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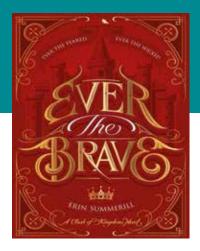
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Book Review Clash of Kingdoms #2: Ever the Brave

After fighting to save the king and her kingdom that doesn't accept her, all Britta wants is to live a normal, boring life in her cottage and maybe marry Cohen. But when the woman who almost took over the country in book one starts kidnapping all the channelers—women with magical abilities—in the neighboring country, it's up to Britta to save the day again. Working with the king, Cohen, and some new friends, Britta is forced to come to terms with her new channeler powers, face some hard facts about her family, and stop a war between two countries.

Ever the Brave is better than the first of the Clash of Kingdoms novels, because not only do we see a lot of action and impossible situations, but all the characters grow and develop over the course of the book. Different from the first, Ever the Brave is written with multiple points of view, allowing us to really dive into the characters' brains and understand why they do what they do. Britta learns to accept herself, powers and all; Cohen starts allowing others to act for and protect themselves; and the king grows into his role as leader of a country. Overall, this book is a great story with inspiring character development.

*Contains mild language, mild sexual content, and moderate violence.