

Night Spinner

By Addie Thorley

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Review

This book is another entry in the YA pantheon of outcast girls who are really heroes in the making. Whether it's Katniss of Hunger Games fame or Beatrice of the Divergent series, girls are the ones making it happen in these stories. In the dystopian world of this book, Enebish is a disgraced warrior who is currently in hiding. Her magical gift has to do with controlling the threads of darkness, but it all goes wrong when her power ends up killing her own people. Her sister Ghoa, an army commander, has used her influence to hide Enebish in a monastery. However, the winds of war are blowing, storms loom on the horizon, and the kingdom is in danger. This may sound like a series of narrative clichés, but the reason they are used is because they actually work. The story is well written and paced, keeping readers compelled throughout its 300 page length and culminating in a cliffhanger. In checking various chats and fan sites about author Addie Thorley, her first book, *An Affair of Poisons* (Page Street Kids 2019), was well received and her readers are looking forward to this latest title. With this book, the author weaves a story good enough to be the next Hunger Games.

Reviewer: Suzanne Lay, Educational Reviewer, Houston County, Georgia, Houston County School System, Perry , GA

Rating: Recommended

Grade (as stated by Reviewer/SLC): 6-12

Review Date: December 1, 2019

Product Description

Before the massacre at Nariin, Enebish was one of the greatest warriors in the Sky King's Imperial Army: a rare and dangerous Night Spinner, blessed with the ability to control the threads of darkness. Now, she is known as Enebish the Destroyer? a monster and murderer, banished to a monastery for losing control of her power and annihilating a merchant caravan.

Guilt stricken and scarred, Enebish tries to be grateful for her sanctuary, until her adoptive sister, Imperial Army commander Ghoa, returns from the war front with a tantalizing offer. If Enebish can capture the notorious criminal, Temujin, whose band of rebels has been seizing army supply wagons, not only will her crimes be pardoned, she will be reinstated as a warrior.

Enebish eagerly accepts. But as she hunts Temujin across the tundra, she discovers the tides of war have shifted, and the supplies he's stealing are the only thing keeping thousands of shepherds from starving. Torn between duty and conscience, Enebish must decide whether to put her trust in the charismatic rebel or her beloved sister. No matter who she chooses, an even greater enemy is advancing, ready to bring the empire to its knees.

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Binding HC

Pages 400

Price 17.99

Grade (as stated by publisher) 9-12

Grade (as stated by Reviewer/SLC) 6-12

Genre Fiction

Sub-Genre Fantasy

Content Subject 1 Sorcery & Magic

Content Subject 2 Conflict & Courage

Time Period NA

Region NA

Story: Character Centered

Characters/Characterization: Vivid/Well Developed

Language: Lyrical

Tone/Mood Suspenseful

Pace: Lively/Fast

Setting: Fantastical/World Building

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