

TITLE: Red Queen

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CATEGORY/GENRE: Teen, Fantasy, Science Fiction

SERIES: Yes: *Red Queen*, *Glass Sword*, *King's Cage* and *War Storm*; *Broken Throne* is a companion book to the Red Queen series. It is set about 20 years after the events of *War Storm*.

AWARDS: GoodReads Choice Award 2015, Teen Book of the Year 2016, Buxtehude Bulle 2015

SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS: *The Broken Earth Series* by N.K. Jemison, *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendra Blake, *The Daevabad Trilogy* by S.A. Chakraborty, *Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Mass

AVAILABLE: Libby: audiobook and eBook, Hoopla: audiobook only, STC Library owns a copy

ABOUT THIS BOOK: Your status in life depends on the color of your blood. “Reds” are the commoners, and “Silvers” are the rulers with all the power and special abilities. Reds who do not have an apprenticeship by the age of 18 are sent off to war. Mare Barrow is a Red, who despises the Silvers. She is also a thief without an apprenticeship. She finds herself working at the King's palace. While working at the palace as a servant, it is discovered that she has abilities like the Silvers. Her abilities cannot be hidden because all of the royals have seen it. The King and Queen devise a plan to explain her abilities. It is a complete lie. They decide to bring her in to live in the castle and betroth their youngest son Maven to marry her. Surprisingly, she forms bonds with some of the royal family. Julian, a member of the royal family and her new friend, discovers that Mare's ability is like no other. In fact, she is not the only Red to have abilities. It is said that the Reds with abilities are much stronger than even the Silvers. While living at the palace, Mare joins the Scarlet Guard, a group dedicated to supporting the Reds. She spies on the Silvers and passes along information to the Scarlet Guard. After an attack at the palace, Mare learns that her betrothed has betrayed her from the beginning. He has conspired with his mother, the Queen, to take over the throne. The Queen has the ability of mind control and uses it to get whatever she wants. Mare must escape the palace, but how? Will she receive help from the Scarlet Guard in doing so or will she die trying?

YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...you like reading about murder, betrayal, injustice, and revolution, while experiencing twists and turns on every page. This story portrays a young woman who discovers she has a strong warrior goddess within her, and will do whatever it takes to survive.