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RED QUEEN BOOK REVIEW

BY ROBERT BROWN

PLOT

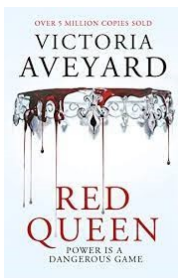
Red Queen, written by Victoria Aveyard, is the first book in the Red Queen book series. It follows Mare Barrow as she attempts to combat the struggles of a world divided by blood. The silver-blooded assume positions of power as they have supernatural abilities while the red-blooded peoples are forced into semi-subjugation. Mare, a red-blooded person grew up in a small town, where she learned to be an adept thief and pick-pocket. Despite her dexterity, she does not have a job and is soon to be shipped out to fight in war. Days before her deployment a strange turn of events leads to her becoming a royal servant. Mare is ecstatic as she will be able to support her family with the job. At the royal palace, she is exposed to the world of the silvers, superhumans who spend most of their time obsessing over gossip and their social statures. Mare's serving duties lead her to attending the Queens trial, where eligible brides display their power so they can be picked to marry the Prince. During one display, Mare is accidentally thrown into the stadium! As she falls to her inevitable doom she hits an electrical shield placed around the arena. Miraculously she survives, but she should not have. Mare's world is about to be turned upside down, and the line between red and silver is about to be smeared.

REVIEW

This book is an awesome read. Aveyard writes in a great style, using the first-person. Her writing really makes you want to keep turning pages. Overall the storyline is great, and there are so many twists and turns you'll never know what is coming next.

"The gods rule us still. They have come down from the stars. And they are no longer kind."

I give it an 8/10. My only complaint is that the plot is a little TOO variable at some times, and it feels like it is moving a bit fast. Despite this it is an awesome read. Make sure to check out the rest of the series as well.



THE DEMON KING BOOK REVIEW

BY CAROLINE LUPISELLA

PLOT

The Demon King is a fantasy novel written by Cinda Williams Chima. It is the first of a four book series called Seven Realms.

The first point of view in the book is Han Alister, a 16 year old retired street lord. Han was known and feared on the streets of Fellsmarch as Cuffs Alister because of the permanent silver cuffs on his wrists. After leaving the life of crime, Han turned to hunting to provide food for his mother and sister. While out hunting one day, Han and his best friend, Fire Dancer, came upon young trespassing wizards. In order to stop the wizards from continuing to set fire to the mountain of Hanalea, Han and Fire Dancer forced the wizards to give up the one thing they could use to channel their power, an amulet. Han took possession of this amulet, unaware of the consequences that would follow.

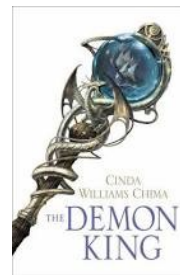
The second point of view is the Princess Raisa ana' Marianna, heir to the Gray Wolf Throne of the Fells. The Fells is a queendom in the Seven Realms ruled by the descendants of the Hanalea. For the past three years, Raisa had been living with her father's clan in the mountains, but ultimately her duty as princess heir could not be ignored.

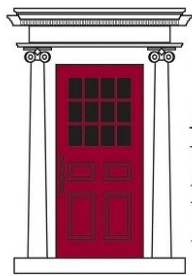
As her name day (16th birthday) approached, the queen expected her to search for a possible suitor, but Raisa had other plans. After hearing about the poverty and violence in the queendom, she was determined to do something about it. Raisa's life took a turn when people she thought she could trust, betrayed her.

REVIEW

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Chima is a great descriptive writer. I would say that one of her greatest strengths is her ability to create and build a new world. The reader feels familiar with the setting and history of the Seven Realms, while also feeling connected to Han and Raisa.

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TRIVIA

SPORTS

Who was the last baseball player to bat above .400?

MOVIES

Who played Verbal in 1995 film "The Usual Suspects"?

GEOGRAPHY

Lisbon is the capital of which European country?

FOOD

Kielbasa is a staple of which Eastern European cuisine?

SCIENCE

What color is Lobster blood?

MUSIC

Who wrote the hit song "Wrecking Ball"?

LITERATURE

What is the title of the sequel to Tolkien's "The Hobbit"?

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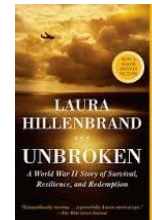
"Veni Vidi ..."

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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UNBROKEN BOOK REVIEW

BY EDWARD BROWN



Unbroken is the true story of Olympic athlete and WWII air force veteran Louis Zamperini. The book details Louie's upbringing, being bullied as an Italian immigrant, and getting into trouble with law enforcement at an early age. The book goes on to tell of how Louie began his running career with the help of his brother, Pete. Louie's extreme success with running is cut short after he finishes eighth in the Olympic 5,000 meter. He enlists in the Air Force. Louie enters the dangerous life of being a bombardier during World War II and a crash nearly ends his life. Floating on a raft, Louie has to contend with sharks, Japanese strafing and the loss of a friend. Louie faces three outcomes, death, rescue or capture by the Japanese.

Overall, this book was very good. The author, Laura Hillenbrand does a great job of telling an interesting story, while sticking to the facts. The addition of authentic pictures, provided by Mr. Zamperini, adds to the realism of the story. The story was sometimes hard to follow but was otherwise very exciting. I give this book an 8.5 out of 10.

REVIEW OF DEMON KING (CONTINUED)

I would give this book a 7/10, merely because while this book is good, the rest of the series is great. The way I see it is that the Demon King was meant to set up the story line for the rest of the series, therefore the plot of this book was slow and predictable. However, the rest of the series is full of mystery and unexpected turns. In conclusion, although I did not love the first book I still very strongly recommend it. I will forever be glad that I stuck with it because now Seven Realms is one of my favorite book series.

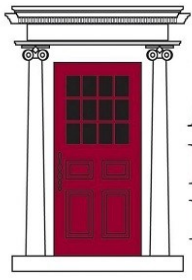
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Answers to Trivia: 1. Ted Williams, 2. Kevin Spacey, 3. Portugal, 4. Poland, 5. Blue, 6. Miley Cyrus, 7. Lord of the Rings, 8. Vici, 9. World Wide Web



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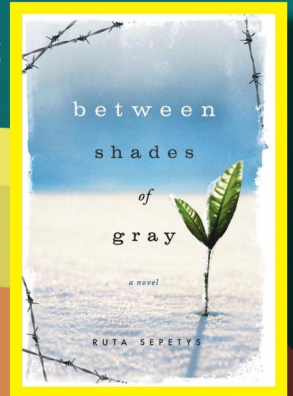
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Watch the video of Ruta's virtual Rochester visit at these free screenings:

Monday, October 4, 6:30-7:30 pm
Irondequoit Public Library ~ IN-PERSON EVENT
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Wednesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 pm
Henrietta Public Library ~ IN-PERSON EVENT

Mendon Public Library ~ IN-PERSON EVENT

- Registration required: 585-624-6067
- Pizza will be provided!

Pittsford Community Library ~ VIRTUAL EVENT:
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Thursday, October 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
Brighton Memorial Library ~ IN-PERSON EVENT

- VIRTUAL EVENT:
To view the video at home during this time slot, please email: deena.viviani@libraryweb.org
- Teens can enter to win autographed copies of the forthcoming *BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY* graphic novel!

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