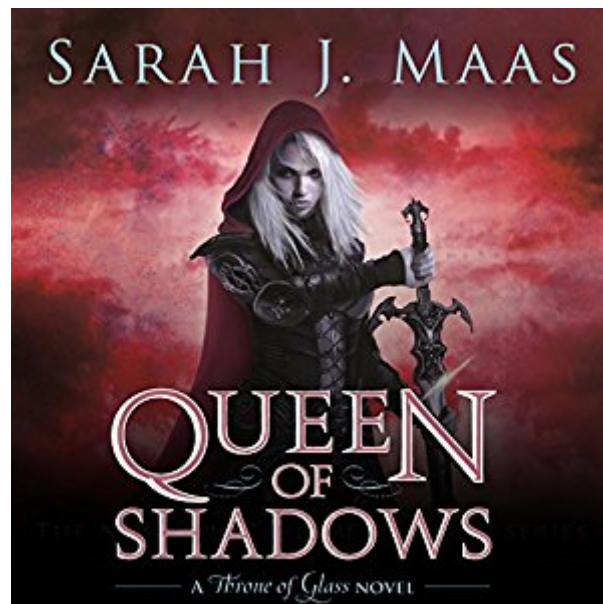


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Queen Of Shadows



Synopsis

Goodreads Choice Award Winner, Best Young Adult Fantasy, 2015 Everyone Celaena Sardothien loves has been taken from her. But she's at last returned to the empire - for vengeance, to rescue her once-glorious kingdom, and to confront the shadows of her past.... She has embraced her identity as Aelin Galathynius, Queen of Terrasen. But before she can reclaim her throne, she must fight. She will fight for her cousin, a warrior prepared to die just to see her again. She will fight for her friend, a young man trapped in an unspeakable prison. And she will fight for her people, enslaved to a brutal king and awaiting their lost queen's triumphant return.

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Customer Reviews

*****Shorter Spoiler Free Review*****There are a few things I both love and hate about Sarah J Maas (SJM) at the same time. For YA novels she takes a few risks, she kills off characters that are loved, she gives the heroine a plethora of love interests that break the reader's hearts every now and again, she adjusts accepted lore to fit the story better and she has no problem adding new characters that are not all black or white but shades of grey and all the more interesting because of it. The great thing about this is that it is hardly ever boring. The bad thing about this is that it can give you visceral reactions to what is happening in the story. I had visceral reactions to Queen of Fire more than the rest of the series. The Best Parts of the Story: " - Girl Power to the max. There are some awesome women already in this series and a few more were just added. -- ' Lysandra -- Okay you might have seen her in the novellas but not like this. She was more than I thought she was

going to be and the new development in her relationship with Aelin is great. I immediately loved her and her backstory.-- ' Elide â “ Marionâ ™s daughter and Aelinâ ™s cousin. WOW she was an unexpected surprise and hanging out with the witches no less. That girl keeps some dangerous company.-- ' Nesryn â “ Letâ ™s just say as soon as she showed up I knew why she was there. But despite that she is a kickass new female character that was really fun to hang out with. Her involvement with the rebels in the city and helping Aedion and Chaol made her a valuable asset to have in a fight. There are still Aelin of course, Manon and her 13 but the addition of a few new strong female characters was well needed after the loss of our beloved Nehemia.

This book was beautiful. Iâ ™d heard both amazing reviews and awful ones, so I was a little terrified going in. I was not disappointed. Heir of Fire was a book about hitting your bottom and overcoming yourself. There was so much growth for Aelin. Queen of Shadows took that growth and spread it to all of the characters. Every single character in this book grew into who they were meant to be. Aedion started out so hell-bent on finding Aelin and was hot tempered and unrestrained. (Much like Celaena). He grows into someone respectful of others around him and realizes heâ ™s not the only one in her life who can protect her. Not to mention she can protect herself. Chaol, Chaol, Chaol. My sweet stars. I loved Chaol and rooted for him so hard. I know one of the main problems people have with this book is that they feel his character was disrespected. (Another reason I was scared going in). And at first, the reunion between him and Aelin made me want to curl up in a corner and cry. They were SO horrible to each other. But thatâ ™s a normal human reaction. They were both still so angry about everything going on around them, they didnâ ™t have anyone else to blame but themselves. Rowan? I was not okay with this romance budding between them. I started out like this: nopenopenopenopenope. But the longer I read, the more I realized I needed this to happen. I was Team Chaoleana from the start. But I now know that it was not meant to be. Team Chaol/Nesryn. Nesaol? Chaoryn? I dkâ |MANON. Dear heavens I have grown to love her. Not only is her appearance terrifying, but sheâ ™s one of the most ruthless, cold, and calculated people Iâ ™ve ever come across in a book. And not only that, we get to see her, albeit VERY slowly, get a heart.

Sarah J. Maas has created a fantastic, maturing series where her characters (like in real life) change and evolve. In Queen of Shadows, she continues to flesh out increasingly three-dimensional characters that (despite living in a world of magic) grapple with real-life problems. Other reviewers have complained that their favorite characters behave so much differently than how they were

originally written--but this is exactly what I loved about this novel. I could not put it down--our main protagonists are never stagnant, we saw the return of familiar faces (Kaltain), Manon's story line took a few unexpected turns, and we had a truly epic fight scene that is destined for the big screen. In talking about the writing process, Sarah J. Maas describes how characters often take her in directions she did not expect. This definitely happens in Queen of Shadows, particularly when it comes to Aelin's love interests. I love how true to life this is! In Queen of Shadows, Maas shows how you can love, lose, and love again. Love evolves: sometimes it does not work out with the one you expected; sometimes epic crushes become lifelong friends; sometimes love strikes you unexpectedly with someone you thought least likely; and sometimes the most powerful love is not romantic at all--it is friendship. I find this so refreshing, as you rarely see it in YA novels. If you are looking for an "insta-love" relationship with a happily ever after result, look elsewhere. With Queen of Shadows (and the entire series) you get something so much more mature and realistic. Have no fear, there are plenty of squeal-worthy moments for even the most avid fan-girl (like myself). A few other highlights in Queen of Shadows:- The aforementioned epic fight scene.

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