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A Court Of Thorns And Roses



Synopsis

When 19-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a beast-like creature arrives to demand retribution for it. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from legends, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin - one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled their world. As she dwells on his estate, her feelings for Tamlin transform from icy hostility into a fiery passion that burns through every lie and warning she's been told about the beautiful, dangerous world of the Fae. But an ancient, wicked shadow over the faerie lands is growing, and Feyre must find a way to stop it... or doom Tamlin - and his world - forever.

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Customer Reviews

Beauty and the Beast meets Faerie " I should ADORE this but overall it was just okay. There are things I totally loved about this story, but they are marred by the things that didn't quite work out for me and so what I'm left with is feeling in the middle where I didn't love it but I didn't hate it either. I'm a huge fan of beauty and the beast retellings or most fairytales actually, but Belle is my absolute favorite heroine because she is smart, reads and doesn't fall head over heels for the first pretty face that happens along. She and I could totally be BFFs. Then there is the Fae. Now I'm not a big expert on faerie stories or anything like that, but I find the Fae to be totally interesting creatures and usually like it when they are incorporated into stories. Instead of this being a magical mashup that made the story soar to new heights of awesome I found myself seeing some serious sour notes that disjointed the story and made it feel clunky. The stuff I totally

LOVED â€” Tamlin and his Faerie world - There are some really interesting descriptions of the time spent at the his manor. The lake full of starlight, the manor, the art and his court cursed to all be in masks. Tamlin is completely likable right from the near beginning.â€”Lucien â€” He is a spunky guy full of vim and vinegar that Fayre has a lot of fun verbally sparring with and getting into general trouble. He is also a great friend to Tamlin and I love the brotherly bound between them. While Lucien has an easy way with people he is working hard to help his friend find the right way to woo Fayre.â€” The Love Story â€” I enjoyed the time Tamlin and Feyre were getting to know each other and the tentative flirting the best.

A Court of Thrones and Roses is a new-adult fantasy revolving around the fae. It is a bit of a hybrid retelling of "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" with a little "Beauty and the Beast" thrown in. I was pleasantly surprised to find that while the framework from those stories is evident in the general plot, the details are unique and I wasn't always able to guess what would happen next. Maas does a good job of taking these stories and making them her own, which was nice to see because retellings can become tedious when they are too predictable. I suspect any fans of her other books will be thrilled with this new world and nothing I say will deter them, nor would I want to. However, aside from liking the plot, I was not blown away by this book. I've read Sarah Maas before (Throne of Glass) and thought that book was just ok. I was still excited to get my hands on this one and give it a try because of the early praise I was seeing on Goodreads; unfortunately, and this is only my opinion, I found the writing to be weak and lackluster, and that is the main reason why I'm only giving it three stars. In my experience, the difference between YA and NA is slim, but NA books typically have older protagonists in more mature situations and usually have more explicit sexual content than the YA "fade to black" variety. In that sense, because it has some PG-13 sex in it, Court of T&R is technically a new adult book-- yet it still felt like a YA book to me. It contained all of the typical YA tropes that just won't die: first-person narrator, insignificant young girl who accomplishes unimaginable feats, negative internal woe-is-me self talk, and more than one gorgeous man vying for her attention. If those things bug you, be advised before heading into this one.

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