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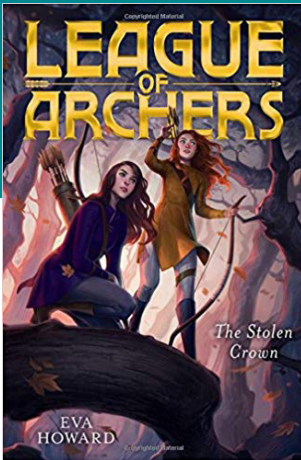
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Book Review

League of Archers #2: The Stolen Crown

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Rating

Outstanding

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Intermediate, Young Adult

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Ellie and her League of Archers have been fighting against Lord de Lays by providing a haven for destitute villagers affected by his tyranny. With no other choice, the League begins stealing from the rich to help the forest refugees. One of Ellie's stealing adventures goes horribly wrong when she witnesses King John's murder, a plot devised by de Lays to take over the throne. Luckily, de Lays' son, Stephen, helps Ellie escape and then later begs to join the League. Ellie reluctantly agrees, and Stephen's presence begins to splinter the League's tight knit bond. Later, the League hears that the crown jewels are coming their way. When they holdup the royal party, no jewels are found, but a young boy is. A mob of de Lays men begins killing off the royal guards. The League rescues the boy, Henry, but they later find out he is heir to the throne. Keeping Henry safe, the League works together to thwart de Lays plans and get Henry back on the throne.

Just as adventurous and suspenseful as the first book, Ellie and her League of Archers get caught up in another evil plot with Lord de Lays, only this time it has royal consequences and friendship casualties. When Ellie lets Stephen de Lays join the League, the only thing she is sure of is his hatred for his father. But Ellie soon learns that Stephen's hatred doesn't mean he agrees with every decision Ellie makes as the League's leader. Stephen's influence sparks a harsh division between Ellie and her dearest friends, causing the League to almost fall apart. Only by fighting for what she knows is right and finding common ground with Stephen does Ellie finally gain healing and unity with her beloved League of Archers. Another thrilling ride-of-a-read, League of Archers: The Stolen Crown is a fantastic follow-up from Howard's first book. It is appropriate for ages twelve and up.

*Contains moderate violence.