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Delaney has been kidnapped by aliens. Again. After only a month back on Earth with her hotnew alien boyfriend Ruckus, the deadly and devastatingly handsome prince Trystan has dragged her right back to his planet.

While some girls may dream of winning a prince's heart, Delaney just wishes this one would leave her alone. Instead, she finds herself at the center of both a tense political battle between two alien kingdoms and Trystan's romantic attentions, both of which are absolutely ruining the life she's built on Earth. Not to mention the fact that she's about to be crowned queen of a planet she's barely even visited. Just another day in life of an ordinary human girl.

## **Between Frost and Fury Details**

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## From Reader Review Between Frost and Fury for online ebook

### Kay Wisteria says

This series is genuinely one of the most underrated ever. Seriously. How do more people not know about it?? It's total love <3 <3 I'm obsessed. Where is my sequel???

Between Frost and Fury is the second book in the Xenith Trilogy, and it picks up right back in the action where the first book, *Amid Stars and Darkness*, leaves off. It took me a little bit to get back into it because we're just dumped right into the action, but I came to love this--no unnecessary time wasted on exposition or fluff.

So Delaney is back in space once again, but this time, she isn't impersonating anyone--no, she's just there as herself! She's been thrown back into politics, and is being used to avert a potential war--a war between three planets that could threaten the homes of all she loves, including her own Earth.

What makes Delaney a really compelling character, though, is the fact that she's flawed. She's realistic. Delaney is just like you and me--she's just a normal person who's been thrown into something that she wants no part of, and keeps trying to get out of, ignoring the fact that it might be starting a war because it doesn't really directly affect her. She's not a savior, a hero--she doesn't feel particularly compelled to put the lives of others above her own wants. And this makes her really relatable, really easy to get into her head.

However, Delaney really does have some significant character growth. Despite being held against her will, she is willing to compromise, to try, and of course, she ends up having to make some sacrifices too. Watching her struggle, not sure exactly what she wants, is really compelling.

Trystan, Trystan, Trystan... This book IS clearly a love triangle, which is really annoying since I pretty much hate love triangles on principle, and this one really isn't an exception. However, I will say that I've been Team Trystan since book one, and so that just made this book that much better for me! Ruckus is really much more of a minor character, and while that and the whole love triangle thing is a little annoying since it seems like the author didn't put much effort into giving him a personality and making there any real competition, I'm lowkey okay with it because it means more Trystan time.

This love triangle actually really reminds me of the love triangle in *Shatter Me*, with Trystan being Warner and Ruckus being Adam. Ruckus is the sort of lovesick puppy, but Trystan is the one who is willing to make hard decisions, and pushes Delaney to really be better, to be her best person and not just flee back to Earth and take the easy choice.

There are some really complex politics going on here, and I have to admit, they went a little bit over my head. If I recall correctly, they were explained really well in book one, but since it's been about a year since I read that, I mostly forgot it all. I did recall enough to get by and understand the general gist of the book, though I would really recommend reading this series back to back. (And then the torturous waiting period for the next book!)

Another thing that was different from this book and the first was that we got a couple of chapters from Trystan's POV. It's all third person, which is good because I really hate when first person books randomly change, but it still felt a bit cheap, a way to convey knowledge to the reader that we otherwise wouldn't have known. Don't get me wrong--I absolutely adored being in Trystan's head!!!--but since most of the book is from Delaney's POV, it seemed really jarring and out of place.

Overall, I continue loving this series and I can't wait for the next one!! Highly, highly recommend :)

4.5 stars

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### **Lauren the Book Slayer says**

\*4.5 \*

I just couldn't get enough. I had a hard time putting Between Frost and Fury down. I just wanted more, more, more, and the only reason I didn't finish it in one sitting, was because it was 12:30am, and my eyes started to burn. When I woke up at 8:00am, I snatched it off of my nightstand, and refused to get out of bed until it was finished. Guys, this series is THAT addicting.

More than meets the eye. In my review for Amid Stars and Darkness, I said that I was intrigued by Trystan's character. Now after finishing Between Frost and Fury, I'm completely obsessed. Delaney tries so hard to hate Trystan, but slowly, and at first unwillingly, she sees that he's not all bad. Trystan's a tough egg to crack, and when he finally starts to, Delaney acknowledges that there's some justifiable reasons as to why he became so cold. Trystan starts a journey to redemption in Between Frost and Fury, and I can't wait to see more of it in book three.

Sorry Ruckus, it's not you, it's me. I was a total #relaney fan in book one. I thought that Delaney and Ruckus were cute together and had great chemistry. Now after reading Between Frost and Fury, and I feel so bad saying this, I've decided to ditch #relaney at the train station so I can jump on the #drystan train. Delaney and Trystan spent a lot of time together in this book, and because of it, I felt like Relaney built a deeper, more passionate connection with Trystan than she ever did with Ruckus.

Great character growth. #Drystan aside, I'm glad that Delaney spent some time apart from Ruckus in Between Frost and Fury. She relied on him a lot in Amid Stars and Darkness, and by being on her own more, she got stronger, wiser, and more independent.

Sometimes I love being wrong. When I first read the description for Between Frost and Fury, and it said that Delaney was being brought back to Xenith to be queen, I thought it was pretty obvious why and how. My assumptions were slightly right, but mostly wrong. I loved the surprise/twist!

If you like hot aliens, romantic tension, and clever, cheeky, strong heroines – you'll love The Xenith series! I dare you to go get book one asap so you can fully understand why I can't get enough of this series.

(This ARC was provided by the publisher for review.)

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### **Marissa says**

\*screaming from the rooftops\* I LOVED THIS BOOK, LOVEDDDDD!!

I've made it no secret that I absolutely adore Trystan, I loved him from the moment he prowls down the hallway toward Delaney in book 1 and this book delivers the Trystan I was hoping for. He's intelligent (from the ending of book 1 we all know he figured out the real Olena was not the Olena he took a bullet for), he's still an ass but he's also vulnerable ... just, can I have him? Honestly, if Delaney won't scoop him up, then I

will.

"I took who I meant to take"

So the book begins exactly where the first book ended, and I don't want to spoil anything because I was literally shaking as I read the opening scene. I was living for those moments! \*sighs happily\*

When the arc arrived in the mail, I sat in my car by the mailbox reading my little heart out. My husband and I had recently bought a house and I was suppose to be heading over there to help paint .. I was almost two hours late with a crick in my neck but didn't care, the book completely sucked me in!

"He gave her that half smirk, the one that reminded her of a snake trying to beguile a mouse."

I loved that the book has multiple pov's. Ruckus has a few and so does Trystan - you finally get to see a glimpse into his heart and mind and it really sheds some light on his complicated character.

I lived for the moments in ASAD when Delaney would describe the food, drinks, flora, even the landscape! She's on another planet and you can't overlook it. Some sci-fi book seem like they could be in the middle of Ohio for all the details you get, but this one delivers the perfect amount without being overwhelming.

"You're clever. We'll be fine"

The book is well written with an excellent cast of characters and several defined character arcs of growth. Also, at no time did it feel like a filler book for a trilogy, it can stand on its own just fine. I won't say anything else because I'd hate to reveal anything. So just READ IT!

Read the series, read the book. I promise it's amazing!

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## Amy says

Here is the deal: I liked this one. I really did. There is some solid - albeit occasionally predictable - political intrigue going on. Also, great world building. I really like Delaney.

And, as previously established, I even like Trystan (in comparison with Ruckus.)

I actually continued to like Trystan in this book. The author fleshes him out and even throws in some much needed POVs from him.

The problem is....\*drum roll please\*

It all feeds the love triangle. Honestly, YA authors, can we just call it quits on the love triangle for a little bit? Please?

Because I would actually really like the relationship that developed in this book, except for the whole Ruckus thing. And honestly, can it even be considered a love triangle when Ruckus still has no personality? It is like the author caught the vision for this romance between an earth girl and a murderous alien prince and then threw in another love interest for tension, but forgot to give the other love interest any character traits while she was at it.

I really did enjoy this one. I'd read the third book (if I remember the first two well enough when it comes out.) It has more than a bit of a Hunger Games feel.

(view spoiler)

## Hannah L (Reviewer) says

The second instalment in the Xenith trilogy, *Between Frost and Fury* continues the thrilling and romantic tale of Delaney being kidnapped by aliens to be alien royalty. I swear this isn't trash, its a true blast to read. Amid *Stars and Darkness* and *Between Frost and Fury* are like junk food, you know they are not good for you but you just can't stop eating! It tastes so good! Delaney has once again been abducted by aliens, but this time it was on purpose. Trystan is obsessed with the sassy human woman that decided him for so long and captured his heart, and decided to simply take her back home. This, to the absolute horror of Ruckus, who also loves Delaney. As Delaney plots her escape, Trystan plots their future and Ruckus plots to save Delaney. Who will succeed? You'll have to read to find out!

Addicting and just plain fun to read, *Between Frost and Fury* was just plain fun to read. It kept me on my toes and fully engaged. I love both Ruckus and Trystan, and I have no idea who I want to win Delaney's heart in the end! The characters in this series are so distinct and fun that I couldn't put the book down. I finished in one solid sitting, I loved it immensely, so clearly I recommend this book and this series. I give *Between Frost and Fury* the honest and excited rating of FIVE OUT OF FIVE STARS!!!

Want more of me? Go to: <http://thenotsopubliclibrary.blogspot.ca>

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## Sydney Moy says

absolutely getting this book.

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## Rebekah says

AAAAAAAHHHHH I NEED BOOK THREE!!!! TEAM TRYSTAN FOR THE WIN!!!!!!

I've been team Trystan since book ONE I LOOOOOOOOOVE his character!!! and honestly he is the ONLY reason I kept going with this series. The first book just really wasn't my thing but I was sucked in and couldn't put the book down all because of HIS character.

I felt that this book was WAAAAY better than book 1 and I can't wait for book 3!!!!

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## Shelley says

\*Source\* Publisher

\*Genre\* Young Adult / Science Fiction / Romance

\*Rating\* 3.5-4

\*Thoughts\*

*Between Frost and Fury*, by author Chani Lynn Feener, is the second installment in the authors *The Xenith*

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Trilogy. It is pretty much imperative that you read the first installment, *Amid Stars and Darkness*, in order to understand the characters, and the world that our protagonist Delaney, has been dragged into and can't seem to escape. For the second time in her life, and after only a month of being home from her previous excursion off planet, Delaney has been kidnapped, and taken away from Earth

\*Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews\*

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

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## **Kayleigh Brindley says**

A more in-depth review of this book will be live on my blog on July 16th as part of the *Between Frost and Fury* Blog Tour: My Endless Shelf

This book blew me away!

I've been waiting for this book ever since I read and loved the first one and I was so excited when I finally got my hands on an ARC from the lovely team at Swoon Reads.

The pacing, character development, world building, politics, tension, chemistry, conflict, drama - I love it all!

The character POV's are perfect and I love the new insight into the characters from book 1.

Be prepared for another cliffhanger ending - It was so good, and I can't wait for book 3!!

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## **Rachel (The Rest Is Still Unwritten) says**

*Thank you to Xpresso Book Tours and author Chani Lynn Feener for allowing me to read this in exchange for an honest review!*

Find this review and more on my blog *The Rest Is Still Unwritten!*

*Between Frost and Fury* is the second novel in *The Xenith Trilogy* by Chani Lynn Feener and is an exhilarating and enjoyable sci-fi tale that takes readers back into an intriguing and appealing intergalactic world full of colourful characters.

Delaney Grace was only back on Earth with her new boyfriend Ruckus for one month before she was kidnapped by aliens; again. Now she is being held prisoner by the devastatingly handsome and determined alien prince Trystan who wants to use Delaney to enter into a peace treaty with his people's enemies.....through holy matrimony. Trystan is sure the best way to unite the Kint and Vakar people is through a marriage and seeing as Delaney was technically the person he was bound to when she was impersonating the Vakar heir, Trystan is determined to make Delaney follow through with her promise. Stuck in the middle of a political battle between two kingdoms, Delaney must navigate Trystan's romantic attentions as well as find a way to get back home to earth before she is named queen of a planet she desperately wants to escape. Yet as it becomes clear that Trystan's plan isn't the biggest danger out there, will Delaney's loyalties change or will she continue to only be a pawn in someone else's game?

Heading into Between Frost and Fury I was somewhat perplexed. I immensely enjoyed the first novel, Amid Stars and Darkness, and given it's shocking cliff-hanger ending was eager to see what Chani Lyn Feener did next, but I was also worried. Not over the quality of writing or the excitement I was sure was to come with the storyline. I was worried about a potential love triangle. I've probably said this before, but one of my biggest pet peeves is the dreaded love triangle and I was afraid that this would become an issue within this story. Something that eventually came to pass....but boy if I don't like the way in which Chani Lyn Feener writes this particular love triangle. If there's one thing I hate more than love triangles it's love triangles where I genuinely love both love interests. And this is what Feener has done with Between Frost and Fury!

I very much enjoyed the relationship between Delaney and Ruckus in the first novel, but oh how my heart bleeds for Trystan in this instalment. It's very rare that I switch teams after making my choice, but in this instance I may have to make an exception as there's just something so captivating about Trystan. The depth and nuances Chani Lyn Feener explores and introduces within him in Between Frost and Fury truly make me adore the guy even if I can see why he continues to frustrate and enrage Delaney. I do feel like he deserves happiness so I'll be keen to see if he's the one to get the girl.

Chani Lyn Feener has a likeable protagonist in Delaney who is sarcastic and fiery in all the right ways. She's sharp and quick on her feet and I've enjoyed following her throughout the trilogy so far although I do admit I very much appreciated the chapters and glimpses through Trystan's eyes in this instalment. This made it much easier to see where he was coming from and what he was feeling while still being able to stand with Delaney as she navigated the circumstances she found herself in.

Between Frost and Fury builds to another climactic ending which sees Delaney come to some unwanted truths about her feelings and leaves the characters in a situation where they'll need to all come together to defeat a massive threat. Chani Lyn Feener leaves me dying for the third and final instalment, once again eager to see what will happen next with this thrilling trilogy.

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## lois says

i'm winning but at what cost

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## Raven\_Blake (dreamy addictions) says

Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars!

Same Review Also Posted On My Blog: Dreamy Addictions

Between Frost and Fury is a sequel to Amid Stars and Darkness. I liked this sequel, but at the same time I was a bit disappointed with it. The whole book was mostly focused on the romance drama and less on the other aspects of the story. I knew this book was going to be about Trystan so I was very eager to read it but I didn't expected that Ruckus is going to be sidelined in it and I'm not happy with that part. Although I enjoyed the relationship between Trystan and Delaney, It was a bummer that there's not much action. I really expected more from this book besides the love triangle. I don't hate love triangles if they're done well and this one was predictable yet interesting. I hope the next book is focused a bit more on the story.

The book starts off from where it was left off in the first book. After only a month back on Earth, Delaney gets abducted by Prince Trystan. She's once again gets dragged back to Xenith to fulfill the vows she had made with Trystan when she was being impersonated as Princess Lissa. Now she was held against her will

by Tristan who wants to attain peace between Vakar and Kint by marrying her. They both want to avoid the bloodshed and war, but Delaney don't want to become a Queen to an alien Planet that she barely knows and leave her dreams on her home planet. She gets stuck in a political battle between two alien Kingdoms, and had to deal with unwanted romantic attentions from her dark alluring captor who turns out to be much different than she had expected. Delaney needs to make an escape plan before her fate gets sealed forever with Trystan.

I've mixed feelings about Trystan. I hate him but at the same time I love him so much. His character was fleshed out well in this book. He was introduced as a dark and brooding prince in the first book, but we finally get to see the real side of him in this sequel. It's pretty easy to guess that he developed some feelings for Delaney. I was irked by his hot and cold personality towards Delaney. Sometimes he acted like a jerk to her, but he does care for her and tries very hard to win her over. As for Delaney's alien boyfriend Ruckus, he didn't have much part in this book which really disappointed me. I'm actually rooting for Ruckus, but after finishing this book I don't know to whom to root for. Ruckus and Trystan both make strong love interests, but I didn't liked how they're so loyal to their kingdoms. Delaney was pretty enjoyable in this book. I'm glad that she wasn't easily charmed by Trystan's attentions because she loves Ruckus and I don't want her to be an unfaithful girlfriend. At the end, her feelings began to waver a little bit and I don't blame her either, but I hope she makes the right choice in the end.

The plot was engaging filled with royal politics, romance, drama, and adventure. It was a fast paced read. I wish there was a bit more action. This book mostly centered around Delnaey and Trystan, and it would've been great if we also got Ruckus side of the story and how he was planning to rescue Delaney. I think Chani deliberately sidelined Ruckus so Trystan can get the major attention and she didn't failed. Now I'm a bit afraid for my ship because Trystan brings a great challenge to Ruckus and i can't wait to see who'll win at the end. I liked the writing. The book was told in Delaney and Trystan's POV's. I quite enjoyed reading Trystan's POV and loved getting to know more about him and his insecurities. The world building was good. In the first book, we're introduced to Vakar people and their culture, but the second book is all about Kints and their advanced technology.

Overall, I enjoyed this sequel, but it's not my favorite. The book concluded with a minor cliffhanger and I can't wait to see what happens next.

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### **Nancy (The Avid Reader) says**

In the first book *Amid Stars and Darkness* Delaney was kidnapped by this hot alien Ruckus and taken to another planet to impersonate the Lissa when she ran away. They needed Delaney to impersonate the Lissa to stop a war between two planets.

And now in *Between Frost and Fury* Delaney has been kidnapped again but this time by the handsome Zane Trystan but for another reason all together. Trystan has become enchanted by Delaney and wants her to be his queen. Delaney now has to persuade the people on Trystan's planet to accept her as their queen. But there is one person that is dead set against a human becoming the queen. Well actually I think there is probably more than one person that doesn't want to see Delaney become the queen, Delaney being at the top of that list.

For now Delaney has to play by his rules and bide her time until she can find a way out of this mess and a way back home to Earth to be with her boyfriend Ruckus and the life that she had started to build with Ruckus there after being rescued the first time.



Trystan repeatedly tells Delaney that he'd risk his life to keep her safe. (swoon) Even when she totally gives him the cold shoulder he is so committed to keeping her safe. He even took a bullet (technically a zee, but I don't feel like saying it right now - I mean, it's almost 1 am) for her! And Ruckus???? I don't believe he ever risked his safety for hers and was never really there to save her in the first book when the assassination attempts took place.

4) He is actually smart.

I mean, seriously Ruckus? You couldn't see how suspicious it would be to not come back with the real Olena at the end of the first book when you were supposedly leaving Xenith to keep her safe from an attack? And leaving right away with Delaney wasn't a good choice from the beginning because of that. **If Ruckus were smart and as great a soldier as he supposedly is**, he should have come back with the real Olena, keeping her line to convince Trystan, and leave months later to take his denzeration. But Ruckus isn't smart and didn't do that. He was just so head over heels for Delaney that he couldn't keep his mind straight and be smart. Trystan stores information, uses reasoning - even when things are rough, like at the end of this one - and thinks things through before acting out, like at the end of this one. A main difference between Trystan and Ruckus? **Trystan actually uses his BRAIN!**

4)He bakes.

He can make his own food! I mean if Trystan baked for ME? I would probably swoon. (I swoon just *reading* about him baking for Delaney...) I know his baking seems weird but you learn the backstory to this (which makes him even more deep if you ask me.) He made her dinner - which Ruckus is horrible at (he burns the food) - and he made her yummy desserts! And he knows her food preferences! And he is totally more observant than Ruckus! And he tells her more things than Ruckus. And he has a better fashion sense than Ruckus.

5)You can see where this is going...

Trystan is just totally better than Ruckus!

(hide spoiler)]

Sorry if this sounds like I am totally against Ruckus... It's because I am. Delaney is stupid for not seeing how Ruckus is not the right choice. Trystan is sooo much better, Delaney!! What are you thinking??? Make the right choice! (view spoiler)

After writing this, I feel better but I really do need that next book!

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**Rylee (Hermit Odysseus) says**

**Overall feels**

Man, this book. Good luck thinking about ANYTHING ELSE for at least a week after finishing it.

Warning: my review doesn't state explicit spoilers, but you could definitely infer some **spoiler-ish elements**. You can find my review for the first book in the series here and my review for this book (some added gifs and ratings!) **here** →

After reading *Amid Stars and Darkness*, I was **hard-core jonesing for the sequel**. Like, jumping up and down in my room trying to get rid of some pent-up energy jonesing. And babbling to people around me about a frustration over fictional people that they just did not get. So by the time I finally got my hands on this book, I was drunk on happiness.

After so much anticipation, and how high my expectations became for the sequel, you'd think the sequel couldn't possibly be able to live up to what I wanted from it. But it did! **It fricken' delivered and did not disappoint.** (Sorry, Miss Chani, for putting all of my readerly expectations on you. And thank you for giving me everything I wanted anyway.) This is not a relaxing read. If you want to find the energy to train for a marathon, then read this. **This is something to read if you want to feel alive and frustrated and overwhelmed**, which for me came primarily from wanting the EXACT OPPOSITE of what our protagonist Delaney wants. It's a **decadent, angsty masterpiece that doles out delicious gratification inch by inch**. Perhaps I'm masochistic, but that's exactly what I look for in a romance novel. I hate when they give me exactly what I want without making the characters work for it. Insta-love makes zero sense to me.

### **Premise in rambles**

In the end of space drama part one, Delaney finally gets to go home to earth with a hunky new boyfriend. And at the end of part one, she is kidnapped to go back to dramaville by another hunky, though possessive, prince-of-enemy-territory. All she wants is her normal life as a human girl back. Which is EXACTLY what I DID NOT want. **Delaney is like Alice in Wonderland—continually trying to get home, while there's a far more interesting path open for her to explore.**

Possessive hunk-prince Trystan takes Delaney back to the planet she ran from to fulfill her role as the Vakar lissa (princess) because the real lissa Olena is a monster, and if she takes over, then Trystan will be stuck with her along with a whole planet of people who hate her. Also, if Trystan marries Olena, then there's no one to protect Earth. Trystan would have no reason to stop his father from conquering Earth. Delaney is in the odd position of being able to protect Vakar and Earth because she's technically representative of both, and Trystan is honor-bound to protect the home(s) of his spouse.

### **An oddly satisfying angst**

**The whole time, Delaney just wants to go home and return to the mundane.** I'm continually at odds with what Delaney wants, which is an unending frustration for me as a reader. She wants to go home; I want her to be a Vakar ruler. She wants Ruckus; I want Trystan. She wants everything to go back to normal. I want her to dive further into the rabbit hole. I hard-core judge Delaney for her decisions. Disney has conditioned me to believe that everyone wants to be a princess, so I just don't get her choices.

**It's weird, continually hoping the protagonist never gets what she wants.** She's being offered (or rather coerced into taking) a two kingdoms and a hunky prince—oh, and sweet, priceless tri-world peace—and **she would still choose the brown paper bag over the silver platter**. I couldn't disagree with her more, which resulted in a lot of yelling at the pages of this book.

### **A debate on selflessness**

Delaney

There's so much focus on how Delaney is not like Olena, but what they have in common is that they both make selfish choices. There's a clear void that needs to be filled with someone that cares about the welfare of the people from Vakar and Earth, but **Delaney would rather shrug off these problems as someone else's responsibility**. And technically they are, but the alternative is letting the universe go to war and she still won't take charge.

Yes, her selfish wants are a way of humanizing her and making us relate to her, but by the end, we still want her to be our heroine — to step up to the plate and be more than average, to fill the absent role and protect not just those she cares about but two whole planets of people who need an advocate. Delaney doesn't walk all over people the way Olena does, but that just means Delaney isn't human garbage. She needs more to set her apart. **She needs to work her way up to being our heroine and not our reluctant pouty princess.**

Trystan

Her defiance and strength help us to root for her, but **Trystan ultimately wins in the hero department.** His one selfish choice is Delaney, so he does make the questionable decision of kidnapping her. But Delaney's selfish choice is also herself. The difference is that Trystan's selfish choice means the freedom of three worlds whereas Delaney's means freedom for one. But even his decision is understandable once you get where he's coming from (or maybe I'm just rooting for him so much that I'll overlook his flaws). He's got feelings he doesn't quite understand, so that makes him rash, but he also knows that Olena ruling over anyone isn't a good thing. He's trying to be responsible and broker peace, and attempting a solution that works out for the greatest number.

**His character is incredibly well-rounded and multi-dimensional, a bit questionable but also honorable, and it makes him more compelling than Delaney.** I understand how making kidnapping seem like the right decision can be a trigger point for some, but Trystan isn't a perfect character. If this is a dealbreaker for you, then that's understandable, but this is the second kidnapping episode so far in the series, so if you had a problem with it the first time, then you're probably not considering reading the second.

Who to choose

Just a **side-debate on the love interests.** I'm not a fan of Ruckus. It's clear from the last book that he'll put his orders before Delaney, and I'm not getting the vibe that he believes there's any potential in Delaney as a leader. His feelings for her are legitimate, and sure he's a "good guy," but **when compared with Trystan, Ruckus fosters Delaney's mediocrity.** With Trystan, she's on a path that gives her more purpose. Personally, I think that's just a better storyline. So yes, my Trystan love comes from a place of indulgence, but I also love the potential for a bigger story. But also, Trystan is just yummy.

Verdict

**The majority of the book is a huge frustration when it comes to the protagonist.** The whole time I'm yelling at her, telling her to accept her call to adventure, but she's like, nah, I want to go home and BE VANILLA.

We do get some payoff in the hero development department, but it takes FOREVER. **You won't be disappointed by the ending.** The ending to the first book gave me jitters waiting for the continuation of the story, and completely unsatisfied with the enormity of it's cliffhangery. The ending of this one left me looking forward to the next but still satisfied (though not completely) at the transition we've reached.

**It's definitely not the end for these characters, and it ramps you up for the last book.**

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