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# Queen Of Shadows: Throne Of Glass

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## Synopsis

Sarah J. Maas's New York Times bestselling Throne of Glass series reaches new heights in this sweeping fourth volume. Everyone Celaena Sardothien loves has been taken from her. But she's at last returned to the empire-for vengeance, to rescue her once-glorious kingdom, and to confront the shadows of her past...She has embraced her identity as Aelin Galathynius, Queen of Terrasen. But before she can reclaim her throne, she must fight. She will fight for her cousin, a warrior prepared to die just to see her again. She will fight for her friend, a young man trapped in an unspeakable prison. And she will fight for her people, enslaved to a brutal king and awaiting their lost queen's triumphant return. Celaena's epic journey has captured the hearts and imaginations of millions across the globe. This fourth volume will hold readers rapt as Celaena's story builds to a passionate, agonizing crescendo that might just shatter her world.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 10 Up — Picking up where Heir of Fire (Bloomsbury, 2014) left off, this work follows Aelin as she returns to Adarlan to rescue her cousin from execution, free Prince Dorian from the Valg demon inside of him, and kill the King of Adarlan to set her people free. Told from many different viewpoints, this highly anticipated installment of the series will live up to every one of fans' expectations. Strong, clever, and resilient, Aelin expertly manages to rescue her cousin from the castle with minimal casualties. Then, with the help of her loyal friends and the Fae Prince Rowan, they devise a plan to destroy one of the king's towers to free magic and take back their powers so

they can assassinate the evil King of Adarlan. Meanwhile, Manon, the Wing Leader of the Blackbeak witch coven, struggles with her grandmother's order to select a coven of witches to breed with Valg demons to please the mortal Duke. Aelin and Manon cross paths in surprising ways, and everything comes together in one thrilling and high-stakes climax that will leave readers on the edge of their seats. With a full cast of three-dimensional characters and a slew of emotionally riveting scenes and shocking realizations, readers will be daydreaming about this book long after it's over.

**VERDICT** Beautifully written prose and brilliantly crafted plots come together in this entry of the awe-inspiring fantasy series that will leave readers anticipating the next volume.

—Candyce Pruitt-Goddard, Sno-Isle Libraries, Marysville, WA

—“Character motivations and interactions. . . are always nuanced and on point, especially as Aelin's growing maturity offers her new perspectives on old acquaintances. . . Impossible to put down.” —Kirkus Reviews

—“Fans of the high-fantasy series likely won't mind the protracted story at all, packed as it is with brooding glances, simmering sexual tension, twisty plot turns, lush world building, and snarky banter. . . The final chapters of this installment promise more epic adventures and badder bad guys to defeat in forthcoming volumes.” —Booklist

—“Praise for the New York Times bestselling series” —

—“Heir of Fire” —

—“A USA Today bestseller” —

—“I was afraid to put the book down!” —

—“New York Times bestselling author Tamora Pierce” —“Readers will devour Maas's latest entry” —|A must-purchase.

—“Tension snowballs into devastating twists and an absolutely riveting ending” —| Will leave readers ravenous for more.

—“Crown of Midnight” —

—“A New York Times and USA Today bestseller” —

—“An epic fantasy readers will immerse themselves in and never want to leave.” —

—“Series fans will be satisfied not only by the intricate plot, dishy romance, and rich world building but they will be thrilled by the prospect of deepening adventures in the next volume.” —

—“Throne of Glass” —

—“A Kirkus Best Teen Book of 2012, .com Best Book of 2012, YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults, and MTV Hollywood Crush Best YA Book of 2012 Nominee” —

—“A thrilling read.” —

—“A must-read for lovers of epic fantasy and fairy tales.” —

—“A welcome breath of fresh air to the oft-neglected epic fantasy field.” —

—“Fans of Tamora Pierce and

George R.R. Martin, pick up this book!RT Book Reviews

Most stories have a tendency to have long lulls, and can be difficult to read. The Throne of Glass series does anything but that. It has periods where there's less action and more plot development. Queen of Shadows has some of the more intense plot twists in the series so far. Prior to starting on the Throne of Glass series, I'd never heard of Sarah J Maas. After having started with the first book, I have since plowed through the first five books in under a month and am working my way toward the six and anxiously awaiting the release of the seventh book... Sarah J. Maas introduces character development WELL beyond the norm of most series, where you have linear, bland, two-dimensional characters and instead drives her characters forward in a world filled with turmoil, deceit, action, romance and genuinely interstellar writing. She has in a matter of one months and five books become one of my absolute favorite authors. I'll be investing into her other series as well. Throne of Glass is a must-read for anyone who loves the fantasy genre.

This review is so incredibly late. *Queen of Shadows* is a "Queen of Shadows". I don't know where to begin. Maybe that is why I have been delaying writing this review. That or I just don't have time. Either way. *Queen of Shadows*. I actually think I enjoyed this one a lot more than *Heir of Fire*. Yeah I know, Rowan was introduced in *Heir of Fire* but I didn't like him much then. I feel like *Queen of Shadows* was really when Celaena/Aelin was coming into her own. She was really becoming a Queen at this point. I really love how Sarah J. Maas has created a character that grows with every book. Aelin is definitely her own person. I just loved that she changed. Aelin has matured through the series and I think this is fantastic. This isn't some series where the character has the same mentality as the beginning. Aelin is still her completely stubborn self but at the same time she learns how to handle situation better. I love how complicated of a person she is. If you are looking for insta-love this is not your book. I am not even sure this is really a love triangle type a book. As the characters grow, so do their feelings. They have feelings that grow and change. A reader is not going to find a happily ever after in this series. I know there is still at least one more book coming and I am pretty positive there isn't going to be a happy ever after in that one either. I kind of like that. I am not looking for a book with a happy love story. I like the fact that Aelin is so badass. She makes up

her own mind and she doesn't let anyone stop her. I love that about her. Chaol. (SMH). He was horrible to Aelin the entire time in this book. What did he expect her to do? Not be herself? He is mad because she is part fae and whatever but seriously get over it. Chaol and Aelin were so horrible to each other in this book, so I just don't know how things are going to go in the future. Well now they each have new love interests any way. I am really looking forward to seeing what will happen in this series because I want them to be together but then at the same time I don't because sometimes I feel like Chaol just pulls Aelin down. Rowan. I never wanted Aelin and Rowan to be an item. I knew it was coming from the last book. They were already developing that relationship and those feelings so none of it surprised me in *Queen of Shadows*. The nice thing is that Rowan does make a good match for her. I was just hoping it would be more like best friends than anything else. I just love Sarah J. Maas writing. I think she is an excellent writer and that she does a great job. I am very impressed were the *Throne of Glass* series has gone. I look forward to reading more books because Maas knows how to capture her audience.

I am feeling all these different emotions after reading *Queen of Shadows*, that include: happy, sad, shocked and OMG! Sarah J. Maas has done it again with her amazing characters and wonderful world building. I wanted to really savor this book because I had to take in all the amazing things that was happening through out the book! Just wishing the pages never ended and I had the next book! Celaena/Aelin is by far one of my favorite heroines because she has fears at the same time can kick some bad guys a\*\* !! *Queen of Shadows* will become one of your favorite books in the series as the plot intensifies that you are instantly hooked to all things that happen. *Queen of Shadows* gives you reason to root for some characters that you might have hated in recent books. You get to see some characters in a new light and a new appreciation when you read the book. I loved being back into these characters point of views again as the plot is becoming more intense. All her female characters are strong, fierce and are not afraid to let you know how cunning they really are. I just loved them all! Aelin and Manon are two tough characters! As many other people reading this series you know that Sarah J. Maas is not afraid to show the readers the other side of her characters, and the changes that are happening. Especially what happened in *Heir of Fire*! I'm looking forward to what Manon's character going to do in the next book, because their encounter in *Queen of Shadows* was bloody and fierce because they are similar in character. While I still love Chaol I just wish he would've fought harder for Celaena and not let her go that easily (even though she did some stuff as well). I cried during some parts that mentioned certain characters. Also Rowan and

Aelin scenes= AWESOME!!! He has definitely grown on me through this book, and made me smile. I really enjoyed the friendships that are growing like Aedion and Rowan- one of the best bromances as well between Chaol and Dorian friendship. Chaol will do anything to save the prince from evil things happening. Plus the ending was superb! Queen of Shadows was everything I expected it to be. I am very glad I took this book slow because there was so much happening that I had to put it down to take in the awesome events that are going to eventually happening hopefully in the next book! If you haven't picked up the Throne of Glass series yet I recommend you do it immediately because Sarah J. Maas is one author who knows how to suck you into her incredible characters stories. Overall, Queen of Shadows is a must read for fans of this series because you will cry, be shocked and fall in love with Maas writing even more! I look forward to what going to happen in book 5.

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