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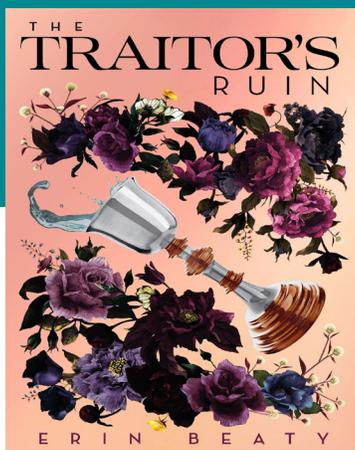
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Book Review

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Sage enjoys tutoring the royal children but her first love is Alex, the captain of the guard, and he has a new assignment as the leader of the king's most elite fighting forces. Sage and Alex are at odds. Alex is horribly afraid for Sage's safety after believing her dead in a previous conflict. Sage, being headstrong and determined, refuses to be left behind. She convinces the Queen to send her as a spy undercover as the prince's tutor with Alex' military expedition. Sage and the prince are targets for a desperate military group that desires to hold them for ransom. As they escape, Sage and the prince meet an opposing group of spies who take them deep into unknown desert territory. Alex pursues them and together they unite military forces to rescue two kingdoms. Sage, with her usual keen skills of observation, saves the day, but at great personal sacrifice. As the story ends sage and her lover, Alex face possible years of separation with sadness and a profound sense of commitment.

It is impossible not to love Sage and Alex. They are very moral young people with a deep, unselfish love for each other and for their friends and family. They demonstrate the important aspects of character that move strong emotions from trite to true. The writing is compelling, the plot is fast paced, and the characters are well rounded and pleasant to associate with as the reader follows them through harrowing adventure after harrowing adventure. In every aspect that readers enjoy, this story delivers. Sage is intelligent, innovative, and courageous. Alex is brave, loyal, and loving. They are equals who love and challenge each other in genuine and often frustrating ways. Sage and Alex offend and forgive as they learn to navigate the depth of their feelings for each other. This keeps their nearly perfect relationship in the realm of the believable and exciting. The Traitor's Ruin is a fantastic second book in what is proving to be a potential classic series for generations to come. Seriously, if you need a great read, you can't go wrong with this one.

*Contains moderate violence.

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Outstanding

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