

The Wish Granter

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Being the illegitimate children of Sundaraille's King, twins Thad and Ari Glavan, never envisioned to be in their current position. With their mother murdered and the royal family mysteriously dead, Thad is set to take his father's place over a chaotic and restless kingdom. Despite her wishes, when Thad starts training Ari to take his place, Ari learns the truth behind Thad's ascension to the throne. Caught up in a trick deal with a Wish Granter named Teague, Thad wished away his soul and the safety of the kingdom for the crown. Refusing to accept her brother's fate, Ari enlists the help of Thad's weapon master, Sebastian, who may just have a secret capable of destroying Teague and his empire. With Teague's sight set on destroying her, Ari will have to use everything she has to stop him or she may lose everyone she cares about, even herself.

The Wish Granter is a wonderful book with a great unique plot and strong characters. It's a lovely edition to *The Shadow Queen* and brings the reader to an entire new world full of new creatures and lore. The book is written with a third-person limited point of view, meaning we get to see different chapters set from the perspectives of Ari, Sebastian and Teague. This choice on Redwine's part does a wonderful job of creating memorable and well-developed characters. Ari and Sebastain have great chemistry and emotional connection, which only ups the stakes later on in the novel. Teague is also a great villain and the chapter's focused on him really help develop him into more than just an evil character, but a character with a purpose. Being based off of the fairytale of Rumpelstiltskin, *The Wish Granter* manages to be a lot more unique than some of the other novels in the fairytale retelling genre. Redwine manages to take elements of the original story and incorporate them into something exciting and modern.

There isn't much I can say I disliked in this book as there is so much done well. I think my only recommendation would have been to develop even more of what was already present in the book, such as the relationship between Sebastain and Ari to maybe be a little more romantically geared. Another critique I have is that the ending could have been developed a little further as well and maybe had a few more twists and turns than it did. However, neither of these two points are enough to overtake the positives of this book.

In conclusion, *The Wish Granter* is a wonderful addition to C.J. Redwine's Ravenspire series and I am even more excited to see what fairytale she manages to tackle next. This book is perfect for a teen audience with it's romantic elements and mature themes. I would highly recommend this book as a gift, especially with the first novel, but it could also be gifted separately as the two books aren't particularly connected plotwise. In addition, I would recommend buying this book if you intend on collecting the whole series, but otherwise I feel as though renting is a good option if you aren't set on the series.

Recommended Titles:

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Frostblood by Elly Blake

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

Defiance by C.J. Redwine

A Curse So Dark and Lovely by Brigid Kemmerer