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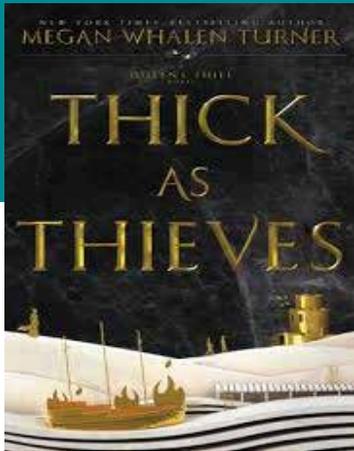
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Book Review

Queen's Thief: Thick as Thieves

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Dependable

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Kamet the slave is staged to run the empire as the next emperor's head slave, but things take a turn when he learns his master has been poisoned and killed. Rather than face torture and death, he flees. Joining up with an Attolian soldier who has promised him a new life in Attolia, Kamet and his companion go on a journey full of life-threatening setbacks. After a life full of mistrust as a slave, Kamet looks for any opportunity to escape on his own. But as the Attolian proves time and again his loyal nature, Kamet finds it harder to leave him behind. In the end, Kamet finds the new life he was searching for as well as a new sense of trust and loyalty he never expected.

Kamet's journey leads him to discover a new level of self-worth and the true meanings of trust, loyalty, and friendship. In his life as a slave, he has lived "comfortably" with the perks and powers of a head slave. However, he is loyal to an abusive master and trusts no one. Friendship is a luxury he can neither understand nor afford. On his journey of escape, even free of his master, he still struggles with these principles. It is only through the constancy of his Attolian companion that he grows to change. The Attolian repeatedly shows him respect, treats him as a free man, saves his life, and forgives his faults. Slowly Kamet grows to trust him, and as he does his own self-worth grows. He starts to see himself as a free man instead of a fugitive slave. He starts a new life where his loyalty is well earned, he finds trust in others, and he builds friendships. His difficult journey of climbing mountains and letting go of old ties is highly representative of his growth from slave to free man.

*Contains moderate violence.