

Reign Returned: The Felserpent Chronicles

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In Katie Keridan's exciting and complex fantasy novel *Reign Returned*, two strangers from quite different worlds join together and discover commonalities.

Kyra is a healer and an Astral, a member of the golden-blooded realm. She discovers that she is a Recovrancer, too, and so she can visit Vaneklus, the land of the dead. Hers is an outlawed ability. She is desperate to learn more about Recovrancy, but there are no books on the subject in her realm.

Sebastian is an assassin and a Daeval, a member of the silver-blooded realm. As a pyromancer, he can create portals between realms. His abilities can even bridge Aeles, the astral realm, and Nocens, the Daeval realm. He is fascinated with stories of Rhannu, a sword that was long ago hidden in Vaneklus. Since he believes that there are no longer any Recovrancers, he thinks that Rhannu has been lost forever.

Sebastian and Kyra meet when Sebastian becomes ill while trying to sneak into Aeles. Sebastian is shocked to find out that Kyra is a Recovrancer; Kyra wants the three books on the subject that he tells her he owns. She agrees to help him retrieve the sword in exchange for the books.

As Sebastian and Kyra work to discover the information necessary for getting to the sword, they learn long-buried secrets about their worlds' shared history. They uncover a dark mystery that stretches from the past into the present. Through their shifting perspectives, their separate worlds are explored in full, with abundant details about the histories, political landscapes, and social environments of their realms.

Two powerful seekers form an unlikely bond in *Reign Returned*, an entertaining fantasy novel set between complex worlds.

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