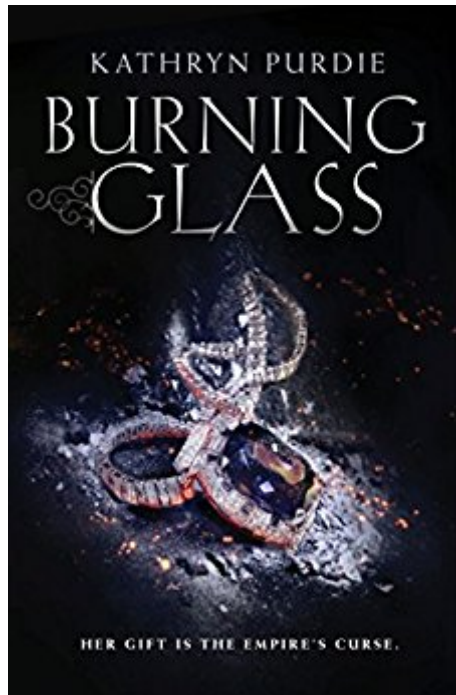




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Synopsis

Red Queen meets Shadow and Bone in this #1 New York Times bestselling debut about a girl forced to use her gift for sensing and absorbing other people's feelings to protect the empire from assassins. Steeped in intrigue and betrayal, Burning Glass captivates with heartrending romance, dangerous magic, and one girl's quest for redemption. In Riaznin, it's considered an honor for Auraseers like Sonya girls with a rare form of synesthesia to serve as the emperor's personal protector, constantly scanning for feelings of malice and bloodlust in the court. But Sonya would rather be free. After the queen's murder and a tragic accident, Sonya is hauled off to the palace to guard a charming yet volatile new ruler. But Sonya's power is reckless and hard to control. She's often carried away by the intense passion of others. And when a growing rebellion forces Sonya to side with either the emperor who trusts her or his mysterious brother, the crown prince, Sonya realizes she may be the key to saving the empire or its greatest threat.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed BURNING GLASS, especially the worldbuilding (psuedo-historical fantasy based on Imperial Russia) and the idea of an empath's abilities being utilized for protecting the monarch. I have minor empath tendencies myself, so I could relate to the idea of not knowing if your feelings are your own or someone else's, and the confusion and frustration that can cause, and I liked seeing it magnified to this scale. That said, there were a couple times I felt that note was played a bit too often--mostly just that the MC kept repeating it in her thoughts so often that it got a little old. Actually, there were a couple times I got frustrated with the MC. That's why I dropped it down to 4.5 stars. Overall, the writing is great, the story is fun, and the world is beautiful. I'd recommend it.

Purdie is a wordsmith! I absolutely loved how conflicted the main characters were. The world was rich and detailed, and the story hooked me from the very first page. So so excited for the second book!

Good book. I would give it 4 stars, but because she brought out the reality and needlessness of animal suffering, torture, and death, I give it 5 stars. I don't know what her stance is regarding animal rights but I know mine, and animals suffer unimaginable horrors, torment, suffering, and violent deaths, and I appreciated how she represented that, and I will add how utterly unnecessary it all is. The story itself was good, I am glad I read this book; the ending was satisfying, but if there are more, I will definitely read.

This is one of those books that when you pick it up, you can't put it down. You keep telling yourself, one more chapter before I go to sleep, but the next thing you know, ten chapters have flown by. Purdie does a great job of pulling you emotionally in, connecting with the characters, and getting ALL THE FEELS. I love character driven stories, and this is one of the best I've read in the longest times. I also may be slightly in love with Anton ...

Beautifully written. Full of detail, emotions, and thickened plots. Enjoyed the love triangle , when auras could be sensed, and her response to them.

This book was fantastic and interesting and kept me wanting more the entire time. I can't wait for the next book!

I loved this book! I thought the development of the characters was done fabulously. I love the way Kathrine Purdie writes. She had me sucked in from the very beginning.

This was an excellent read - I couldn't put it down!

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