

All the Wandering Light

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Raksha was supposed to be the end, but it wasn't. In the exciting sequel to *Even the Darkest Stars*, sixteen-year-old Kamzin embarks on a new journey following River's betrayal. When River released the powers of the witches, he broke more than just the binding spell that had protected the Empire and Azmiri for years—he broke Kamzin's heart. Nevertheless, the fate of her village, and more importantly Lusha and Tem, rests on her shoulders, leaving her no time to reconcile her feelings. She must stop River and the witches from destroying everything she has ever loved, no matter the cost, but the only way to rival the growing power of the witches is to catch a fallen star, a feat attempted and failed by many of the Emperor's explorers. However, Kamzin and her friends are not the only ones in search of the star's power—the witches want it too. Kamzin must take on another dangerous race but now against the boy who betrayed her. She must accomplish this seemingly impossible task if she is to save her family, her friends, her village, and her life from a threat that becomes more deadly with every day—but can she even if it means fighting the one person who had her heart? Kamzin twists and turns on this thrilling new challenge as she battles new powers and pushes the boundaries of her own strength and determination.

The second and final book of Fawcett's series is yet another phenomenal adventure that will leave you breathless. Kamzin's second journey leads her not only far from home and but also far from her comfort zone into a world more terrifying than she ever imagined. Author Heather Fawcett takes our beloved protagonist down a road that illuminates her flaws as she tries and fails to make things right, but, nevertheless, the author unearths the roots of the young girl's strength, highlighting what it really means to be a fighter. Kamzin is just a girl trapped in a romance, a betrayal, a cliff edge of trust, but she is forever a pillar of courage despite her many rock falls, a beacon of hope despite her doubting, an icon of selflessness despite her broken heart. In the finale of this riveting series, Fawcett leaves us with a friend who will guide us to the highest of peaks courage, through the scariest forests of despair, and to the star that is truth, hope, friendship, and love.

All the Wandering Stars is the impossible to miss sequel that all fans of Kamzin's first journey must read. The books fit seamlessly together, so I would highly recommend getting it from a library right after you finish the first book. Like the first of this series, this book is perfect for fantasy lovers ages 10 and up, but especially, this time, for those who enjoy a little mix with love stories. Kamzin's emotional struggle complements her risky endeavor throughout the book,

guiding the reader through her thoughts as well as River's. This exhilarating tale of imaginative genius will be one that you will not soon forget.

Recommended Titles

The Language of Ghosts by Heather Fawcett

Sorcery of Thorns by Margaret Rogerson

Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo

Siege and Storm by Leigh Bardugo (Shadow and Bone #2)

Ruin and Rising by Leigh Bardugo (Shadow and Bone #3)