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Lunar Chronicles #3: Cress

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Book Review

Title: Lunar Chronicles #3: Cress

Author: Marissa Meyer

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Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

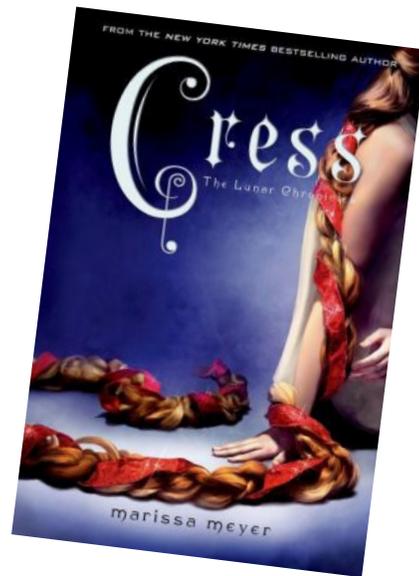
Publication Year: 2014

ISBN: 9780312642976

Number of Pages: 550

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Cress is stuck in a tiny satellite by herself, but that doesn't stop her from risking everything to warn Cinder about Queen Levana's evil plan or becoming a skilled hacker. She has been ordered to track down Cinder and Thorne, but instead she tries to contact them to come rescue her. When they try and things go badly, the group is separated. Cress and Thorne are left to survive in the desert after Thorne goes blind in the crash, Scarlet is captured by the enemy, and everyone else tries to come up with a plan to rescue their missing companions and save Kai from his upcoming wedding to Queen Levana. They manage to infiltrate the palace and have a plan to kidnap Kai and launch their rebellion while also discovering secrets about why the plague exists, but not without some losses along the way.

The third book in the *Lunar Chronicles*, *Cress* continues the story, this time adding the fairy tale Rapunzel to the mix. Cress is completely different than Scarlet and Cinder in the books before her, making her more of a damsel in distress figure, but still a strong character who is determined to do the right thing no matter how scary it is. When Meyer talks about the characters who used to be viewpoint characters, they still feel like themselves even seen from the eyes of someone else. The earlier problems of pacing and predictability improved from the first two books. The platonic relationships instead of love triangles are also refreshing, although it is hard to believe that everyone in the group manages to find the one person that is perfect from them out of everyone. There are many things that are a little too convenient, like how out of everywhere on the earth Cress and Thorne manage to crash in the same desert that Cinder and the rest of the group happens to be in. However, fans of the series will enjoy the new characters and the old ones and want to get their hands on a copy of the next book, *Winter*, as soon as they can.