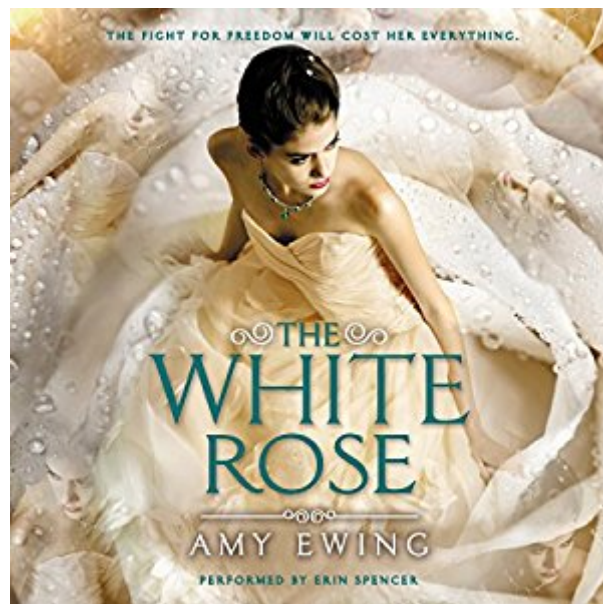


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The White Rose



Synopsis

The compelling and gripping sequel to Amy Ewing's debut, *The Jewel*, which BCCB said "[w]ill have fans of Oliver's *Delirium*, Cass' *The Selection*, and DeStefano's *Wither* breathless". Violet is on the run - away from the Jewel, away from a lifetime of servitude, away from the Duchess of the Lake, who bought her at auction. With Ash and Raven traveling with her, Violet will need all of her powers to get her friends and herself out of the Jewel alive. But no matter how far Violet runs, she can't escape the rebellion brewing just beneath the Jewel's glittering surface and her role in it. Violet must decide if she is strong enough to rise against the Jewel and everything she has ever known.

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Customer Reviews

3.5 STARSTHE WHITE ROSE was the highly anticipated sequel of THE JEWEL that I've been eagerly awaiting for months. And although it wasn't as good as I hoped it would be, it still had it's perks and has me eagerly anticipating the explosive conclusion I knows to come!It was a lot slower paced then I would of liked. I mostly read fast-paced books with non-stop action and adventure, and though it did have it's moments with some action and adventure, it was no where near up to par with my standards. About the first half of the book had me contemplating putting it down. Like I said above, it did have mild action, but not the amount I hoped. And the first half was just Violet and her crew trying to make it out of The Jewel and to the farm where their sanctuary lied in The White Rose. And I got bored just having the story plotted around their travel. But once they finally did get to The White Rose it really picked up for me, and I started to enjoy it a lot more. Not that it's pace or

action picked up, but the story unfolded and picked up its plot, and I really got intrigued. And then that was when the magic began, and I was positively hooked. Violet's magic reveals itself and strengths tenfold from her capabilities in book one. And I really enjoyed the direction the plot took and is setting up for the finale in book three!!! Another issue I had was the romance aspect. It felt strained and forced, and not the same sweet romance I enjoyed from book one. But surprisingly the lacking romance didn't really bother me that much. Ash was an okay love interest, I didn't really have anything against him, or any cause to love him either. But I still wanted more from the romance aspect.

This book picks up right where *The Jewel* left off and it gets going immediately. It is nonstop the whole time and I loved the pace of the book. There were no lulls or downtime and everything that happened was an integral part of the story. I enjoyed *The Jewel* but I reallllly enjoyed *The White Rose*. I really like Violet as a character and I like how she has grown over the two books. She has grown into a strong character and I love her determination to fight and I love her loyalty to her friends even more. But I also love that she is realistic in that she does have doubts and moments where she doesn't think she can do it and this is where the importance of her friends comes in. Because when she doubts herself, they are there to help pick her up and keep her going. I also really came to love Ash in this book and their relationship. I really got the sense that while this is still new to them, they do love each other and their actions proved that beyond a doubt. Both of them have had rough lives and they understand that in one another. I also loved that they did argue and disagree, but those arguments never caused such a rift that they doubted one another, at the end of it all they knew they had one another. I love that Ash wants to fight and make a difference and I felt terrible when people continually overlooked him. But his time is coming, I can feel it. And then we have Raven and Garnet. Raven is such a fantastic character and I adore her friendship with Violet. I am a big supporter of positive female friendships in YA and that is exactly what Violet and Raven have. And Garnet surprised me in this one and I'm definitely a big fan. He is quickly becoming one of my favorite characters in the series. Oh and Lucien.

More like 4.5 stars! Book series worry me. You read the first book and are wowed by the addictiveness, by the story, by the characters. First books are new and different and can easily pull you in. You have the beginning of a romance, the beginning of the story, the beginning of everything. But a first book leads to a second book which can sometimes not live up to the expectations built by book one. Luckily for *The White Rose* that was not the case. Amy Ewing

delivered and delivered it precisely. The White Rose picks up where The Jewel ended. Violet is on the run after all hell broke loose when she and Ash were discovered. Now Violet, Ash and Violet's best friend Raven are being helped by unexpected allies to get out of the Jewel and to a mystery house in the Farm. But as the 3 make it closer and closer to safety they all learn things about themselves and each other that could change everything. Action: Holy cow was there action in The White Rose. The book moved fast. Very fast, but not so fast that you had no idea what was actually going on. Basically it moved fast in the way that the story progressed. There was a lot of information about the past and what it meant for the present and Violet specifically, but it wasn't overwhelming. All the action and information did was make me more and more invested in the plot and Amy's narrative. Plus you can never go wrong with a good rebellion in a story. ;-)

Backdrop: The thing I like the most about the setting of this series is that they almost play a character themselves. The Jewel is a very vibrant place where the most colorful and powerful people live. While the Smoke and the Farm are the working sectors.

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