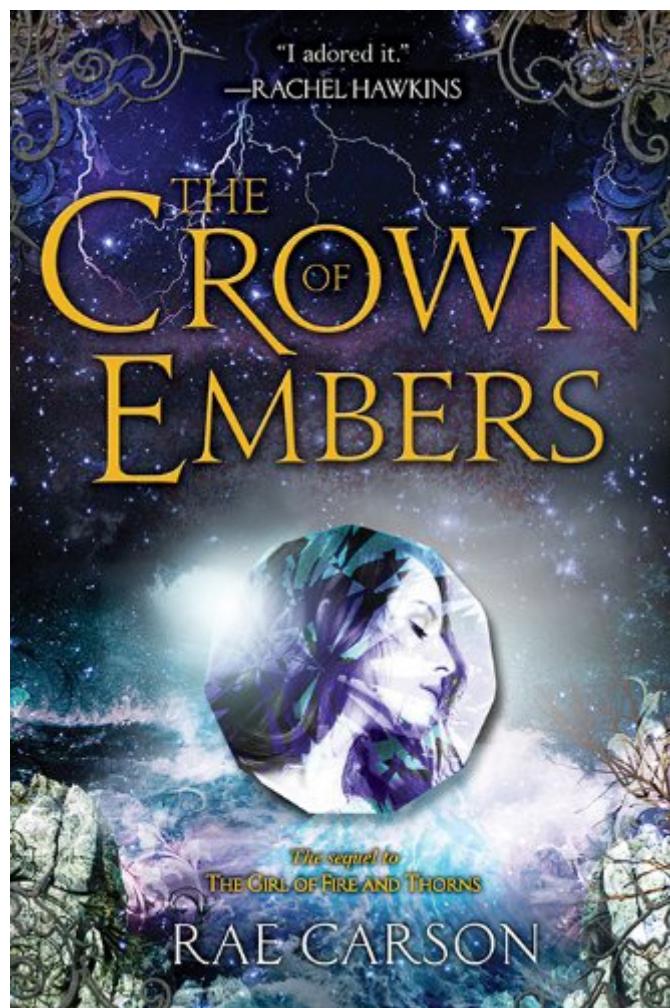


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The Crown Of Embers (Girl Of Fire And Thorns Book 2)



Synopsis

"...Emotionally charged, suspenseful, and filled with plot twists." -School Library Journal Elisa is a hero. She led her people to victory over a terrifying, sorcerous army. Her place as the country's ruler should be secure. But it isn't. Her enemies come at her like ghosts in a dream, from foreign realms and even from within her own court. And her destiny as the chosen one has not yet been fulfilled. To conquer the power she bears, once and for all, Elisa must follow a trail of long-forgotten--and forbidden--clues, from the deep, hidden catacombs of her own city to the treacherous seas. With her go a one-eyed spy, a traitor, and the man whom--despite everything--she is falling in love with. If she's lucky, she will return from this journey. But there will be a cost.

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Customer Reviews

(Warning- slight spoiler in paragraphs 2 & 3 in my review.) For the most part, The Crown of Embers moved at a slower pace and pull for me. The urgency to return not as strong, except during maybe two sections towards the later half or near the end. Still interesting, but Elisa's character and/or choices were disappointing more often than not. She seemed to have lost her strength and

confidence. She faltered in her ruling as Queen and in her decisions; she was weak and at times swayed. While I felt a build up for her feelings in Book 1 towards Humberto; being built upon friendship, trust and later attraction; in regards to Hector it seems more of a fleshy struggle. I do not doubt her trust in him; he more than proves his trustworthiness and strength of character. But I could never get why if she loved him, she would not chose him to marry. Why was he not a viable choice until the end, when it promotes her purposes. Also, there comes a point in the book where she wants and even prepares to take things to an intimate level with him, while still planning on them both marrying another. Again, this fleshy desire does not equal agape love, it is an eros love. While earlier on being willing to heal him at possibly a great cost to herself is a show of real love, all that followed after was not. Hector, however seems to grasp and live out love in a truer form. I feel like, and hope, that Book 2 is more of a bridge Book; leading to a stronger Book and finish in 3. We will see!

4.5 WONDERFUL STARS
THE CROWN OF EMBERS was an EXPLOSIVE READ that I absolutely LOVED!! It took me on the ride of my life, and filled me with such awesomeness that kept me up reading late into night, craving just one-more-chapter I couldn't get enough of!!! I loved the world building, the characters, the villains, the magical aspects, frankly, I loved just about every single thing in this novel, no, in this series!!
THE CROWN OF EMBERS was a gem waiting to be explored for me. It had layers upon layers of depth and character development, and more plot then I could grasp! Rae Carson is truly a book-god in my world! She has the gift of enchantment, for she surly put a hex on me with this magical story, because I absolutely, positively, undoubtedly, LOVE **THE CROWN OF EMBERS SERIES** so freaking much!!!
THE PLOT: Elisa is the hero of her country. She saved her people from the Invierne and brought her country back from the brink of war. She defeated the Animagi that brought fire and death upon her kingdom. She channeled the Godstone's power and learned to wield it against her foes. She was Joya d'Arena's last hope, and she didn't fail them, and for that, she is their queen... Seventeen-year-old queen Elisa is anything but political familiar. She never wanted to be queen, let alone rule a whole country twice the size of her hometown county all by herself. But she is, and she must rise up from the ashes to piece her country back together bit by bit. But the enemy has sworn vengeance's, sworn that they will come like ghost in a dream. And they will get their revenge, one way or another, they're coming, the clock is ticking... With a newly inexperienced queen, a country trying to piece it's self back together, an enemy still striking from the shadows, a rebellion brewing, and civil war threatening to tear their country apart, theirs more then enough chaos and insanity to distract the country from it's enemies

and traders threatening to rise up and seek it's vengeance's. But then the queen starts to fear her enemies are closer then she once thought, and plotting to destroy her and the country she's been fighting for. Her allies are in short supply, and the power she wields is no where near enough to defeat the Animagi that are hell bent on conquering her power and defeating their county. And Elisa is no closer in figuring out her next move. But time is running out, and her enemies are lying in wake, waiting for the perfect time to strike... But their is someone who also seems to spark hope within, and keeps her sanity from turning no matter the situation. It's the Commander of her royal guard, and keeper of her heart, Hector. He unknowingly sparks something deep within, that thrives anytime he's near. She has loved and lost once, but their is something about the Commander of her guard that makes her feel she can love again, only if he loved her too, something she's not sure she wants to find out, yet.... So Elisa and a few of her most trusted allies cook up a ruse and travel to an ancient island that's suppose to be the heart of the Godstone's power. But she can't have her enemies on all sides knowing where she's going and why. So they must travel through harsh lands and waters to evade her enemies, locate the mythological island, learn how to absorb and harness it's power, get back to her castle and uncover the trader in they're political circle, defeat the Animagi threatening to wreck havoc, and some how keep the man she's falling in love with from leaving her, all while staying alive long enough to achieve it all. Yup, piece a cake, right? I think not!!! Overall, if your looking for a fast-paced read, with secrets and betrayals, war and death, friendship and love, and a queen destined to overcome all, and set her country free of it's foes, built around a magical background that pulses the story to it's fullest, then THE CROWN OF EMBERS is exactly the book you've been looking for!! I HIGHLY recommend it, and am eagerly anticipating the third and final book in this epically wonderful trilogy, that has sent chills down my spine time and time again!! And will forever go down as one of my favorite series of all time!!! THE CROWN OF EMBERS is a must read for any fantasy/adventure fan out there, it will not disappoint!!!!

I am rarely able to indulge my voracious appetite for reading. When I started this series, it was initially just another book to read when there was nothing on television. However, it was apparent from the first page that I would have no sleep until I finished the series. I'm not going to bore you with the details of the book, because you are going to discover it on your own. I will repeat what I said in my review of the first book, young ladies (and young men) reading this book should pay attention to the underlying messages.

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