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Patrick and Maeve Dolan left the safety of their New York human settlement on a sultry summer night and never returned. Ambushed by the Winter Court guards during their search for information on how to free humanity from faery rule, they are now ensnared in the Winter King Landric's web, and he has some questions of his own.

The Winter King is curious about the way the Dolans run their city. In a surprising turn of events, he's determined to learn all about their 16-year-old son, Eirnin. Landric separates the couple, threatens and tortures to the best of his ability, but the Dolans won't give up the information he's after.

Murphy, one of King Landric's guards has been a ward of the Winter Court for as long as he can remember. Trained from childhood to be as quiet and obedient as possible, he's always been the perfect servant. At least, until Princess Lumi strolled into his life and made him question everything he believes in.

When the princess vanishes without a trace in the middle of the night, Landric is determined Patrick's people had something to do with it. Without the only connection to kindness and humanity they had, Murphy and Patrick both find themselves falling into very different kinds of insanity.

Will Murphy follow his heart just this once, choose his own side and find Lumi? Will Patrick's hope dwindle before he can escape and save his family? Or will their unyielding resistance be the death of them all?

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Patrick and Maeve live in a world where the Fae have come in and taken over. The humans are no more than dirt to them. They take humans hostage and treat them no better than they would an animal. But to the King of the Winter Court it doesn't matter if you are human or fae if you disrespect him or do not abide by his laws and do as he says then he will kill you or have you killed.

Patrick makes a friend while he is in a cell in the dungeon. The King's daughter Lumi is always getting into trouble with her father. She doesn't like doing as he tells her so she sneaks out of her room all the time and going on little adventures. On occasion some sees her and is taken to her father and he punishes her. But it doesn't stop her from doing the things that she likes to do. The Princess has a great big heart and knows that a lot of the things that her father does is not right. She also doesn't like the way her father treats his people and she will try to help them when she can. Lumi is probably one the thing that helps Patrick to stay sane while he is locked up in the dungeon. Lumi sneaks out and visits Patrick and brings him food. While she is out on one of her little adventures to visit with Patrick she meets a new friend, a guard, Murphy. Murphy becomes infatuated with the Princess and wants to protect her from her father.

I love the world that the authors have created in Ruined with the Fae taking over the world. I love that the two main characters Patrick and Maeve are soulmates and would do anything to save the other. I really love Maeve's attitude and how she stands up to the King because the love of her life is being treated. I mean it is like her heart is being torn from her body. Maeve is one sassy lady. Ensnared is one of those books that will stay with you for a very long time. Ensnared will grab a hold of your heart will have it going in all different directions. One minute it will have you hurting for Patrick and Maeve and them in the next it will have you laughing out loud with the things that Maeve will say. Maeve is one of those characters that you wished you could meet in real life.

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Jacquelyn Smith says

What in the name of the faerie!!!

Patrick and Dolan left home to find a better life only to find a living nightmare. They were captured, beaten and nearly starved to death by the Winter Fae. In a world gone wrong they find an unlikely ally in princess Lumi, but the Winter King have other ideas for them, and the question becomes if they will live to see another winter? The princess is bringing them basic substance to keep them alive while her father is planning to their demise. This was one in a million except it stands above the crowd. One amazing story that you will find your self reading more than once!!!!

Roxanne Kade says

I was thrilled to get an inside look at the happenings inside the Winter Court, and to see what really happened to Patrick and Maeve Dolan at the time of their disappearance. It's always exciting to read a story that flows alongside another, and to see how the two are interwoven to create one complete tale, seen from all sides.

I enjoyed getting to know Lumi in Uprising and it was great to see firsthand how things were for her in her own home, no matter how heart breaking they were. She's sweet and quirky, with an innocent quality that immediately drew me in. Her concern and generosity for others was endearing.

I liked that this story was told from Patrick and Murphy's POV. Every moment spent inside Patrick's mind was emotionally wrought with tension, fear, a passion for his family and the need to live, and to keep them safe. My heart broke for him when he had to witness Landric's cruelty to Maeve firsthand, and for each and every second he had to spend locked-up, going insane. At least he had a bit of a reprieve with Lumi around.

I'm mostly intrigued to see what Rhiannon's role is. She was not an active character in this book but she had a huge presence with her complete silence, and the ending has me wanting more. I cannot wait for book 2 in this series, to see where the journey leads the characters from both Uprising and Ensnared.

Tia says

This is the story of what happens to Patrick and Maeve, Fiana and Eirnan's parents, after they leave the city following Hugh's tip. Things don't go so well once they get to the Winter Kingdom, and they are separated: the king takes Maeve and throws Patrick in the prison below the kingdom. We get to see more about Lumi's family and how they treat her. And also learn about Hugh's involvement in everything.

This is a great book and I highly recommend the Dolan Prophecies to anyone!

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Sara Miller says

Another adventure with the characters we fell in love with in the first book. I loved seeing the different point of view at the beginning and exploring the relationship between Fi's parents in more detail. I also liked the shorter length of this piece of the series I thought the pacing was much faster which helped keep me interested in the story. We see the conflict much more directly between the 2 species I guess you could say haha and it made for an exciting read to where you automatically want to start the next book. Thanks to the authors for providing me a copy in exchange for a honest review!

Becca says

Wow!!! Another great read! well done guys! I am not going to lie... I cried a bit while I read this story. Because of the way it was written I felt like I was there with the characters. Feeling what they felt. Seeing what they were seeing. I felt their emotions. I cannot wait to read more from this series.

Cheryl Duval says

This was an awesome addition to the Dolan Prophecies. This book is about Fi's parents and what happened to them. This story has added to the excitement and intrigue that I had while reading the first book. This is a great series and I really want the next book now!

Kj Partridge says

This is a terrific 1.5 book, adding some background as well as insight to future storyline in The Dolan Prophecies books. It is a dark tale that involves finding out what happened to Maeve and Patrick after they left their safe little community. They are following a lead given to them by a person they weren't as sure of as they should have been and at the last moments before capture Maeve tries to back up. Now they are at the mercy of King Landric of the Winter Court, and he is not a nice guy.

I wasn't sure what to think as I was told this book was dark and written with lots of tears. As I have come to expect; it is another solidly written book that pulls me in as I hunger for more about the characters. Truth is this book has its brutal moments but it is a necessary part of understanding the mind sets of the characters. I recommend this book highly. With that I will leave you with this thought: get it, read it, make your own decision. These ladies are without a doubt rising stars in the author world.

Jaime Radalyac says

Ensnared...it is the perfect beginning. We finally get to know what happened to Maeve and Pat. It is heart-wrenching I'll tell you that much!

There's a couple of guys that I would love nothing more than to hop in this book and kick in the crotch. Yeah, they would only be so lucky. Hugh and Khan. Watch out for them.

We also get to see the inside life of Lumi before she got to Fi's.

The poor girl, I've never felt so bad for someone in a book. The hate she was surrounded with? The feeling of not being wanted? Everyone else is better and treated better than you. And you are his daughter!

I am glad she ended up with Fi and Eir in Uprising. At least while I was reading Ensnared that I knew that she was safe for now. Her dad, the Winter King, is a straight erm, not cool at all. This is also perfect for the young readers as well. I would encourage teenagers to read it!

It reminded me of my younger days. I was always into books like this. Not all happy all the time, and some

meat to a story.

Definitely a refreshing read. I can't wait for Illumination!!!

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Sara says

Holy cliffhanger batman

alright I'm jonesing for the second book already. this novella was just a tease to get me by. My only criticism is that in Uprising Lumi doesn't really know Hugh except in passing but in ensnared she had more than just passing interaction with him. I am anxious to hear what Rhiannon has to say and I have a good guess who mason is. so now I wait... :)

Ramona Plant says

Melissa and Allana are killing me. They are incredible authors who know how to write and then some. their writing is so seamless you can't tell it is written by two people together. I read the first book in this series and loved it. This one showed a great new angle to the story but it's leaving me with this incredible itch for the next book. The plot adds well to the first book filling in some gaps but leaving the reader with more questions.

The characters fit well in this book and the series. She really knows what she is doing and brings these characters close to you. You can't help but feel for them.

Thanks for yet another great book. Please have the next one done soon.

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