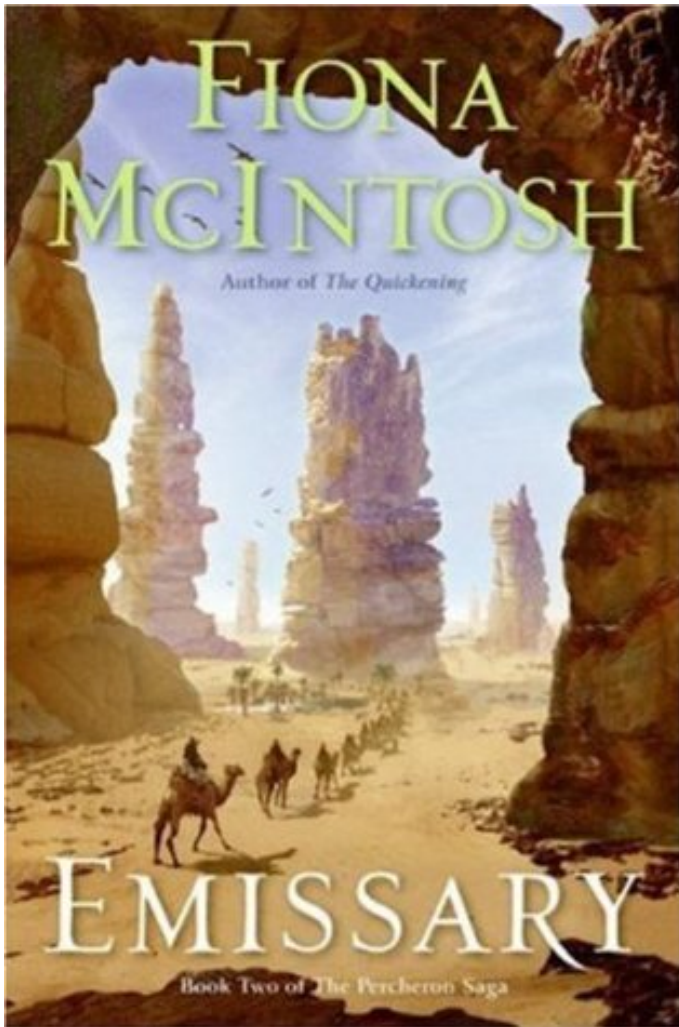

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Description

Without Lazar's guiding hand and presence, the Stone Palace of Percheron has become a different place. Young Zar Boaz, mistrusting of his mother, Herezah, but too inexperienced to stand on his own, seeks counsel from the suddenly changed and secretive Vizier, who has a sinister agenda of his own.

As Herezah privately grieves for Lazar, she hatches an audacious plot to destroy the odalisque Ana, who flouts the rules of the harem but has found a measure of protection in having caught the eye of Zar Boaz. And Ana shoulders a tremendous burden of guilt as she matures from a beautiful girl into a stunning young woman . . . and fears what her future in the harem might hold.

Yet Lazar, unbeknownst to nearly everyone in the palace, is slowly recovering on a secret island. As he struggles to return to health, war from a distant realm threatens Percheron, and, as the cyclical battle of the gods continues to build, the first of the Goddess's disciples falls into the grip of the demon Maliz. Success or failure—for both Percheron and Lyana—hinges on Lazar, whose illness has left him with a new gift he fears is a curse, and if he cannot take action soon, all may well be lost.

Insightful reviews

Zoophyte: It wasn't very good. The plot was hauled to where the author wanted the story to go, rather than being character-driven.

Kathy (Kindle-aholic): Again, just like in *Odalisque*, the prose is beautifully written, and describes a brutal world. Everyone is a pawn of their political leaders or their gods. The main characters are well drawn, but although I might like some of them, or at least hope they survive until the next book, I know that everyone is expendable.

Its telling when a character wishes for death as an escape and you really can't blame them; you even feel sorry for them when they don't die.

This is a middle book in a trilogy, so be ready to get book 3.

Steve: EMISSARY marks the second installment of The Percheron Saga, Fiona McIntosh's daring shift from the standard fantasy that the majority of readers tackle, into the shifting sands of a more Middle Eastern-flavored world. Daring in the sense that she had proven tremendously capable with the classic formula and had found success. To take on a world so vastly different is brave, and to her credit it must be said that her abilities are not wasted in the endeavor. Percheron is a marvel to behold.

Young Boaz, the Zar of Percheron, is at a crossroads. The one person you'd think he could trust, his mother Herezah, is the one person he mistrusts. And with good reason. Herezah has her own plans for Percheron, and one of the first things she needs to do is eliminate Ana, the virginal odalisque of Boaz's harem. Herezah sees her as a serious threat to her objectives and teams with the eunuch Salmeo to bring about Ana's demise. Yet having caught the eye of Boaz, Ana is protected.

All the while, the gods pull the strings on their puppets as they mount their own battles against each other, and Percheron faces a new threat. Lazar, the Spur of Percheron and the friend and protector of Boaz, is secretly recovering from wounds everyone thought had killed him. He is key to the continued existence of Percheron but needs to recover quickly if he is to act in time.

The characters who populate EMISSARY are all intriguing. Pez continues to be the most impressive of the bunch, but Ana takes center stage for this one, in all ways. Every man wants her for his own animalistic desires, Herezah wants her humiliated and ultimately dead, others seek to use her to gain power, and the gods manipulate her for their own needs. All the while, Ana grieves for the death of Lazar, weighed down by the guilt of his loss. Boaz also shows signs of blossoming from immaturity to leader and beginning to understand on a more personal level the deceptions and machinations of those around him who seek only to further their own agendas.

EMISSARY is not filled with daring feats or blood-pumping action, but to say it is wholly devoid of action would be misleading. In the overall arc of the story, EMISSARY is the chess game; it is the manipulation of the pieces with careful precision that sets up an endgame attack of fury that your opponent never saw coming.

With all of the positioning, posturing and planning laid out here, Fiona McIntosh will no doubt have one explosive finale stamped onto the pages of the final volume of this worthwhile and fascinating series.

Ellise: This ebook was once one other impressive Fiona McIntosh book! I could not position it down! Love the characters and love the plot! The finishing was once annoying even though yet I'm nonetheless going to learn the final publication of the series!

Lowed: Fiona McIntosh is a brand new favourite writer P-E-R-I-O-D! How do you classify a nasty publication from an exceptional one? That used to be the single query I've got requested after

studying detrimental experiences of this series. And enable me guarantee you, her books may still sit down correct beside Robin Hobb only a step clear of George RR Martin's. So it nonetheless will get me to wondering, how might one cost this e-book so poorly while i've got loved this much better than Tolkien's the 2 Towers. The comparability being that, either are publication 2 of a trilogy. and also you know the way heart books are in a trilogy. Eh? Anyway, studies for Emissary stuck my realization whereas searching at the web. Their phrases are so profound, that i made a decision to repeat it here. EMISSARY isn't packed with bold feats or blood-pumping action, yet to assert it really is completely without motion will be misleading. within the total arc of the story, EMISSARY is the chess game; it's the manipulation of the items with cautious precision that units up an endgame assault of fury that your opponent by no means observed coming. And this: It's no longer the suitable book, even though it does come beautiful just about it. As occasions take the characters clear of the harem, it stops being concerning the political aspect of items and turns into a journey, that's a much more universal myth theme. when the development of occasions alternatives up the extra they move from the harem, so the speed of the tale drops and it turns into more straightforward to wreck from the story. -- forgive me for utilizing your phrases here.. You need to cost this sequence out! you will not be disappointed.

Esme: Fun, retains me reading, yet a kind of books the place i am frequently frustrated at it. i would like much less exposition and higher characterization. The announcing "Show, do not tell," may perhaps fairly be utilized to this book. allow the discussion and activities converse for the characters; would not have the narrator hash out everything.

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