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The wicked king series

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Navigating the constantly shifting political alliances of Faerie would be difficult enough if Cardan were easy to control. But he does everything in his power to humiliate and undermine her even as his fascination with her remains undiminished. When it becomes all too clear that someone close to Jude means to betray her, threatening her own life and the lives of everyone she loves, Jude must uncover the traitor and fight her own complicated feelings for Cardan to maintain control as a mortal in a Faerie world. • Author: Holly Black • ISBN: 9780316310352 • Format: Hardcover • Publication Date: 2019-01-08Age Range14 - 17 YearsLanguageEnglishSeries TitleFolk of the AirPublisherLittle, Brown Books for Young ReadersBook FormatHardcoverOriginal LanguagesEnglishNumber of Pages336AuthorHolly BlackTitleThe Wicked KingISBN-139780316310352Publication DateJanuary, 2019Assembled Product Dimensions (L x W x H)9.10 x 6.00 x 1.30 InchesISBN-100316310352September 15, 2020First off, I have to say that I'm so happy I started this series after the final book was published. Though I still have to wait for it to come back to the library (I'm on hold for it) at least I don't have to wait an entire year for it to be released. And of course, if I'm really impatient, I can just go to the bookstore and buy it. Anyway, to the review! The Wicked King focused more on the political and scheming aspects of the story, as opposed to the action we saw in The Cruel Prince, but I found I liked that better. I had no idea what to expect for a good portion of the book. Once again, Jude is not a perfect character by any means, and really, none of the characters are (well, except Oak). Though given that she is the most powerful person in the land due to her hold over Cardan, I can't blame her much because it seems as though she's a little over her head. Still, she handles her challenges without complaint and I think the ending happens the way it does because she's honestly just, tired. Cardan is still a jerk, however, though he has more moments where you can't help but love him. I still don't quite get him and what his deal is, but what he pulled at the end of the book just threw me for another loop, so I'm just waiting to see how his character plays out in the final book. Thankfully there wasn't too much of Locke, or else I would've thrown the book, though I still wanted to because of Taryn. In the first book she seems so naive, but this time around she's just a straight up b— (ya know) to Jude. The story moved quickly along and definitely kept me hooked on reading. I couldn't wait to get back to the book to see what would happen next. And I enjoyed that we got to learn more of the Undersea kingdom and even meet the Queen of the Undersea (though of course we hate her). It brought more depth into the story (ha) and made for some interesting turns involving Jude, Cardan, and his eldest brother Balekin. Overall, I enjoyed this one more than The Cruel Prince and it's safe to say it's my favorite of the trilogy!Written by a Library Thing customer.Helpful?March 20, 2019This is the second book in a trilogy. In the first book, Madoc, a redcap Faerie took Jude and her twin sister Taryn along with her half-sister Vivian to Ellfhame, the land of Faerie after killing their mother and Jude and Taryn's father. Vivian is his daughter. He raises them as if they are is own. But it is dangerous in Faerie for humans. Prince Caradan and his friends Loche and Nicasia who pick on them incessantly. Loche makes moves on Jude only to propose to her sister Taryn, as his making out with her sister was a test for Taryn. Jude who had wanted to be a knight becomes a spy instead in Prince Dain's spy network along with the Ghost, Roach, and Bomb. When Prince Dain is to be crowned king his brother Balekin kills all his brothers and sisters in order to become king, but Prince Cardan refuses to crown him king he runs and hides. The Court of Shadows, Prince Dain's spy network has a plan to put Madoc and Oriana's child Oak, whose real mother was Loche's mother and father was the king on the throne. But he's too young to be put on there now so they send him with Vivian to the mortal world to grow up normal and put Prince Cardan on the throne as Jude has extracted a vow from him to do as she commands for a year and a day. Five months have passed and progress has been made in that humans are no longer being made to use as enchanted slaves. But there is resentment between Cardan and Jude who is acting as his Senchel. He is chomping at the bit that she controls. Nicasia attempts to kill a lover of his that is in bed with Cardan by shooting an arrow into the room and almost hits him. She is in love with him and wants the marriage that her mother, the Queen of the Undersea, wants to arrange for her. Her mother is in constant contact with Balekin from his jail cell in the Tower of Forgetting. A marriage would be disastrous because it would seal his place on the throne. As everyone is making preparations for Taryn and Loche's wedding the fear is that the Queen of the Undersea is out to get Oak so strategies are made to protect him. Jude goes to get Oak and Vivi and her human girlfriend Heather who it turns out knows nothing of Faerie. So she is finding out all at once. While at the wedding someone tells Jude that she is needed at the jail and she goes. Nicasia said that someone would betray her and someone does. She is captured and taken to the Undersea for a month and tortured and glamourred, though she must pretend that she is. King Cardan makes a deal to get her free which involves letting Balekin free and acting as an Ambassador to the land for the Undersea and allowing the Undersea to attack the Termites without allowing any fighting back. Jude owes a debt to the Termites for their backing Cardan and they expect her to pay it back if they aren't going to fight for them. Madoc is furious as he is the General of the Armies. This book is just as good as the first one. The chemistry between Jude and Cardan has grown deeper and though they hate each other they can't keep their hands off each other. Jude is walking on a razor's edge trying to control Cardan without pushing him over the edge. And what game is Cardan playing? Is he a spy playing at being king or is he really just a party animal who doesn't care? The ending of this book is just amazing and shocking. I can't wait to see where it goes next. Black really delivers in this series. I give it five out of five stars. 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