



## THRONE OF GLASS BY SARAH J MAAS

Fantasy

Ages 12 to older

Captivating and witty

18-year old assassin Celaena Sardothien is dragged before one of the people she hates the most, the Crown Prince of Adarlan Dorian Havilliard after a year at a slave camp. The prince takes her to the glass palace in Rifthold, where she will compete with others to become the King's champion. However, between training and competitions, mysterious murders start happening. What's more, she discovers strange markings on their bodies, and even meets a spirit that may be related to her past. So who is committing the murders, and are they connected to the competition? Read the book to find out!

THIS IS SUCH A GREAT BOOK. *Throne of Glass* is first in a series of six other books and has a prequel. It is a great series as a whole, with plot twists that are there in plain sight but are so hard to notice. But, on to the first book - and the characters. Celaena is a great character. She is extremely smart, sarcastic, and calculating, but has a passionate side as well. She is easily the best part of the book, but the worldbuilding definitely is a close second. The kingdom of Adarlan is a kingdom that is located in the world of Erilea, bordering some other kingdoms including Terrasen, when Celaena is from. Adarlan invades the other kingdoms and forbids magic, and that adds so much nuance to the already complicated story. The other characters in the book are also wonderful - Chaol Westfall, the Captain of the Royal Guard, Dorian Havilliard, the Crown Prince of Adarlan, and Nehemia Ytger, the princess of Eyllwe are all three-dimensional, round characters that all have their own feelings and character arcs. Honestly, the book couldn't have been much better, in my opinion. However, the book could have used a little more feeling aside from the perpetual sarcasm and wit. Only a few times do we see Celaena and the other characters open up about herself.

I would recommend this book to literally anyone who enjoys a good fantasy novel and has the time to read it all in one sitting, because you will not be able to put it down. Anyone who likes other books by Sarah J Maas, the *Red Queen* series by Victoria Aveyard, *The Queen's Rising* by Rebecca Ross, and *Onyx & Ivory* by Mindee Arnett will definitely love *Throne of Glass*. This book gets a nine out of ten from me!

