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A convenient omnibus edition of the three main works of the Souls of the Stones series.

Contains: Cornerstone, Second Stone, Broken Stone.

Souls of the Stones follows Emariya Warren as she navigates the three divided lands of her world, as well as the three families striving for control. The series incorporates traditional fantasy elements such as prophecy and magic with a love story that transcends genre and time. Books 1-3 are included.

Cornerstone - When Emariya Warren learns enemy forces have captured her father, she'll do anything to save him. Anything. Even marry a mysterious prince she knows nothing about in order to rally the strength to arrange a rescue. During her journey to Torian's foreign castle, Emariya comes face to face with her mother's killers--and a deadly secret.

Not only does Emariya possess a powerful but unexpected magical gift. So does the prince she's promised to marry, and an ominous prophecy has warned their gifts must never be combined.

If she breaks her promise to marry Torian, she won't be able to save her father and if she keeps it, she may bring a curse upon everything she holds dear. Determining which choice is best won't be easy, but when she meets the gorgeous prince who may desire more than just her heart, she realizes she will have to fight just to have a choice at all.

Her heart wants him desperately. Her head begs her to run. If she doesn't want to share her mother's fate, she'll have to find a way to untangle the truth from the lies in time to save herself.

Second Stone - In the second installment in Souls of the Stones, the stakes are higher, the romance is hotter, and Emariya's power as a Cornerstone is growing.

Determined to make sense of the betrayals, lies, and her undeniable attraction to Torian, Emariya and her prince begin the journey to Sheas to confront her uncle and bring her father home.

Broken Stone - Unable to avoid her destiny any longer, Emariya has become the leader her mother always envisioned. Before she can focus on embracing her gifts to unify her three lands, she must first stop her own land from dissolving into civil war.

Souls of the Stones Omnibus Details

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Silvers says

So I picked up this when I found the omnibus pretty cheap on the kindle store, and only finished it out of habit and duty rather than desire. I found everything about the series, characters, plot, setting, left something to be desired. Emariya was a really lackluster character for a heroine; she's supposed to be portrayed as this strong, determined young girl to be queen and yet she's sobbed her way through 1000-unbearable pages. I could find nothing likeable about her.

Her relationship with Torian was the worst "will they won't they" situation; there was no sense of conflict because they clearly wanted each other and never really built of sexual tension to make the reader wanting them to do something about it. the absence of a love triangle (Garith doesn't really count for anything) also didn't help build anything.

It's a shame because I was really intrigued with the concept of the Gods and the world around them, however there's never an inkling of world building outside of Emariya's self-absorbed bubble.

In the end, I found myself skimming parts and not caring about the characters or what happened to them. I only finished it because I'd put in the time and effort already...

Bee says

Rating is for the omnibus, all three books together.

I received a free ARC copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley for review. Thanks!

So an omnibus... Never reviewed one before, so I'm glad I liked this one! At some points it felt like 1 really long book, which is good. It flowed nicely from one book to the next and that's very awesome in a book. I hate it when it just jumps from one thing to another and this book didn't do that.

The writing was good, although sometimes a bit simplistic than I'm used to in this genre, but that's okay. There's great character developement, they all grow throughout the series and that's awesome. The magic in this book was really cool and the world building was very well done. The romance in this book was sweet and emotional and it really fit into the story without taking it over to much.

If you're a fan of this genre, I really recommend these books. They are written good and the story's great. =)

Yeah, I know this is a short review, but I can't talk much about it without spoilers since I'm reviewing three books at once. Just read it, okay?

Erin Laidley says

Souls of the Stones possessed many of the qualities that I like in a book: political intrigue, warring kingdoms, plot twists, a strong female lead, excellent world-building, and unique fantasy elements.

The pacing was excellent, and the many plot twists and betrayals kept my interest throughout the 700+ pages. The dialogue was often charmingly old-fashioned, the descriptions were very detailed, and it showed both Emariya and Torian's POV. All of the characters (including the supporting cast) were well fleshed out and underwent visible changes as the series progressed. The idea of the three Stones was fascinating; their history and effects were interesting, and they served as a believable explanation for the instant romantic connection between several characters – which is saying a lot, considering I usually cringe at the overused plot device that is "instalove."

This review can also be found at The In-Between Place. Thanks to Netgalley for providing me with an advanced copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Lady says

Fantasy in a land far removed from ours is hard to find these days. I enjoyed the characters and the world a lot. Suspense and mystery are big themes in this series it seems along with the usual action and adventure :) I read this book cover to cover and yet I am still unsure who the villain is... usually I can figure that out by chapter three so I am very impressed! I can't wait to read the next book!!!

****this book is suitable for young adult through adult readers**

Alannah Clarke says

Cornerstone

Overall, this book has me torn, on one hand I really liked how it was easy to read and took me less than a day to read overall. However, at times I really felt that the whole plot was quite predictable. Even though the book started off quite slow at the beginning, I did think it began to pick up pace halfway which made it more enjoyable to me.

I wasn't sure about the characters, I thought many of them were far too single minded for me and this made them seem quite one-dimensional to me. Nonetheless I did feel that this book was a good start to the series.

Second Stone

I thought this book started off better than the first book in the series. I believed Emariya to be a much stronger character in this second book and a better heroine which made the book enjoyable for me.

There was so much tension in the book overall, I really felt that the suspenseful plotline made the overall book stronger than the first one. I was beginning to get hooked to the overall storyline, I absolutely loved the ending and can't wait to read the next book.

Broken Stone

A brilliant conclusion to a great series, I was hooked on this book from the beginning, though I think this was down to the cliff-hanger at the end of the second book.

I loved the romance between Torian and Emariya, it felt so much stronger than the previous two books and

made the characters more real to me this time. The plot was brilliant, I adored it! Amazing book.

Jamie Campbell says

The Souls of the Stone Omnibus includes Cornerstone, Second Stone, and Broken Stone.

In this epic trilogy, we follow Emariya Warren as she struggles with the kidnapping of her father. Having lost her mother to invaders from another region when she was only young, Emariya and her brother are the only ones who can save their father.

Agreeing to marry a prince from another region, she travels to her new kingdom in order to unite their armies and have enough power behind them to get her father back.

Along the way, Emariya discovers a secret that has been buried for years. A secret that could mean her marriage is doomed before it even begins. If the magic of the cornerstones are united, the power would be too much.

Souls of the Stones creates a fantasy landscape but the characters are very real. We are with Emariya for her entire journey and feel everything she does, including her heartbreaking decision.

For any fans of fantasy or romance, Souls of the Stones will reel you in and not let you go until the very end.

Farrah says

The Souls of the Stones series was absolutely brilliant! It was one of those series that started off good and just got better from there. I absolutely adored this series!

The world building of this series as a whole was perfect. There weren't any holes in the magic or the world of the books in general. Nicely done by the author.

The characters grew so well throughout the series. They started off as flawed characters that were uncertain in the face of the odds. But, they grew into strong leaders that were admirable in their determination to make things right.

Emariya was a great heroine. She was tough and determined to right the wrongs of her family. She was very likable and an absolutely brilliant character.

Torian was wonderful. So sweet and just absolutely amazing. I loved how devoted he was to Emariya. I adored this prince.

The romance was sweet and full of deep emotion. Perfectly done.

This series was full of thrills and surprises. I was hooked throughout each book. And the ending was the series was a perfect conclusion.

If you want a brilliant YA fantasy romance, you have to read this series. It's just amazing. So good that it's officially on my list of all time favorite series.

*I received free copies in exchange for honest reviews

Elisabeth says

I was enticed to download *Cornerstone* as a free Kindle giveaway. I'm not sure that I would have picked up the book otherwise, but I enjoyed it enough that I bought the rest of the trilogy.

Overall it was a good read, although as not a regular YA reader I found the books a little too straight forward at times. Other than the one twist in the first book, the books were a bit predictable. Plot lines moved fast and lived in the moment. I think some plot points could have benefited from more development before jumping to the next scene. This is especially true about character development scenes. True personal and interpersonal changes take time, and as a result of the quick pace the character changes can be a little bit hard to believe.

All of that being said, it was an enjoyable read and I look forward to seeing more from the author.

Stacy Sabala says

Book Review- Souls of the Stones Omnibus by Kelly Walker

This collection holds the three books in the series. In the first book *Cornerstone*, the reader meets Emariya Warren. Her father has been missing for the past three years and her brother Reeve has stepped in and assumed his missing father's roles. Their mother was murdered when Emariya was an infant and her father has protected them completely as they grew up. Her mother's people in Sheas by the sea are threatening to attack at the river fjord. Reeve has decided to entertain the request for Emariya's hand in marriage by Torian, the Prince of Thalmas. Their alliance would help Eltar's people against the attack from Sheas. Emariya turns down the proposal which goes against Reeve's wishes. However, Reeve works her tender heart and subtly guilts her into changing her mind. Little does Emariya know that more is at play than she realizes. She is being used. She has the blood of the family lines that contains two of the three stones. Someone wants to use the power that accompanies them and his own to possess one with all three combined. That power possessed by the individual which has the blood of all three would control everything. The power to unite all three lands under their rule.

Others want the bloodlines to stay separated. They were the real cause behind the death of Emariya's mother. Emariya has no idea of the power she possesses or of the stones. She has no idea what danger she is in as she travels to Thalmas to marry her prince. The trip is full of intrigue, lies, and betrayal.

In book two called the *Second Stone*, Emariya and Torian are headed to Sheas to try and free her father. Someone has to try and stop Reeve. Their father is the best choice. Reeve decides to use a different approach to his goal and kidnaps Torian's sister, Terin, soon after the party leaves for Sheas. He will bind the stones on his own.

Torian and Emariya are shocked at who they have to battle along the way and what they find when they reach Sheas. Emariya has to come up with a grand plan and learn to use her gifts if she is going to save her people.

And finally in book three, the Broken Stone, Torian and Emariya know that they have to stop her brother. She has a plan to bring the council together and get their support. Her brother, on the other hand, has different plans and refuses to let her plan come to fruition. He sets a trap forcing her to flee and seek out the help of The Three at The Cradle. In order to save Terin, she has to go and Emariya has to convince The Three to remove it, even if she loses Torian as a result. She is preparing for war against her brother to reunite the three lands together.

These three novels started and continued on a fascinating story. I liked the storyline and the path that Emariya had to travel in order to do what she must. She realizes she has to allow the ones around her to do their part if they are to succeed.

The love story between Torian and Emariya was sweet and strong. I liked how the author developed the romance and threw in doubts and problems along the way. Neither main character always did the right thing. The reader watched as they both make mistakes and have to move on and do their best. I give each book a 4 out of 5. The storyline was creative and action packed.

Fiona Andrew says

A land split into three, three families with different powers. The power of the Earth, the power of Vision and the power of the Spirits. The prophecy says they should not be combined but two brave souls disagree. They struggle against the powers to allow for a land reunited. Totally enjoyable books.

Sandra (LadyGrey Reads) says

Separate reviews for all the books in the trilogy!

Lauren says

Cornerstone (Souls of the Stones #1) - 4 stars

There are always prices to be paid in a bargain. For Emariya it is marrying Torian Ahlen, the prince of a rival land, in exchange for rescuing her father. When secrets are further revealed about just who Emariya chose to put her trust in everyone's lives might be in danger.

The storyline of this book is great. The fantasy and world building take the reader on a journey that is easy to follow.

Even though Emariya was a little naïve I loved her courage and fortitude for wanting to be able to change the things around her and that she fought so hard for what she believed in. Those are all great characteristics for a main heroine to have. Torian was an okay character for me; I didn't really get a sense of who he was.

Overall it was an interesting book that I would recommend for young adult fantasy lovers.

Second Stone (Souls of the Stones #2) - 2 stars

I got bored really quickly as I started reading this story. I really wanted to know what happened with Riya but getting into the story was hard. I was not as engaged as I was in the first book and I lost interest pretty

quickly once I started reading this one. I also lost interest in finding out what actually would happen to the characters.

Not finishing the series

Emmanuelle says

I'm torn about this book. It started off slow, then got a tiny bit more interesting, and then I felt like I went back to reading out of duty (being invested enough to want to find out the end, but not really caring). I did a lot of skimming. while the concept of the Three Stones is interesting and there are a number of plot twists, the romance between Dorian and Riya is too much "love on first sight."

I only read the first book in this trilogy, but I will not be reading the rest of this trilogy. The story just didn't reel me in enough and I've got too many other books I want to read.

Hilary says

I'm not sure whether this is a good sign, but I had to fight to remind myself that this is a YA book and therefore it's okay that some of the situations are a bit more simplistic than I otherwise expect from this genre. Nonetheless, I enjoyed these 3 books - though not as much as the explanatory prequel, Severed Stone - and watched the characters grow, learning that both change and compromise are necessary, and that a rigid mindset is not a favorable characteristic, whether it's from a lord or a trusted maidservant. They contain clean romance, nothing explicit, though some readers may find it a little sappy at times.

(view spoiler)

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Charlene Pratt says

Fun fantasy story

Fast paced story in a world built on stones. Characters are interesting, twists abound. The fate of a world rests on the shoulders of a girl who has no idea she has a destiny bigger than she ever dreamed, no idea that the people she should be able to trust the most are the ones who will betray her.
