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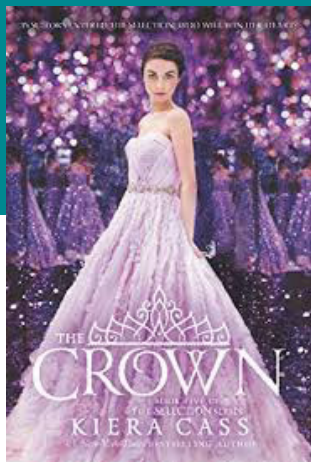
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Book Review

The Selection #5: The Crown

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Rating

Dependable

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Young Adult

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278

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Twenty years after her parents find love through The Selection, Eadlyn is having complications going through the process herself. She has narrowed her suitors down to an elite group, but making the final decision is turning out to be more difficult than anticipated. Eadlyn is forced to balance her fierce independence, newfound desire for love, duty as future queen, and unrest among the people of the kingdom, all while in the public eye. As her attention is pulled in these directions, she learns that not everyone around her can be trusted and that the best course of action may be to allow for more independence, both for herself and her people. Ultimately, she decides to follow her heart rather than the rules of The Selection.

The Crown continues the themes of freedom, independent thinking, and public service laid out in earlier books in the series. While these themes are consistent, they develop at a record-setting pace, allowing the government to change from traditional monarchy to constitutional monarchy in a decision made solely by the main character with little experience and preparation. This kind of character development, while noble, feels rushed. Teen readers will enjoy the discussion of dating, coming of age, and independence, even if the entire process of the book is romanticized. Overall, The Crown offers a nicely tied up ending to the entire Selection series that fans of the series will appreciate as a quick, easy, romantic read.

*Contains moderate sexual content.