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Cursed by the queen with fire and ice, Ansa is forced to fight against an invisible enemy—the dark magic that has embedded itself deep in her bones. The more she seeks to hide it, the more dangerous it becomes. And with the Krigere numbers decimated and the tribe under threat from the traitorous brother of the dead Chieftain, Ansa is torn between her loyalty to the Krigere, her love for Thyra, and her own survival instincts.

With her world in chaos and each side wanting to claim her for their own, only one thing is certain: unless Ansa can control the terrible magic inside her, everything she's fought for will be destroyed.

## **The Cursed Queen Details**

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## From Reader Review The Cursed Queen for online ebook

### Fafa's Book Corner says

DNF

Mini review:

I loved the previous book The Impostor Queen! This was one of my anticipated releases of 2017. Unfortunately I did not enjoy it.

A lot of the things Ansa said and thought made me sick to my stomach. Ansa is raised in a very brutal tribe and for them this is the norm. It just didn't sit well with me.

I do still recommend it because a lot of people enjoyed this book.

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### Norah Una Sumner says

Edit: **Look, there's a cover. I... don't know how I feel about it to be honest.**

Oh, I didn't really expect the author to introduce a new narrator in the sequel! Interesting, indeed.

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### nick says

3.5/5

The Impostor Queen was an amazing book for me last year. While I was very eager to read The Cursed Queen, part of me was a little nervous as well because I learned that The Cursed Queen would not follow Elli & Oskar. Still, I was giddy about the thought of a F/F fantasy romance, and having read most of Sarah Fine's books, I was certain this book would not disappoint. In the end, I had mixed feelings – there were bits and pieces that I really loved, but there were also elements that frustrated me to no ends.

With companion series, it's hard not to want to compare the main characters in one book to the other. I think this is where my mixed feelings really stemmed from when it comes to The Cursed Queen. I loved Elli, but Ansa, the protagonist here, was a little tough at times. I am all for flawed heroines in my books, but their growth needs to feel realistic to me. With Ansa, while I got the flawed part, I didn't think she grew all that much. In all honesty, she wasn't the most likeable or even tolerable. Her personality throughout The Cursed Queen was very much understandable. She has her whole life turned upside down when she gains her destructive powers and she's completely terrified, but I wish she hadn't lied so much or tried to evade the truth at every instant. Ansa was ruthless and rarely ever showed guilt or remorse in The Cursed Queen for her deadly actions, something that I had a hard time with. I will say that by the end Ansa was a much

different character, she was stronger and much more stable, but I wanted to see the progression of her character and that didn't feel natural here to me. I felt very similarly about her love interest, Thyra. I admired her and her resilience, but at the same time, I wanted to see more of a growth to her character.

What I did really enjoy in *The Cursed Queen* was the background we get on the politics in Sarah Fine's world. It's intricate, and at times, complicated, but Fine does a terrific job at building her world from the foundations. We learn so much more about the "other side", the different societies and communities and the magic/curse that Ansa acquires. I was curious to see how Ansa's story would tie in with Elli's, and by the end of the book, those loose ends were tied together. All the revelations and twists have me really eager for Ansa and Elli to come together in the series finale. I really loved the idea of the romance between Ansa and Thyra, and they had some serious potential, but it was difficult for me to actually ship these two because of all the lies and betrayals between them. I also think because there was a lack of build up to the romance, I was just disinterested in it. There were moments here and there, especially towards the end, where I really loved what I saw of Ansa and Thyra as a couple. I really do hope that the finale will build more on those romantic elements and give me the swoony romance that I so want for these two girls.

For me, *The Impostor Queen* was a stronger story because I liked the characters there better. However, plot and world building wise, *The Cursed Queen* was superior. Even though I wasn't entirely impressed with this sequel, I am desperately looking forward to reading *The True Queen*. More than anything, *The Cursed Queen* was a terrific set up for that final book.

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## **C.G. Drews says**

**Well this was quite the stabbtastic adventure!** Although honestly it wasn't as good as *The Impostor Queen*. And this could just be because I'm super fussy about sequels?? Or because I'm still lowkey bitter that this wasn't about Elli...although I do love how the two stories are connecting and the finale is gonna be AWESOME. I cannot wait. Come hither to me, 2018. I neeeeeeed you.

### **L I K E S:**

- It's super badass. I mean, Ansa is like a stabbtastic fiend!
- I love how the world isn't sexist!! IT'S SUCH A REFRESHING RELIEF I CAN'T EVEN. It shouldn't be this hard to find fantasies that aren't steeped in sexism but, ya know. It is. So bless this book.
- I *love* how things are connecting with book 1.
- I ABSOLUTELY FREAKING FLAILED OUT OF MY BRAIN WHEN SIG CAME IN. <3 Honestly he is my favourite character in this series. Such a damaged, torture, slightly mad fire child. And he's being horribly abused and afjkdsldsj SIG. Breaks my heart every time.
- I thought the romance was sweet and nicely didn't consume the rest of the plot (as romances are wont to do) and I did ship it!...although I will say more on this in the dislikes section, sadly.
- It's like Vikings!!! YAY VIKINGS!!

### **D I S L I K E S:**

- Unfortunately it features a journey ergo a lot of walking ergo who is that reading napping in the corner over their bowl of cereal and this book? OH. OH THAT'S ME.
- I loved the romance between Ansa/Thyra at the beginning...but like the level of distrust between them is SO HIGH it was hard to ship them as the book progressed.
- And while I admired Ansa, I didn't really connect/care about her unfortunately.

- Honestly the whole book was really slow and the plot just...eh.
- I started really enjoying it when Sig came on the page BUT HE WAS BARELY THERE. So.
- It was super stabby but at the same time didn't feel very dark??? I don't know if this is because I am the dark side of the moon these days and this was lowkey compared to what I was used to. But I never felt *on edge*. It all felt very safe.
- I am a piece of stale bread, dude, but I just really didn't care about the entire story very much.

**ALL IN ALL: look sequels scare me! I'm always afraid they won't live up to the first book!** This one didn't and I just wasn't as invested, although it *did* have a lot to love. And I love the writing! And I adore the world and how effortlessly complex it seems without info-dumps and without making it confusing. So good book = but Cait is an emotionless piece of bread.

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## Jesse Nicholas says

The Cursed Queen by Sarah Fine is the sequel to last year's action packed fantasy, The Impostor Queen. The story picks up across the sea with our new main protagonist, Ansa. She was part of the big take over that we see in the first book and as events intertwine with both stories, we get to explore a new side of this world!

### The Good

#### New Characters

As this is a companion novel to The Impostor Queen, we get a whole new cast of characters to explore. In The Impostor Queen we met Elli, the one they believed to be the next Valtia but as we read wasn't true. But in The Cursed Queen we meet an orphan to the Krigere tribe, Ansa, that happens to be the real Valtia without her knowing. I loved how strong Ansa was. She has fought her whole life to fit in with the people that destroyed her life and stole her away from her village. This shows in her bloodthirsty demeanor and attitude.

The Cursed Queen does not fall in terms of their strong representation of tough female characters. We also meet Thyra, the chieftains daughter. She was one of my favorites in the book. She proved that you didn't need to kill to get what you want. She proved her skills on the battlefield as well in the mental fields!

### World Building

We cross the sea in The Cursed Queen and get to witness life away from the Valtia's reaches. Life across the sea is savage and primitive. They are filled with warriors that kill and maim their enemies and innocents alike. We explore new cities and villages and it shows how vast the world Fine has created really is!

Fine's descriptions are vivid and beautifully depicted. I did not have trouble picturing what was going on!

### LGBT Representation

LGBT representation is not a must have for me in every story I read, but when it's there I jump for joy. Especially when it is harder to come by in the fantasy genre. Our main characters Ansa and Thyra both harbor feelings for each other. We see them struggle with them throughout The Cursed Queen. Do I think they are a good fit for each other? You'll just have to read about it below. Just know that I really enjoyed

having LGBT characters in the story.

The Bad

Bad Romance

As I said above, Ansa and Thyra have blossoming feelings for each other. But sadly it falls flat for me. I don't think they connect well with each other and I don't see a spark between them. Does this mean that one won't develop in the next book? Who knows, maybe I will change my mind then. But as of now I just don't see them being a good fit for each other.

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### **Justine says**

Not quite a 4, but I'm rounding up largely because of the very well done relationship between Ansa and Thyra.

This book takes place contemporaneously in time with the events of the first book, *The Impostor Queen*. When Elli didn't inherit the magic of the Valtia, it went to Oskar's cousin Ansa instead. Ansa was taken as a child in a raid by the Krigere, and raised to become a warrior of the tribe.

There is just as much intrigue and scheming for power among the Krigere as there is at the temple back in Kupari. But one of the most interesting parts of the book is the development of the relationship between Ansa and her fellow warrior leader, Thyra. There is so little in the way of LGBTIQ romance in YA fantasy and it is nice to see it done well, with no sign of a triangle or other such complication in sight. There are still complications, of course, but they are grounded in the different personalities of Ansa and Thyra and the difficult circumstances they find themselves in.

Like the first book, this one took a bit to get going, but there is plenty of action and I thought the fight scenes were particularly well written. It was great to see the other piece of the story that was hinted at in *The Impostor Queen*, and like its predecessor, *The Cursed Queen* closes well but sets the stage nicely for the final book.

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### **Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says**

Meh. I loved the first book just couldn't get into this one.

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### **Dahlia says**

I like this series so much and I'm so happy I enjoyed this one at least as much as its predecessor if not more so. F/f fantasy FTW, always, and I loved reading an MC who's a warrior at heart, and Thyra was such a great counterpoint in someone who could seriously do the killing that needed to be one but didn't really share Ansa's thirst or values. So much intrigue, so many good characters, and it was cool to see how it tied into the first book although I think you might be able to read this without that and be fine? Curious to hear from someone who does!

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## Jordon says

Review originally posted at Simply Adrift.

**The Cursed Queen** is a companion novel to *The Impostor Queen* .

- When I first started reading this I thought there was only going to be two books in this series, I only realised half way through there were more. Which made way more sense. Because nothing was making sense when I thought that this was the last book in the series.

### What I liked

- Thyra. Thyra is Ansa's love interest and she is one amazing, mature, and strong woman. She believes in herself and her thoughts despite everyone else around her trying to pull her down. She was the sole thing, and character I liked about this book.

### What I didn't like

- Ansa. Oh my god. She was such a brat. Immature, annoying, selfish, just a really self-centred and mean person. I did not like her in any capacity. This made it really hard for me to enjoy this book at all. How can you enjoy a book when you HATE the main character?

- There were major trust issues in this book. One minute Ansa was on Thyra's side but then the next minute she would talk to Thyra's uncle and would all of a sudden be on his side. Ansa couldn't make up her mind but then the reader couldn't either. I didn't like this because I felt so lost, I didn't know who to believe, I didn't know where the story was going, and I was bored of trying to figure it out.

- This book is set at the same time that Elli's story in book one is happening. We read Ansa's story, and it feels like the story as a whole doesn't progress one bit. I was bored. I really wish that *The Impostor Queen* had simply chosen to have two POV's and we had got to read Ansa's story in book one instead.

- *The Cursed Queen* did not live up to my expectations at all. I didn't like the main character a single bit, and I kept waiting to read Elli's story but she doesn't make an appearance.

- While I didn't enjoy this book that much, book three will be worth it. I mean *The True Queen* is the title, so how can it not get better? I definitely have to pick up the next book in the hopes it gets better, I loved the first book so I really don't want to leave this series with this book as the memory of it.

Always,  
Jordon

This review was originally posted on Simply Adrift

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## Alyssa says

\*\*\*Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog\*\*\*

The Cursed Queen by Sarah Fine

Book Two of The Impostor Queen series

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Summary (from Goodreads):

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What I Liked:

While I didn't think this was a terrible follow-up to *The Impostor Queen*, I'm not totally impressed with this book. I knew beforehand that it was a companion sequel, following the other important girl, the other side of the balance. I loved *The Impostor Queen*, and perhaps my expectations for this book were too high. My expectations for the author, maybe? This is the thirteenth book I've read by her. This would rank in one of my least favorites by her - though again, it wasn't bad.

Ansa is a fierce and vicious Krigere warrior, and she is hungry for Kupari blood. After the Kupari witch queen decimates the Krigere tribe, the Krigere are forced to combine with another tribe, led by a traitor to the Krigere. Ansa is loyal to the Krigere and to Thyra, the chieftain's daughter. But now Thyra is the new chieftain, and she has been challenged over and over. What's more, Ansa thinks she has been cursed by the witch queen - she is suddenly able to wield fire and ice, uncontrollably. Held captive by the traitor Nisse and unable to control her witch-like powers, Ansa must choose between her unshakable loyalty to her love and her thirst for vengeance on the Kupari. But the Kupari might not be the enemy Ansa is looking to hunt down...

Ansa is so different from Elli, the protagonist in *The Impostor Queen*. Ansa is bloodthirsty, a true Krigere (despite obviously being Kupari). She has copper hair and ice-blue eyes (signs of the Valtia - though she doesn't know that), but she was captured and dragged to the Krigere when she was five. She doesn't

remember that... all she knows is how to be a Krigere; how to plunder and thief, to kill and to vanquish. The Krigere are warriors, but they are merciless and senseless in their killing. This book was really good in going deep into Ansa's head, and in her past. She has worked so hard to become Krigere, which explains her bloodthirstiness. She is Thyra's wolf, and she is very desperate to be as Krigere as possible and belong.

Thyra, an important secondary character and Ansa's love interest, becomes the new chieftain of the Krigere, and she begins to take the Krigere in a different direction. She doesn't like the murdering and plundering, the stealing and capturing. This makes her seem weak, because she isn't a merciless warrior like the rest of the Krigere. But Thyra is more than a visionary chieftain; she is clever and wants the best for her tribe. Thyra is an immensely important character in this book, and not just because she is the love interest.

So, the female representation in this book was kickbutt. Ansa is fierce (why I disliked at times, but it was good to see at the same time), and Thyra is intelligent and fierce in her own way. There are other tough ladies in this story - for example, Halina, who helps Ansa even when Ansa doesn't know it.

And props to Sarah Fine for the LGBT representation, in terms of Ansa and Thyra's relationship. They struggle with their feelings for each other in this book, so they're not a couple to be exact, but they're getting there. Both have done terrible things behind the other's back, for the sake of the tribe, and both must learn to trust each other again. I liked seeing the development of their relationship; it was good to see Ansa remove the rose-colored glasses she has on when it comes to Thyra. It's not a swoony romance, but the relationship becomes strong.

We only see a few characters from The Impostor Queen in this book, one of which is Sig. I won't say more, but I wish we could have seen Elli and Oskar. But that will definitely happen in book three!

Moving on to the dislikes, because those are plentiful.

What I Did Not Like:

I don't know what it was about this book, but I just couldn't get into it. I never felt a sense of urgency while turning the pages; I just didn't care enough. Which is so sad, because I really really wanted to care. I LOVED The Impostor Queen! Why couldn't I love this book. I wanted this book to be just as interesting and wonderful and nail-biting as The Impostor Queen had been; it wasn't.

While I liked Ansa, I didn't really connect with her. She's so bloodthirsty and merciless, and her desire to kill was disconcerting. I will say that Fine did a great job in shaping Ansa's character, but I didn't like those aspects of her and really didn't connect with her. That made following the story a little more challenging, because I just didn't connect with Ansa, and the story is told entirely from her point-of-view.

Maybe I just didn't care about the Krigere, the Vasterutians, Nisse (the traitor chieftain)? There was something about this story that just wasn't doing it for me. I was a little bored as I was reading; I kept waiting for the hook that would drag me into the story, but it never appeared. Maybe I was too invested in Elli and Oskar, and missed their story? I don't know. I just know that I didn't totally love Ansa or her story, and I wasn't satisfied with "this side" of the story. I understand what Fine is trying to do here - tell both sides of the story - but I didn't really love this.

I also just didn't believe in Ansa and her magic. That aspect seemed forced - Ansa coming into her magic, and her struggle with it. It felt like the magic didn't belong in Ansa and shouldn't be there. I know Ansa is the supposed Valtia, but it felt weird that she had the fire and ice magic. I personally think she would make an

awful queen, given her temperament and her tunnel vision.

I thought the romance was interesting, but it wasn't swoony or sweeping, like Elli and Oskar's. Perhaps because Ansa was already so in love with Thyra (and vice versa). There wasn't much to the romance; Ansa is practically obsessed with Thyra (which is fine? I guess?), and that's that. I was happy to see Thyra get taken down a few notches, in Ansa's mind. Ansa had made Thyra to be perfect, and it was far from the truth.

The plot of this book drags, to be honest. Ansa and the Krigere are taken to the tribe of the traitor chieftain, Nisse, and he holds them captive. When everyone finds out that Ansa is a double wielder (it's pretty impressive how they find out), Nisse jumps at the chance to use Ansa to destroy the Kupari. Ansa has to learn how to control her powers though. All of this was very... tedious. Uninteresting. The most interesting part of the story was the very end, when several big things were revealed. Even then, meh, okay.

I think I'm mostly just disappointed by how little I was able to connect with the main character, and the story. I just wasn't into it. It wasn't captivating, like *The Impostor Queen*. The spark wasn't there - literally, and figuratively.

Would I Recommend It:

I highly recommend *The Impostor Queen*. But given that this is companion novel, I think one might be safe in skipping *The Cursed Queen* and jumping straight to book three, in which Elli and Ansa converge. This book takes place concurrently with *The Impostor Queen*, so I'm sure book three will pick up right where both *The Impostor Queen* and *The Cursed Queen* left off.

So... I don't really recommend this one. It wasn't Fine's best work. It was a step down from *The Impostor Queen*, and lacking in something (or perhaps a lot of things). The vibrant world-building and mesmerizing story that Fine usually writes weren't in this book. As a huge Sarah Fine fan, I'm a little disappointed... but I also think it's good if you read/liked *The Impostor Queen* and have been dying to read this one, that you read it. This "meh" feeling could very well just be me (though I doubt it, since I've seen several DNF reviews on Goodreads).

Rating:

3 stars. I'm hoping that book three will redeem the series and capture my heart once more. I miss Elli, and Oskar, and the other (more sane) characters of this world! While I appreciate Ansa and her strength, and enjoyed learning more about her and her background, I definitely prefer Elli's perspective. I hope there is a lot of Elli in book three!

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**Banny Carstairs says**

RESEÑA EN ESPAÑOL

You guys, this series is amazing and this book was way better than the first one (most reviews I read said it was the other way around and...I don't think so)

*The Cursed Queen* has more action, a whole different world and really kick-ass female characters. Also, Sarah Fine didn't bother including homophobia or sexism in her fantasy world, it just makes everything more

enjoyable.

I can't wait to read what's next!

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## Drew says

“Loyalty is precious, little red. Hard won, hard lost. Easily given, easily betrayed.”

3 1/2 stars. **THAT is how you do a young adult fantasy.**

I was so nervous to start this book after being recently disappointed by another eagerly anticipated 2017 release, *Windwitch*. I had the usual recurring thoughts: *Am I finally growing out of YA? Was the first book REALLY as good as I remember?* I needn't have worried, though - Sarah Fine is a masterful writer with sweet, searing prose, a gritty, intelligent storyline, and detailed characters you want to root for.

Another thing I was worried about were the new characters. When I heard this sequel to *The Impostor Queen* was following a whole new cast of characters, I inwardly cringed. Why couldn't we have the same awesome characters from the first book, Elli, Oskar, and Sig? I usually hate when authors change narrators mid-series. But when I was introduced to the lead lady of *The Cursed Queen*, Ansa, oh my - **she was a whole new creature altogether.**

Ansa is part of the cunning and bloodthirsty Krigere tribe and fought for her position as a warrior next to the Chieftan's daughter, Thyra. When she was little, she fought against the invaders who killed her parents. Fighting is all Ansa has ever known.

“Tears streaming down her face, shrieks bursting from her throat, she had dodged between legs, jabbed at soft spots, squirmed away from grasping hands, and sliced at thick-knuckled fingers. A tiny five-year-old exacting a blood toll from vicious barbarians.”

"Blood and victory" has always been the thought driving Ansa, until the day she gets cursed by the Kupari Queen. Forced to hide her new fire and ice powers lest her tribesmen call her a practitioner of witchcraft, Ansa is suddenly thrown into confusion about where her loyalties lie.

I absolutely loved the writing. When the very first sentence made me **catch my breath and sent shivers down my spine**, I knew this was going to be good. Also, I was beyond impressed with the magic system! It was so complex compared to most magic in YA fantasy - heck, even adult fantasy - which usually only has some vague mentions of an evil ruler in a land where some people have random, magical powers with no rules. Throw in a prophecy and that just about covers it.

In this series, though, magic is limited to fire and ice. Everyone has some amount of magic - think of it as a 1-10 scale - and people use it in different ways, whether it's for farming, entertainment, or staving off enemies.

While I *really* enjoyed this book, one thing did bug me and it's the same thing I disliked in the first one: **the romance**. I don't understand why the author had to put it in; it didn't add anything to the plot, but rather distracted from all the awesome battle scenes. Plus, when Ansa wouldn't stop going *on and on* about Thyra's mouth, it made me want to skip ahead a few pages and get back to the action.

*“...when she moans and parts her lips, a taste of heaven is my reward...”*

*“...She kisses my forehead, and the feel of her lips is heaven...”*

Thankfully, Ansa had more important things to focus on than Thyra, and the romance wasn't the center of the plot. When I reached The Cursed Queen's perfect, cliffhanging ending, I was bursting with anticipation for the third book that will bring Ansa and Elli together. **I am so pumped.**

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## **Rashika (is tired) says**

**\*\*\*This review has also been posted on Xpresso Reads**

OKAY SO JUST READ THE IMPOSTER QUEEN and THE CURSED QUEEN and EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY. I dove in expecting to love The Cursed Queen and while I did struggle some with it, it packs just as much of a punch as The Imposter Queen. Both books have their strengths and weaknesses. The weaknesses of TIQ are the strengths of TCQ and vice versa in my opinion.

While both Elli and Ansa are strong heroines, they are also very different from each other and I enjoyed that. Ansa is not as easily likable as Elli was and that was one of the reasons why it took me longer to get into the novel but her journey and her character development is worth it. Even though Ansa is not as likeable, she is still a well-written character. She is complex and even though I AM SCREAMING AT HER NOT TO MAKE THE CHOICES she does, I still understand them.

The romance in this one is so painful too because I just wanted Thyra and Ansa to KISS but GODDAMNIT EVERYTHING IS PAINFUL and the OTP is painful and so much pain. They are perfect for each other though. They are foils and as cheesy as it sounds, they make each other better people because in their own ways, they push each other to strive to be better. Thyra is also more than just a love interest. She is a complex character and one you aren't always sure of but..... I am going to leave that sentence hanging because I love being vague.

I am not entirely sure if it was the pacing or my getting distracted by my phone a lot but I didn't ~really~ get into the book until the second half. The first half was GOOD and engaging but I didn't get really sucked in until some shit went down and made me more than a little excited to flip the pages. I was about to put the book down for the night and just continue reading the next day BUT THEN THINGS HAPPENED and I was up until 5:30 AM reading the book :')

Ansa's world is very different than Elli's. They've grown up amongst very different kind of people who value very different things. I don't like writing in books but I had to mark a couple passages in this one because Fine makes A+ commentary about social issues through the differences in these worlds and her

words are so powerful. That's one of the amazing strengths of this book and one that made me cherish it even more.

Politics, betrayals, magic, first love, this series has it all. At the end of The Imposter Queen I was sure I was #teamElli for queen but after finishing The Cursed Queen, I am not so sure anymore about where my loyalties lie. Either way, the both of them will give each other a good run for their money and I am going to want the next book right now so I can DEVOUR it and also have cute OTP moments. PLEASE READ THESE BOOKS. They are so so underappreciated but so amazing and should be read and loved by a whole lot more people.

*Note that I received an advanced copy of this book for review.*

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### **ALEXA says**

I can say pretty confidently that I think I enjoyed The Cursed Queen just as much as its predecessor. The story is very different, since the girl who we are reading about has an entirely different set of circumstances and journey to manage. But I thought it was interesting to read about a girl of two worlds, bred to be a warrior and still finding her own way. It was really well-done, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

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### **Giselle says**

Ok I need to find out if this is on Edelweiss.. Don't think I can wait until 2017 for it

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