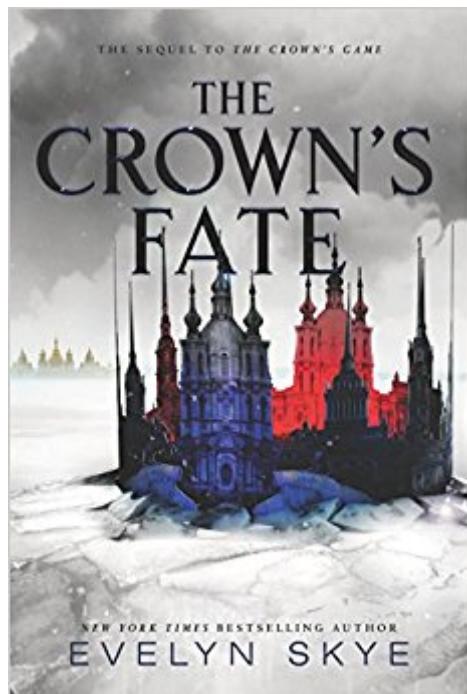


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Synopsis

The gorgeous and darkly compelling sequel to *The Crown's Game*—perfect for fans of *Red Queen* and *Shadow and Bone*. A New York Times bestseller! Magic is growing, shadows are rising, and the throne is at stake—Russia is on the brink of great change. Pasha's coronation approaches, and Vika is now the Imperial Enchanter, but the role she once coveted may be more difficult—and dangerous—than she ever expected. Pasha is grappling with his own problems—his legitimacy is in doubt, the girl he loves loathes him, and he believes his best friend is dead. When a challenger to the throne emerges—and with the magic in Russia growing rapidly—Pasha must do whatever it takes to keep his position and protect his kingdom. For Nikolai, the ending of *The Crown's Game* stung deeply. Although he just managed to escape death, Nikolai remains alone, a shadow hidden in a not-quite-real world of his own creation. But when he's given a second chance at life—tied to a dark price—Nikolai must decide just how far he's willing to go to return to the world. With revolution on the rise, dangerous new magic rearing up, and a tsardom up for the taking, Vika, Nikolai, and Pasha must fight—or face the destruction of not only their world but also themselves.

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THE THRILLING SEQUEL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING THE CROWN’S GAME. Russia is on the brink of great change. Pasha’s coronation approaches, and Vika is now the Imperial Enchanter, but the role she once coveted may be more difficult—and dangerous—than she ever expected. Pasha is grappling with his own problems—his legitimacy is in doubt, the girl he loves loathes him, and he believes his best friend is dead. When a challenger to the throne emerges—and with the magic in Russia growing rapidly—Pasha must do whatever it takes to keep his position and protect his kingdom. For Nikolai, the ending of the Crown’s Game stung deeply. Although he just managed to escape death, he remains alone, a shadow hidden in a not-quite-real world of his own creation. But when he’s given a second chance at life—tied to a dark price—Nikolai must decide how far he’s willing to go to return to the world. With revolution on the rise, dangerous new magic rearing up, and a tsardom up for the taking, Vika, Nikolai, and Pasha must fight—or face the destruction of not only their world but also themselves.

This is a difficult book to rate. I adored The Crown's Game so this was one of my most anticipated books of 2017. I felt the sequel fell flat in a lot of ways. I didn't feel the same sense of tension or surprise that I did while reading The Crown's Game. I saw the plot twists coming from very early on and was honestly a bit let down by the ending. I was, however, once again very enchanted by the setting. It's obvious that Skye has a true love for Russian history and the addition of traditional Russian folktales was such a nice touch. That said, I think The Crown's Game is the stronger book in this duology and perhaps should have been a standalone.

I didn't just read this book. I devoured it. I've been waiting for this since I finished the first book in August, and I couldn't put it down. This book was well paced, tightly written. The exposition was just enough to not be too much. There's romance, drama, and political intrigue (everything I love in a novel). AND IT'S SET IN VICTORIAN RUSSIA WITH MAGIC. GUYS THIS IS LITERALLY EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED. What I especially liked about this book was that the magic and enchanting get darker than in the Crown's Game. In the Crown's Game, the world building shows magic as a beautiful force, where here it shows its power as a force to be reckoned with and respected. The characters were everything I remembered them being. They were everything I fell in love with all over again, even though I will always and forever be #TeamPasha, no matter how many stupid decisions he makes. He's a boy thrown into a position of power after losing both of his parents and seemingly losing his best friend. He's in love with a girl who doesn't love him back and is bound to his servitude. His sister is power thirsty and manipulative and it influences his decisions until the bitter end when his character arc is finally satisfied. The poor boy just needs a blanket and some warm cocoa by the fire while receiving lots and lots of cuddles. Especially after all that he goes through in THIS instalment. The plot was well executed, especially Nikolai's. It made me hate dramatic irony a lot more than I already do, though. I honestly think that he had the best character arc throughout the two books, and I think that his plot was the most well-thought out. I really enjoyed it, even though there were points where I just wanted to scream at how stupid he was being, then I remembered that his stupidity wasn't his fault. All of the characters had a lot to come to grips with and figure out how to balance, and I think Evelyn Skye did a really great job weaving it through the novel. I think I would have liked a little bit more on Yuliana helping Pasha prove his legitimacy, but all in all that was just a side note anyway. The only reason I'm giving it a 4/5 is because there was a couple of little things that didn't seem like they would quite fit with the characters. As a sequel, it really holds up to its predecessor and that always makes me super happy. GUYS I JUST REALLY LOVE THESE BOOKS AND YOU SHOULD READ THEM RIGHT NOW.

I loved this book even more than the first one. I felt there was more nuance, depth, and emotional energy in this book. Admittedly, I'm not a big fan of magic, so the fact that this book delved deeper into the main characters with less need for magic gave me a lot of satisfaction. Although there was plenty of magic too. This is the most successful second book of any duology I've read so far. I really loved it.

Ooooh such a good wrap up! The whole saga between Vika and Nikolai and Pasha feels solidly resolved, but Skye has still left us a lot of room to have more adventures in this magical Russia! I hope we get more books!

The Crown's Fate was a great sequel to The Crown's Game. However, The Crown's Game had way more adventure, love interest, and magic. It felt like the plot didn't move until the very last 5 chapters of this book. There were definitely some dull moments throughout this book. There were also some grammar mistakes. Overall, I enjoyed the book and would still recommend this series to anyone who wants to read about magic and sorcery!

I really fell in love with The Crown's Game so I immediately purchased The Crown's Fate and I have to admit I was a bit disappointed in the direction of the story line, although I understand why the writer did it. But I finished it (and maybe reading it back to back wasn't the best idea). Evelyn should be proud nonetheless of writing such a fun and magical story.

It was a good read and kept me wanting for more. Was disappointed it is only a two part book

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