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and the kids) and the kids) of some very familiar, very beloved characters. I think Sabaa did an incredible job of bridging the events of 20 years ago with brand new stories and characters with brand new consequences while bringing a story that follows you throughout the book. It is so perfectly reflective of the world we live in, of all the lives we sacrifice for the greater good, especially those of children, and of the greed and arrogance that society lives off of. As always, she does an incredible job of looking into the costs and falls of suffering and how we let it fester in our society. This is a map of all the more devastating to read knowing what is currently being done to the people of Palestine and Sudan and all those under occupation, then and now. This story is for all the children who are offered up as sacrifices on the altars of freedom and the brave; for the men, women, and kids whose only crime was their will to live; for the resistance and the anger that carries us. Heir is a story of defiance at its core and one that comes together beautifully. I loved this book so much but I especially loved all of the nods to Pakistani and South Asian culture and Islam. I LOVED the humor laced throughout the story and especially in Sirshas chapters (funniest character award) and I love Quil so much, my tortured prince Aiz, girl, in only letting you off the hook rn because spoilers and also because your name reminds me of my own. This was an excellent first book to a duology and I really cannot wait for the second book to bring everything together. If it makes any sense, I'm already excited for the reread because Sabaa's books are always even more amazing with the reread because you can now pick up on all the genius foreshadowing she leaves scattered throughout the story. Heir was truly everything I was hoping for and more. November 29, 2024 I was hoping I would like this a little more than I did. Rating 3 There were some things I liked, don't get me wrong. The twist with Aiz's story, for one, I had not figured out at all. That really changed the outlook of the story and had me really excited! However, I called one of the main big twists really early on. I hate when I do that because then a story loses that bit of mystery and intrigue. (I wish I didn't do this but I've read too many books to not guess the ending! One of the only authors who still surprises me is Brandon Sanderson. I don't know how that man does it.) The villain was also very interesting. I love a corrupting influence. However, there were also some things I didn't like. The romance (I won't say between who - no spoilers) was a little lackluster. I just didn't feel a lot of chemistry between the characters. And pre-mature declarations of love always kinda put me off. Like, you love this person? Really? Since when? Coulda fooled me. The characters felt a little flat to me. Quil, mostly. Aiz and Sirsha are alright, but Quil was a little boring. Like, what are you bringing to this story, young man? At least Aiz and Sirsha are interesting. And the ending, Hmmm. I don't know how I feel about it. It definitely creates the framework for some interesting narrative beats in the sequel, but I don't think I wanted the story to go that way. I'll probably still read the sequel, mostly because I liked the An Ember in the Ashes series and want to finish out the world, but I haven't made up my mind yet. Pre-read: LET'S GO! I'm on a ROLL! Let's slam down another Goodreads Choice nominee! (which just so happens to be a book I've been very much looking forward to read.) Fantasy romance se-fairytale Bethany (Beautifully Bookish Bethany) October 26, 2024 SO GOOD!!!! Sabaa is an amazing storyteller, but she does not pull her punches and may very well make you cry. Heir returns to the world of An Ember in the Ashes, but following a new generation of characters in a wider world. It has strong romantic elements and weaves together the stories of three characters and a new evil in the world. One of the characters is Helene's nephew and the heir to the throne! Great world-building and character development, solid pacing, and an ending that makes you want book 2 asap. I will say, I saw a revelation coming awhile before it became entirely clear, but I kind of think that's intended. Really enjoyed this and do recommend it! Also, you can read it even if you haven't read the previous series. This is a good place to jump in. I received a copy of this book for review from the publisher, all opinions are my own. August 20, 2024 'His aunt paused, her back to him. Grief is a strange beast. Some battle it, their souls scarred from its abuse. Some bury it, and live life waiting for it to reemerge. And some tread water, the grief a weight about their necks. Every reminder makes the weight heavier. She turned halfway, her face in profile. You and I tread water, nephew. And I would not see you drown.' ... But if we go to our homeland across the sea, we can support ourselves. This is the heart of my holy task. Call it the Return. How holy can your task be if it requires the destruction of another land? When you sacrifice other people's children on the altar of your ambition, its only a matter of time before you'll be willing to sacrifice your own. That's how evil works, Aiz. — Out of all the books I've read this year (and I'm a very avid reader), Heir is easily in my Top 5 reads of 2024. Hands down. No contest. While I'm a huge fan of the An Ember in the Ashes series, I barely remember the details from those books. But I do love the overarching themes of empire, the responsibility it holds in providing for all the different groups of people living within its borders, and its role as an enforcer of safety and security (mainly for the ruling class). Which is why it's one of my favorite series. I was very surprised that it was totally possible to read this book without actually remembering every single thing that happened in the previous series. The entirely new cast of characters AND the new locations provided almost a clean slate for me to work with. Sure, our favorites, Laia, Elias, and Helene, do show up. But they're all grown up now and fulfill important roles as secondary/tertiary characters. In Heir, you can definitely tell that Sabaa Tahir's storytelling and writing abilities have vastly improved over her previous series. I was so absorbed in each MC's chapters, no matter how morally grey, or absolutely repugnant, or completely idiotic their thoughts and actions turned out to be. (No spoilers!) As a lifelong hater, it's easy for me to find faults in anything I read. But if you can get me invested in an MC's downfall without me completely writing off the character, then you've got me good. And Sabaa Tahir really grabbed my attention with all three MCs: Aiz, Quil, and Sirsha. The magic system, plot, romance, tension, and fast pace had me hooked in from start to finish. After that ending, I am absolutely starved for the second book and cannot wait for it to be out. Sabaa expanded on the AEITA world so much and even left a lot more for us to think about. I'm genuinely curious as to how everything will be wrapped up soon because I just want all my faves to be happy for once! You haven't read AEITA yet, what are you even doing???? Okay, you don't need to read the series to understand the plot of Heir, but I would still highly recommend it (whether you read it before or after). Not just because it has emotional element to the original characters and the vivid account of the world preceding the plot of Heir, but because it's such a good series on its own with amazing world-building and twists. For those who did read AEITA, it's not required to reread the series but cmon you could might as well! A million thank yous to NetGalley and the publisher for the ARC in exchange for an honest review! 2024-releases absolute-favorites arcs! July 26, 2024 'Tell me a dream, little love.' ARC provided via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions expressed are my own. 4.5TW: abuse, adult/minor relationship, alcohol, blood, body horror, child abuse, child death, classism, colonization, death, death of a loved one, domestic abuse, emotional abuse, fire/fire injury, genocide, gore, grief, injury/injury detail, medical content, medical trauma, mental illness, sexual assault, sexual content, sexual harassment, sexual manipulation, torture, violence, vomit, war. Completely unsurprising turn of events: Sabaa Tahir has written another fantastic book. In other news, the sky is blue. If you're someone that loves YA fantasy but has been feeling disillusioned by how generic so many new books have felt lately, I completely recommend picking this up. The world-building, the magic system, the character motivations; every bit of this novel was incredibly well-done. Every book that Sabaa Tahir writes is a masterclass on how to make readers feel. She does everything with so much heart, that even the worst characters elicit sympathy from the reader because she shows us all of them - not just the parts that make them easy to categorize as hero vs. villain. Heir was no different. In fact, the entirety of Heir's plot stems from the complicated decisions we make to survive, to protect those we love, and at what point those sacrifices become unforgivable. It took me a bit to find my footing in the story, but once I was a few chapters in, I remained invested for the entirety of the novel. From that point forward, there wasn't a single moment where I lost interest or wished we could switch to a different POV - a feat with any multi-pov story. As for the plot itself, ow :) Sabaa Tahir let your characters experience happiness challenge. (Except actually, I love how her books don't shy away from actual! negative! experiences! and grief unlike a lot of other YA books.) I can't say much without spoilers but every single time a character from AEITA was mentioned, I reacted like it was my Infinity War. I need to do a reread of that series, because holy cow, I didn't realize how much I missed all of them. A minor critique here - trying to avoid giving anything away - there was one character from AEITA that showed up and I wish they had been given a bit more agency in this book? If that makes sense. The only other thing (kind of an addition to that last point) I want to touch on is that I found it difficult to connect with the main characters. I don't know what it was and I can't put it into words exactly, but out of all of Sabaa Tahir's characters (all of whom I adore!) I felt the most neutral on these. Don't get me wrong, I still love (most of) them and when they were experiencing intense emotions, I felt for them. But something was missing in comparison to how her characters usually make me feel. (I have a feeling that will get better in the next book.) I'm grateful for every arc I get approved for, but I'm not exaggerating when I say I actually cried when I received this one. Sabaa Tahir's words have meant so much to me for so long that the opportunity to experience this story before its release meant a lot to me. Overall, I went into this with high expectations and they were all met. This was spectacular in all of the ways I hoped it would be and I need book 2. Pick this up in October. You won't regret it. 2024-releases rated 4-stars reviewed-2024 October 1, 2024 the year is only half over and I already know that heir is going to be my favorite of 2024, and were it not for the ember in the ashes quartet I read last year, my favorite of the last 5 years. THIS BOOK. IS EVERYTHING. if I was granted three wishes by a benevolent fairy, I'd burn two of the three on immortality for both sabaa and I so I'd never have to be without a new release from her. the third I'd spend lobotomizing myself every year so I could reread her entire catalog all over again for the first time. I love this series, this world, and this author, and heir met every single expectation I had and more. heir tackles the story of a character from the ember world, but all grown up, burdened by the responsibility of his title, his empire, and his family legacy. we meet quil also known as zacharias as an adult, struggling to bear the weight of the martial empire, the expectations of his aunt, and his own desire for freedom. the story dovetails beautifully with POVs from new characters aiz, a downtrodden orphan in a far-flung kingdom, on a holy mission desperate to save her people, and sirsha, a former jadona-turned-tracker-for-hire, given a deadly and dangerous mission to hunt down a murderer plaguing the kingdom by killing young children in horrific, brutal ways as the story comes together replete with cameos from beloved characters from the ember series sabaa gifts us a story that will make you rage, weep, and cheer, with painful, heartwrenching parallels to today's political climate. how far is too far? theres a quote from heir that will live with me forever when you sacrifice other people's children on the altar of your ambition, its only a matter of time before you'll be willing to sacrifice your own. 5 stars. infinity stars. the entire night sky's worth of constellations. sabaa is a true kehanni herself, writing stories that are so hauntingly beautiful they stay with you for years after you've read them, and her shines just as bright as the original ember series. AND FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THAT IS SACRED IN THIS WORLD, DO NOT READ HEIR WITHOUT READING THE EMBER SERIES FIRST, PLEASE. I promise this will hit a thousand times harder emotionally if you've already familiarized yourself with this world and these characters. absolutely magnificent, moving, and beautiful in every way. many, many thanks to netgalley and penguin for the absolute privilege of reading an advance copy. counting down the days until it releases and I can put it in the place of made me sob into my coffee honor on my shelf. February 26, 2025 What was that Ending!!!!!! Wow! Tahir, in one book, gave a crash course in how you write an engaging upper YA fantasy! and the keywords here are YA and Fantasy* no overly descriptive paragraphs that go on and on and on to the limit of boredom* no stretched plot and then BOOM last 50/100 pages hold all the action! I mean the last 100 pages are packed, but the engagement is from page 1* characters that are well-rounded, flawed, and somewhat relatable* an engaging world-building where the reader has a part in piecing the puzzles. No pieces were missing. Though set in the An Ember in the Ashes series (and I haven't read that one yet!), I was not confused by the kingdoms and characters. *a damn hot romance - Quil is my new book boyfriend! The plot twists that were really mind-blowing and served the narrative, not there to be there for effect! will not put any spoilers cause you deserve to read and be outstunned just like I was. I have to say that some points felt ambiguous and unresolved, but I really didn't care cause the overall theme and pacing were superb. Also, this could have been a standalone...I don't know why that ending happened! but, again, I do not care if book 2 will be like this one. Though the book tackles many themes: 1. Power and Its Corrupting Influence 2. Identity and Self-Discovery 3. Loyalty and Betrayal 4. Legacy and Inheritance 5. Resistance and Rebellion 6. Love and Sacrifice my favorite was Moral Ambiguity and Ethical Dilemmas Heir does not shy away from exploring the gray areas of morality. Characters are frequently faced with difficult choices that have no clear right or wrong answer. These ethical dilemmas force them to confront their values and the consequences of their actions. Many times in the book you would ask yourself "would I do the same? maybe" and that is what I loved! The story challenges the notion of absolute good and evil, instead presenting a world where characters must navigate complex moral landscapes. This theme is particularly relevant in the context of the series, where the lines between oppressor and oppressed are often blurred. When you sacrifice other people's children on the altar of your ambition, it's only a matter of time before you'll be willing to sacrifice your own. THAT'S HOW EVIL WORKS No one can manipulate those with faith like a person who has none! February-2025 badass-females-in-books high-epic-fantasy August 28, 2024 Stars! Bleeding Skiesssss, its back! Thank you to NetGalley and Little, Brown Book Group UK for an arc in exchange for an honest review. This is by far my most anticipated read of the year. For anyone that has known me on Goodreads there are a few books/series that have my whole heart and one of them unsurprisingly is An Ember In The Ashes, as soon as I knew this was coming I was desperate to get my hands on it and was super lucky to be able to get one! So about Heir, this takes place around 20 years after A Sky Beyond The Storm ends and were following a whole cast of characters. I don't want to go into too much detail in regard to what happens per arc so I will try to stay vague and not mention any major plot points whinner! I'm at risk of spoiling certain aspects! We have Aiz who you see is in a rough patch, shes an orphan who loves her city and wants it to thrive and goes to great lengths to protect her people in anyway that she can. Shes a storyteller and on a mission to find out one more story to complete the tales. I found her chapters the hardest to get through for around 45% and I can't quite put my finger on why and I think that overall this dampened my reading experience because! IM SUCH a character driven person and I just didnt enjoy her for so long. I do have to say that her story arc did improve for me and I enjoyed the unravelling of it all. Let me tell you. There is something about how Sabaa Tahir writes her characters, and the love I have for Quil was pretty much automatic! I found him to be so likeable and so endearing, you can see where his training with Helene and Elias has come in and he has the quiet aura but where you just know he could take plenty of people out. His relationships were SO interesting, seeing him with his friends who are like a solid unit and how they work together and then his involvement with other characters along the way. I really like the depth that he has, you see his protectiveness towards the people he cares about and when he cares for someone he cares for them deeply, hes struggling with his responsibilities and what he must do but feels like he cant say no. Finally we have Sirsha who is a really interesting character. She is a Tracker who uses the elements to help her be guided to what she seeks. Shes also on the run (kind of), from her family and if she sees them there will be hell to pay. I think you really get a good understanding of her characters, shes been through a lot and finds it hard to trust, she puts on a very sarcastic front but deep down you can see how much she cares and she holds onto things and puts a lot of blame on herself. She feels deeply and you can see shes trying not to! Now onto all of the little bits! I would say that it is necessary to read An Ember in the Ashes before reading this, there are so many little tidbits bits and nods that as an Ember fan I absolutely adored. I think knowing what happened in Ember makes you understand characters motives and because we do see a cast of characters from Ember you'd kind of be spoilt so just bear that in mind. Just speaking of Ember, I LOVEDDDDDDD the parental vibes we got and how protective they are of the children and seeing Helene really trying to help guide Quil but also this sense of protectiveness. In one of the chapters it talks about something that Quil saw from Helene's POV and honestly I thought I cant go through the trauma of all of this again, but I ATE IT UP! I do think the twist was slightly obvious, although I found it obvious I still enjoyed it because I think I could point out the whys and then it raised more questions for me throughout. Speaking of the twist I do think that for anyone who liked the aspect of The Nightbringer and the unravelling of who they were then you'd really like this aspect as their is a person ripping out peoples hearts, but who is it and why? Theres something about Sabaa Tahirs writing that draws me in and once Im invested I dont want to put it down. At the start of the month I found it hard to read and was so excited because I got an arc, but luckily the slump was no more and I could really dive in deep for the later half, so I think upon reflection this may go to 5 stars once I re-read (because I always love a good re-read)! Overall a great start to a new series, I think that seeing new and old characters with all of the different dynamics, time jumps and a few different character POVs. Im super intrigued for whats to come! I honestly could write so much more but Im trying to avoid spoilers like the plague! For anyone that loved Ember, I hope that this is just as good for you! ----- STOP EVERYTHING, MY FAVOURITE SERIES IS GETTING A SPIN OFF?! I CANNOT!!!! La la la la la la la :) :) :) 2024-reads 4-stars arcs December 11, 2024 Displaying 1 - 30 of 3,058 reviews Get help and learn more about the design. Content Warning: This section of the guide includes discussion of child death, graphic violence, sexual content, and death. Aiz is a bitter and hardened young woman from a particularly poor area of Kegar, economically disadvantaged, warlike kingdom on the southern continent. Despite possessing windsmithing magic which allows her to manipulate the wind, Aiz fails to control her power, leaving her relegated to menial labor as a Sniper while her closest friend, Cero, rises to pilot Kegari aircraft, called Sails. Aiz is consumed by anger and a thirst for vengeance against Tiral bet-Hiwa, the highborn fleet commander responsible for the fire that once killed her fellow orphans. Cero warns Aiz that the fleet commander is dangerous, but Aiz dismisses him. Aiz continues her plan of seducing Tiral to infiltrate his quarters in the Aerie and get him to let down his guard. After they have sex and he falls asleep, she goes to retrieve the knife shed hidden. On the way, she notices a strange book he keeps with him, which appears to be a book of childrens stories. When she returns and attempts to kill him, he intercepts her attack.

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