



CROWN OF MIDNIGHT BY SARAH J MAAS

Fantasy

Ages 13 to older

A worthy sequel

After the events of *Throne of Glass*, Celaena Sardothien is now the champion of the king of Adarlan. However, she is far from loyal to him- it is a secret she must hide well if she is to survive in the snake pit that is the glass castle. Celaena knows that the king is evil, but she must serve him if she wants to become a free woman. But one day, the king gives her a new assignment. She must kill Archer Finn, a rebel leader who is trying to find Aelin Galathynius, the lost princess of Terrasen. Meanwhile, the relationship between Celaena and Chaol, the Captain of the Guard, becomes serious. However, Chaol is captured one night, and one of Celaena's friends, Nehemia, is in danger. And what's worse, Celaena is hiding a secret no one could have even imagined.

So. *Crown of Midnight*. This is a wonderful sequel to the first book in the series, *Throne of Glass*. It's an intricate web of mysteries and planned sabotage, keeping the reader on the edge of their seat. My favorite part of the book was the relationships between all of the characters. They were all written so well, and so believably. Nehemia, the princess of the southern country Eyllwe, is best friends with Celaena, and their friendship is written in an understandable, realistic way. The same goes for Prince Dorian and Celaena. AND THE PLOT TWIST, OH MY GOD. Of course I'm not going to spoil the book, but the plot twist at the end is pure gold. I was lucky that when I finished the book, I had the next one. The twist is written so well. There are so many hints throughout the prequel set of novellas to the series, *The Assassin's Blade*; *Throne of Glass*, the first book in the series; and this book. You'll be wondering how you didn't understand it at first, it's so obvious.

I would recommend this book to a slightly older audience than the first book in the series, since it is a little more mature. Anyone who likes a good fantasy novel will definitely love this. I would also recommend it to anyone who likes books of the mystery genre, since everything in the book is so interconnected and there are so many mysteries that Celaena and the reader solve together. This book gets a ten out of ten from me!

