Becoming Jinn #2: Circle of Jinn

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Review

Now that Azra is used to being a jinn, it’s easier to balance granting wishes and living her human life. But when the brother she didn’t know about shows up with rumors of an uprising that would finally bring her family together, Azra is faced with new difficult decisions. Her unique ability to perform magic without being bound to the Afrit’s rules make her a powerful player if she can decide how to go about her role in this uprising. If she can succeed, she’ll gain everything. But if they lose, everything she loves will be lost. Azra discovers more about the family secrets that make her unusually powerful and works together with her friends and family to put an end to the Afrit’s control over the people she loves most.

The first three quarters of the book are dull and difficult to get through, but the last chunk of the book turns exciting and the action starts happening. It is difficult to care about the characters and what is happening before that point because of how slow and uneventful the story is. The jinn world is more developed in this second book, but it the time spent on developing the world takes away from good character development. However, bringing jinn males into the story adds an interesting change from the first book, and the focus on family is refreshing in a young adult book. Fans of the first book will likely enjoy the sequel and how things end for Azra and her family, but the weaknesses make it hard to enjoy the uniqueness of the world of the jinn.