



HEIR OF FIRE BY SARAH J MAAS

Fantasy

Ages 14 to older

Multifaceted, complicated plot

In the third book of the *Throne of Glass* series, Celaena has been sent off to Wendlyn, the continent across the sea on a mission to assassinate the crown prince. There, she is found by Fae warrior Rowan Whitethorn, who takes her to the Fae Queen Maeve, who is said to be Celaena's great-great-great aunt. Fae Queen Maeve gives Rowan the task of training Celaena with her fire magic, and naturally, the two hate each other. The plot branches off into three in this book: one branch with Celaena, the other with Chaol and Dorian, and the last one with Manon Blackbeak, an Ironteeth witch. Chaol and Dorian plan to free magic in Adarlan while Manon is shown on the bad guys' side.

Heir of Fire is a welcome change from the city-oriented, mystery-type fantasy of the first two books (not that I didn't like them, though). This book is more of a high fantasy with witches, dragons, fire magic, and Fae Queens, and it is OH SO GOOD. Something I loved in *Heir of Fire* that wasn't present in the first two books was CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. For Celaena, of course. And that's because of Rowan Whitethorn, who has gone through many of the same things as Celaena, including being enslaved and having someone close taken away. *Heir of Fire* is the book in the series where everything changes in Celaena's future, and I loved the growth.

However, this book makes the series even more complicated than it already is. The multiple points of view make it hard to follow at some parts when the chapter abruptly switches to someone else. I disliked this at some points, especially when it switched from Celaena to Manon (who I didn't like much at the beginning and kind of still don't like now. I do, however, like her dragon).

A couple other minor things I disliked that really aren't about the book: the cover and the lack of a map in the beginning of the book. The cover of the book shows Celaena holding a bow and shooting an arrow, which has nothing to do with the story. Additionally, there is no map of Wendlyn (the continent Celaena and Rowan are on) included in the book, so it is just a little confusing.

I recommend *Heir of Fire* to anyone who has read the first two books of the series or has picked them up but has never finished them or put them down. Seriously, keep reading! Anyone who appreciates good fantasy would enjoy the series.

