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When gunslinging Amani Al'Hiza escaped her dead-end town, she never imagined she'd join a revolution, let alone lead one. But after the bloodthirsty Sultan of Miraji imprisoned the Rebel Prince Ahmed in the mythical city of Eremot, she doesn't have a choice. Armed with only her revolver, her wits, and her untameable Demdji powers, Amani must rally her skeleton crew of rebels for a rescue mission through the unforgiving desert to a place that, according to maps, doesn't exist. As she watches those she loves most lay their lives on the line against ghouls and enemy soldiers, Amani questions whether she can be the leader they need or if she is leading them all to their deaths.

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Mari says

Please don't read the comments if you don't want to be spoiled. In my review I have spoilers under tags but not in comments as I can do nothing about those. Hope this helps.

I've lost the ability to produce proper sentences.

THIS BOOK WAS SO CRUEL. AND SO GREAT.

Now I probably really need to sit in a corner and cry of both sadness and joy. I'll miss everybody so freaking much! I started reading this series in 2015 and I've loved it ever since. Not one time was I let down (except again when the author was so cruel with my precious characters *cries*). I can't believe how much Amani has grown as well. In this book she's the main character through and through. She's basically the chosen one and I couldn't be happier that she had such a role in the Rebellion.

This last book kept me on the edge of my seat from page 1 to the end. When you think that nothing could go worse, you'll be proven wrong many many times. I talked and screamed out loud for this book, and when I didn't like something I kept closing and opening the book again and again because I couldn't cope and in no way was I ready to go on like it was nothing.

(view spoiler)

Mythology becoming reality was one of my favorite things in this book. (view spoiler) But I loved to see mythology in action and to understand every little detail that was left unsolved in the previous books.

Sometimes I love open endings but here I just NEEDED something more and I'm so happy that I got to understand the reasons behind everything and to know every secret. (view spoiler)

This book was also so pirate-y! I ADORED THE SHIP SAILING ON SAND SCENE AND THE RESCUE OF SAM AT THE WHITE FISH.

The first was such a symbol for Amani and Jin loving each other, I can't. The second... well, let's just say that Amani + guns + Sam is my favorite recipe.

And lastly, characters and relationships, the best things of the entire series. I love Amani's friendships with Shazad and Ahmed and Sam particularly, but I also like so Jin and Sam's interactions so much. I wish I could've read more about Rahim, maybe that's the only thing I'm sad about. I loved him in the second book and here there's so little of him. But we got more twins finally!

Last but not least, Amani and Jin. I can't even describe how much I love them. They're so sweet to each other and they love with such intensity. But they never want to change or control the other.

The night scene in the tent was the sweetest ever, I can reread it a million times and never get tired of it.

This book swept me off my feet. I didn't want it to end but the pages were flying by as they were so quick to read, and next thing I knew I was reading the last chapter and everything was over. I will miss everything of these books.

Please if you're considering picking this series up DO IT NOW.

Simona Bartolotta says

[Amani having to chose who should die (hide spoiler)]

Sandra (LadyGrey Reads) says

We would be stories long after we were gone. Imperfect, inaccurate stories. Stories that could never even come close to reality.

It's over? The series is over?

Honestly, I thought this was the perfect ending to this series. Alwyn Hamilton wasn't afraid to give us a few broken hearts along the way and kept going with the twists and turns, making us question if there could ever be a happy ending. Or, if there was, if that ending would stay happy.

Following the shocking reveal at the end of *Traitor to the Throne*, Amani and the remaining rebels set out to save their captured friends, stop their nation from being invaded and save the trapped Jinni from the Sultan's control - before he can turn them into weapons. Sounds simple, right? Well, maybe not - and it gets even more complicated than that when it turns out their friends have been sent to the same place that keeps the Destroyer Of Worlds from getting free. The rule is simple; the barriers let you in, but never let you out. Of course, impossible has never deterred these rebels. It's only a matter of time.

Only, that's what they're running out of.

This book had the heartbreak, the romance, the action and the political intrigue that I found myself loving so much in the second novel - which I still rate slightly higher than this final installment. I loved the pieces that were part of stories told around the campfire about the rebellion, because they certainly made me think "well, this is going to hell" - and sometimes I was right, sometimes Alwyn Hamilton threw a curve ball at me. Love those curve balls!

I feel like I definitely need to re-read this series at some point. But, right now, I think I just need to settle down and cry about it being over.

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

Loved ♥?

Nina says

This book was absolutely amazing and definitely one of the best books I've read this year so far! The plot of "Hero at the Fall" was incredibly interesting and I was just glued to the book. It made me laugh and cry and kept me on the edge of my seat. Overall, it was simply everything I hoped it would be and it's definitely a

new favorite of mine. It's been some time since I've been this sure about rating a book five stars but "Hero at the Fall" deserves every single one of them!

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Manisha says

Actual review: 3.5

"She was all fire and gunpowder, and her finger was always on a trigger."

I found this to be a decent ending to a decent trilogy. Out of all the books in this series, this instalment is the most action-packed novel, and therefore, the fastest to read. It was fun, it was interesting, but like the past two books, this was so close to what it could have been, but failed in a few aspects.

♥ THE WORLDBUILDING

For me, this was the strongest aspect of the entire book, and of the entire series. The discussion of religion and bias, as well as nature versus nurture had a great backdrop with a world that has a great twist on our current reality. I loved the concept of combining the American wild west with Middle-Eastern customs, and I found it interesting how the issues that plague both worlds have had a place in the universe created by Hamilton. It didn't hurt that the magic was a creative element as well.

♥ THE STORY

The story had the predictable YA storyline with a few interesting twists and a few unlikely heroes. It was a solid tale. When rating YA books, I would state that this book (and this series) falls into the higher quality of YA books. It's still predictable, and some might find comfort in that predictability. However, I wish there had been a bit more to surprise me. Unfortunately, the story is not that memorable for me.

◆ THE CHARACTERS

This was the least liked aspect for me. It wasn't because the characters were unlikeable or because they weren't well written. If anything, it was because I have seen these same characters over and over quite a few times. Their personalities were the same as seen in other YA books, and as a result, I didn't care if any of the characters lived or died. A book might have similar storylines to others, but if you care for the character, then you care about the story. Every character was interchangeable to me.

In conclusion: a decent series with a decent ending, but it wasn't memorable for me.

Nina (Every Word A Doorway) says

2.5 stars

Hero at the Fall could not level with the preceding installments and thus did not meet my expectations. Its ending was rushed and anti-climactic, and some solutions to problems seemed way too easy for my taste. Another reason this book fell flat for me was my emotional detachment from the characters, which had already commenced in the sequel. Despite some enjoyable and entertaining chapters, this book was not my cup of tea.

RTC.

Dana Kenedy (Dana and the Books) says

Nooo it's over :(

Cindy says

4.25 stars

- I loved this!
- The ending was done so well. It was solid and no question was left unanswered
- I felt so satisfied
- World building and writing were amazing!
- I loved the worlds, magic, politics, action scenes and tension
- Ah everything was amazing and it was so nice seeing everything play out
- Hamilton is NOT afraid to kill off characters and I'm glad she takes those risks!
- I love the character so much as well. How they act under pressure, how they bond and how they support one another
- This series only gets better and better with each book. Highly recommend it!

A longer and more thorough review can be found on my blog here

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Larissa (Book Bosomed Blonde) says

You can also find this review on My Blog.

There is little left to say after loving the first two books in this trilogy either than again, i am not disappointed! There couldn't have been a better conclusion to this swirling desert tale. There's blood, war, death and magic but all loose ends are wrapped up and we get one hell of a story!

Alwyn Hamilton still has her whimsical, almost poet like writing style that i love so much but she has pushed through with a serious amount of action in this finale. two seconds into the book there's already a new problem and thus, the action begins.

I like how we get to see a lot more magic here, not only Demdji wise but also from the Djinn. I like that Hamilton wasn't done with expanding her magical system and that she spread out us learning about it along with Amani because even though she's this all-powerful desert Demdji, she still doesn't know everything, i mean less than a year ago she only just found out she had powers.

That being said there is little individual character development left. Yes, Amani takes on the role of leader of the rebellion while the others are taken but she already had their respect so she doesn't change much in that way. On a relationship basis, there is a lot of development. Not only love but friendships as well. I don't want to go into too much detail, but i was glad to see it all expand and certain people come together.

Being that this book is set literally after the sultan just killed the leaders of the foreign countries, it is basically a war zone, so yes people die. Lots of people. However, although i found it sad I have to hand it to Hamilton. She know's how to write a death. It's just so beautiful it makes you feel okay to move on afterwards.

I couldn't have asked for a better conclusion to this epic trilogy. I wish it didn't have to end because i feel so invested in Amani's story but it really did end on a final note, so i think there's no going back. I seriously loved it though, everyone (who is still alive) gets a decent ending and although their life is still tough, they're together and that's what matters.

Alyssa says

Gimmee gimmee gimmee gimmee!!!! ????????

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Bright Star says

"A new dawn, a new desert."

Another series has come to an end, and **I'M NOT OKAY**.

Hero at the Fall was the perfect conclusion to an incredible series! I fell in love with *Rebel of the Sands* from the first page and my love only grew more and more! Each book is amazing and unique, and you can't help but adore everything and everyone (Amani and Jin, my babies ♥).

And now that the story is over all I can feel is emptiness because I already miss all of them! ***cries***

If you haven't started this series yet, **DO IT NOW**.

It deserves all the love of this world! ♥

Dalziel Mapp says

I'm never going to ever forget this story

FIRST UP YES I'M A COMPLETE AND UTTER MESS RIGHT AND YES I'M NOT EMOTIONALLY STABLE RIGHT NOW AND YES EVERYTHING REALLY REALLY HURTS AND YES I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE FOR A GAZILLION YEARS AND YES I'VE ALREADY CRIED ENOUGH TO FILL UP SEVERAL HUNDRED BATHTUBS.

Secondly, thank you Alwyn Hamilton for giving me this amazing series that feels so much like home every time I delve back into this world. You have not let me down once. HOWEVER, HOW DARE YOU PUT ME THROUGH SO MUCH PAIN IN THIS EPIC FINALE!?

cries some more but pulls myself back together

The characters in this were so so good! I didn't hate a single one besides the villain and sure I can't mention my favourite because I'll just weep yet again. They're my family for life.

Plot-wise this was a brilliant conclusion. It wasn't dragged out or given a weak ending. All the events within the book were gripping, the only thing that had kept me from reading this all in one hit was the most irritating thing called life. Like urgh! Why did that have to get in the way?

Oh, look. I'm crying again.

love, katherine says

I'm gonna need a minute here because I wasn't ready for this series to end, my heart has been broken multiple times in this book, I have cried over this book I just can't cope, this has easily stolen the top space in my favourite series books because this has blown my mind.

Please please please please please read this series!!!!

Stacey says

It really angers me that this book, which is the third in the series, has an average 2 star rating when the second book hasn't even been released yet. People anger me!
