

Foreword Review

The Immortal Crown

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A legend, a prophecy, and the coming of age of the champions of light and darkness begin the epic Saga of Kings, a new series from Kieth Merrill. Book one, *The Immortal Crown*, is an addicting fall into the precarious times of the age of Kandelaar, where immortality is within reach if thirteen fabled stones of light can be reunited.

The story revolves around three potential champions, each more unlikely than the last. Drakkor, a sympathetic villain, Ereon Qhuin, a noble slave, and Asher, an untried postulant all have unbreakable ties to the stones. They are also all determined to fulfill their destinies. They stand on the brink of greatness and infamy as they join the quest for the immortal crown. High fantasy complete with enough magic, romance, weaponry, battles, plot twists, and complexity to appease even the most discerning LOTR fans, but singular in its depth of character and emotion, *The Immortal Crown* is a classic in the making.

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