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Book Review

The Witchlands #1: Truthwitch

Author

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Young Adult

Pages

412

Year

2015

ISBN

9780765379283

Publisher

Tor Teen

There are many types of magic in the Witchlands, and while the continent has been largely divided into three major countries, not all people, countries, or magics are created equally. Safiya is a Truthwitch, a secret only a select few know, hoping to not be used by the empire as a pawn in schemes. Her thread-sister, Iseult, is a Threadwitch, someone who can see the invisible ties and bonds around others' hearts. When Safi's power is found out and the girls are fought over by the empires, they are faced with the possibility of losing each other for the first time in years, questioning themselves and their place in the world, and the consequence of the broken peace the lands have known for nineteen years.

Susan Dennard creates a beautiful world where all of the countries and people are diverse. The writing style is engaging, moving, and changes perspectives between the main characters to show the individuality and depth of each. Though written in prose, there are songs, lyrics, and poems, and lullabies from the history of the Witchland world dispersed throughout the novel that add a richness to the text. The hardcover book is beautifully bound with nice thick paper and an easy-to-read font size that isn't too small. The dust jacket is full color and shows a high-resolution picture of the main character, Safiya.

*Contains moderate language.