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# A Clash of Kingdoms: Ever the Hunted

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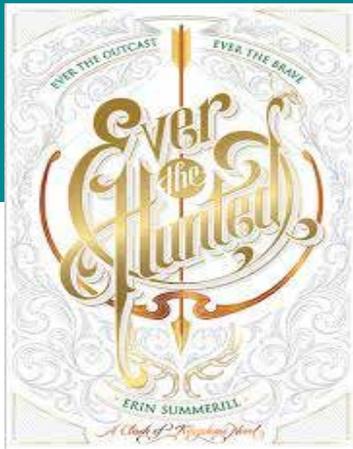
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## Book Review

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### Author

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Young Adult

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400

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In the wake of her father's death, Britta is left with nothing and is caught poaching on the young king's land. As she awaits her death sentence, Britta is called up to speak with the king's advisor. To her surprise, he offers her a deal. If she can find her father's murderer, she will be freed. There's only one catch: the suspected murderer is her father's old apprentice and her only friend, Cohen. With death as the only other option, Britta sets out to find Cohen. Along the way, she discovers the truth about her father's murder and about who she really is. Eventually, she uncovers a devious plot to control the king and take over the country, and she's the only one who can stop it.

Ever the Hunted is well written and reminiscent of Shannon Hale's fantasy books. Britta is a believable character who matures and learns a lot over the course of the book. Erin Summerill, the author, does a good job at describing the inner turmoil Britta feels as she deals with betrayal and learns of all the secrets that have been kept from her. The plot keeps the reader invested throughout the book and never feels as if it is dragging along. The conclusion is a little rushed and forced, however, considering the build-up throughout the book, but overall Ever the Hunted is a lovely read full of messages about loyalty, trust, and the importance of honesty.

\*Contains moderate violence.