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She was a child of the slums skilled in the art of survival...Could she harness that talent to save the city from a fiery doom?

## **The Cracked Throne Details**

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### Al Burke says

The Cracked Throne is the second in Joshua Palmatier's trilogy. The first, The Skewed Throne, was a solid affair as the protagonist, Varis, rose from urchin to city ruler courtesy of her power to control the River (a power akin to the Force) and hence the titular Skewed Throne.

The Cracked Throne carries over from where "Skewed" left off, with the exception that Varis was no longer negotiating the dangerous streets of the Dredge, but discovering that ruling a city was little different, except with better food. As with her first home, the politics of the city are rife with individuals all seeking their own agenda, and equally dangerous.

The plot rattles along at a solid pace, as Varis finds her hard-earned survival skills serve her well as she secures her place on the Throne. The climatic end of the novel, covering about 150 pages, hurtles along at breakneck pace, with an ending that leaves the reader wondering where the story will go in book three, and looking forward to it.

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### Dana says

Again, I really enjoyed interviewing this author and I found this an engaging fantasy story.

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### Alison says

Yet another very well written book by Mr. Palmatier. We get to see Varis as she struggles to acclimatize herself to being the Mistress of Amenkor, and all of the trouble she has from when the prior Mistress caused a great deal of destruction and chaos because of her growing insanity due to the Skewed Throne.

Once again, Varis is presented as a character we can identify with even if we've never been in her exact position before. This is one that I picked up intending to read a few chapters and couldn't put down.

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### Paula Marlene says

Wirr. Dieses Buch ist extrem unübersichtlich und ungeordnet.  
Vielleicht liegt es daran, dass ich nicht mit dem ersten Band vertraut bin.

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### Xenia Krutsch says

I didn't like this one as much as the first for a couple of reasons. I felt it was very repetitive and nothing really happened. It took me almost a month to finish BUT I finished it and I actually liked it overall. Near the end I wanted to stop reading this series but then Erick happened and I was hooked again. I'm not a big fan of Varis tbh so I'm counting on the side characters to keep me entertained. Now on to the last book in the trilogy.

### **Anna says**

I really like this fantasy trilogy. Varis is a favorite of mine and I love how she copes with the sudden turns in her life. The only small thing I regret is the slightly unbelievable love story between her and William. There are not enough encounters between them to understand why she falls in love with him. She has more interactions with Eric, Westen or even Keven than with William. Especially the relationship with Eric is so well described that one can think they will end up together instead of the supposed father-daughter relationship! Nonetheless this is a great second installment!

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### **Kati says**

This is a really great book, sequel to Palmatier's "The Skewed Throne". Written from the 1st person POV, it shows the reader Varis' determination to save the city Amenkor from starvation during winter months after her ascension to Mistress.

I would have preferred if there were more scenes with Varis and William, the young man she likes. Though the scenes with Varis and Eric and then with Westen, the leader of the Seekers, or with Keven, the captain of her personal guard were very well written and interesting too.

Another book will definitely follow, for the Chorl were only pushed back, they weren't destroyed and their threat persists.

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### **Robert says**

like the first book i just totally loved this book. the author is very talented. i look forward to the next book in this series.

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### **Kathleen says**

I received a free review copy of this book.

Varis grows into her role of Amenkor's protector in this volume! She deals with food shortages and treachery, as well as an approaching threat from over the sea. Not quite as up-close-and-personal with the violence as Book 1. It's still violent, but on a larger scale; more political, less knife-in-the-kidneys. There's some hints of potential romance that seems unlikely to go anywhere unless one of the participants faces it head-on.

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### **Tourma says**

The first book I read in this series (???).\* I thought it was good enough to use names from it for my home electronic naming conventions for several years.

\*I don't recommend this. Read The Skewed Throne first. I was just bad at doing this as a teen.

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### **Natalie says**

I really really enjoyed The Skewed Throne but The Cracked Throne was even better.

Palmatier's fantasy is, as the critics in the front of the book describe, "gritty." It's not fantasy with happy unicorns and rainbows, it's daggers sliding into people's rib cages. But man can this guy tell a story.

At times I've felt like he's describing too much, but sometimes it's just perfect (and I'm sort of anti-too-much-describing anyway).

These are his first 3 books and I'm looking forward to whatever else he writes.

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### **Ariadne says**

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### **C.S. Daley says**

I enjoyed the 2nd book of this series as much as the first. Varis has become a favorite character of mine. Mr. Palmatier manages to give a lot of time to character study without slowing the story. He has also mastered the trick of how to end a book leaving you wanting more. Probably won't get to the third book until May but I look forward to seeing where he takes us next.

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### **Hallie says**

I'm an idiot. Officially, this time. Meant to get the first of the trilogy, as you do, and got this instead. I thought it was a bit hard to get into and couldn't figure out why... Won't rate for that reason...

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