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# Trickster's Choice (Daughter of the Lioness #1) by Tamora Pierce

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Author: Pierce, Tamora

Title: *Trickster's Choice (Daughter of the Lioness #1)*

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Number of Pages: 422

Rating: Excellent

Reading/Interest Level: Intermediate; Young Adult

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Review:

Alianne has been enslaved on the Copper Isles by a Trickster god. He has a plan for her, and the two make a bargain: if Alianne can keep the noble family she serves alive for the summer, the Trickster god will send her home. But all is not as it seems, and the islands are rife with intrigue and murder. Courtier is pitted against courtier in the regime that toppled the native dynasty hundreds of years before, and Alianne is in the middle of it all. With the training she received from her spymaster father and some help from the locals, Alianne upholds her end of the deal. However, even with her bargain complete, she decides to stay and become her realm's spy in Copper Isles, waiting for the chance to reinstate the native dynasty once more.

Author Tamora Pierce brings us back into a fantastic and familiar world with Alianne, the daughter of Alanna from the *Song of the Lioness* series. The dialogue is especially witty and is brought to life in a world heavily influenced by European and Asian traditions. The vivid and precise descriptions of the Copper Isles envelope readers in the spice-infused air of the exotic land Pierce creates. The interpersonal relationships of the characters are entertainingly fresh and real, especially the one between Nawat and Alianne. The only perceptible flaw with the novel appears to be the beginning, which feels a bit rushed and slightly contrived. Still, the first book in the *Daughter of the Lioness* series is well worth the read and will leave readers anxious to read the sequel.

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