, the characters were ALL so awesome and easy to like. I had my doubts though about the main character Elisa, as all she ever talked about was eating, and lacked the full desire to do anything besides indulge herself. BUT, that quickly changed as Elisa is taken from her safe and secure environment and placed into a different world all together with danger lurking around every corner, and then she quickly took on her role she was destined for. And then I was able to sit back and root for her the entire way. And the love interest and side characters were just as amazing and entertaining as Elisa was!! This book balanced its self nicely, with not too much of one thing, and kept the atmosphere changing, and plot thickening, and I LOVED that!! We were always moving and changing our course in this novel, exploring new lands and territories with danger never far!! To say that THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS kept me on my toes would be an understatement. THE PLOT War is on the horizons, and bloodshed and death is inevitable... The Kingdom of Joya d'Arena is struggling to win a war that their destiny to lose without allying with another kingdom. So King Alejandro of Joya d'Arena and Princess Elisa of Orovalle will marry to untie their Kingdoms, and thus submit their troops to the ongoing war that Joya d'Arena will lose without their aid. But the war is just the beginning as now someone very special has come into play. But when her true identity is revealed, it will become the enemy's new target, and the ultimate prize that they will stop at nothing to claim... Once a century, one person is chosen for greatness. Elisa is the chosen one, she will fulfill such greatness, and save her people... Elisa is the youngest Princess of the small kingdom of Orovalle, second heir to the Orovalle throne, and cares more about pastries than becoming a Queen or participating in any formal royal event. But what makes her special is not that she is a Princess, but that she is the bearer of the Godstone. A rare and precious stone that was placed in her navel at on seven-days-old by gods heavenly light. And as being the chosen one to bare gods precious stone, it means that she must serve her god and fulfill his will, even if his will ends in her death... Without a choice, Elisa reluctantly marries her king and travels to her new kingdom of Joya d'Arena. But marrying only for an alliance also means that it will be kept secret, and Elisa will become second to her new husband Alejandro's mistress. Feeling alone and more unwanted than she's ever felt, Elisa feels it couldn't possibly get any worse than it already has. But all that changes when she is kidnapped by the desert people, desperate for her help, no, desperate for the bearer's help. But as a once terrified Elisa is opened up to a whole new world, she realizes

that she is more needed out here with the desert people than she ever was in any kingdom she resided in. But what is more distributing to Elisa is that she has been lied too, for years. Her family has kept secrets from her, and these people are the first ones to give her answers -- real answers. Guidance towards her act of service for her god, something she is destined to complete. She can't pass that up for it is gods will, and her path to walk upon, no matter the sacrifice...As Elisa takes on her new role with the desert people, she ventures into enemy territory in hopes of bringing down the enemy terrorizing her people, but when the truth is revealed that Elisa is the bearer of the Godstone, she becomes in danger in more ways than one. Everyone wanting to kill her, claim her, or cut the stone from her body. Either way, Elisa might not make it out of this journey alive, as most of the bearers who ever lived died young, and died before completing their act of service...Elisa will learn many things on this journey, and may even find true love, not a cover up marriage like her and the king share. But what Elisa finds on this journey that is most important, is that she is capable of great things -- and that she has more strength and power within than she ever thought possible. And she will fight for her people, even if she has to die for them...I absolutely, positively, undoubtedly, LOVED THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS so FREAKING MUCH!!! It was wonderful and truly heartwarming, and filled with heart-pounding action, adventure, love, sacrifice and death!!! It was beautiful!!! Though I must admit it did have its faults, and some annoying little parts, but what good book doesn't?? It would have been unrealistic if it was all perfect with no qualms at all!! But all the little issues I had were easy to look around, and after a while they didn't even bother me anymore!!Overall, THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS was a wonderful surprise that I absolutely loved! It stole my breath away and had me craving the next book. It was such a magical world, twisted with pain and heartache that kept the twist and turns coming! If you're looking for a YA fantasy novel that will sweep you off your feet and have you drowning in pure awesomeness, then THE GIRL OF FIRE AND THORNS is definitely for you!!!

Unexpected, moving, and intriguing! The Girl of Fire and Thorns, quickly drew me into its tale and held fast my attention to the end! Even when I had to put the novel down there was a sense of urgency to return to its pages. Elisa's transformative journey was well done; and not just the physical one but also the one in her soul. Her heart, thoughts, will, courage and confidence blossoming were a delight to see. I loved the thread of truth woven throughout the story, however there were parts I did not always agree with; still it was an incredible tale and one I thoroughly enjoyed. I am excited to see what Book 2 holds for our heroine and her crew!

I will preface that I was a little worried about this book when I started. It seemed like there would be some religious intonations and sometimes that can get a bit preachy and be a total turn off for me. I will say that wasn't the case at all. The Godstone is a part of the story but Elisa is the story. I can truthfully say I never felt preached to or at. The book starts out with the wedding of a princess to a prince. But she isn't your normal princess or heroine in books. She is timid, fat and so unsure of herself. Elisa was born with a Godstone in her bellybutton and that means that she has a destiny, she has been chosen. But, Elisa doesn't feel special or chosen and has no idea why this honor was bestowed upon her especially when her sister is the one it seems to have all the beauty and talent. She is married off to a man she has never met and whisked away to his country. This is where the action begins, because even the journey is treacherous. The caravan is attacked on the way to Elisa's new home and she has her first opportunity in the presence of danger to shine. I loved Elisa in this book, she grew so much. In the beginning she was a little hard to love as a main character because she seemed so weak and pampered finding comfort in food. But right away she starts to grow into her own and become a woman from the little girl she was. I was so intrigued by what the godstone meant and why everyone is trying to hide that Elisa bears it. She has studied the art of war and religious texts all of her life in preparation for whatever her destiny is. She became very interesting and after meeting the rest of the supporting characters I was hooked. Her Journey through this book was fantastic; she was brave and used her mind to win the battles she faced. I think that it was really telling of the characters that recognized her after her transformation; those are the people that really loved her, saw her. Once I finished the book I couldn't wait to start the next book in the series. I wanted more time with all the characters. Fantastic first book.

Amazing series. Took a little warming up to Elisa. But she is an amazing character and she continues to grow throughout the books. Great character development. I like how we learn about Elisa's Godstone along with her. This story is beautifully crafted. There is war, love won and love lost, murder/ death, funny moments, hardships, magic and everything that a good story needs. Loved the series and the 2 novellas that came after. Would recommend this book.

Love love love!! Honestly enjoyed this trilogy more than anything I've read this year. No clue who is depicted on the cover though, cuz that skinny white girl is most certainly not our bad ass plus size beautiful brown princess

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