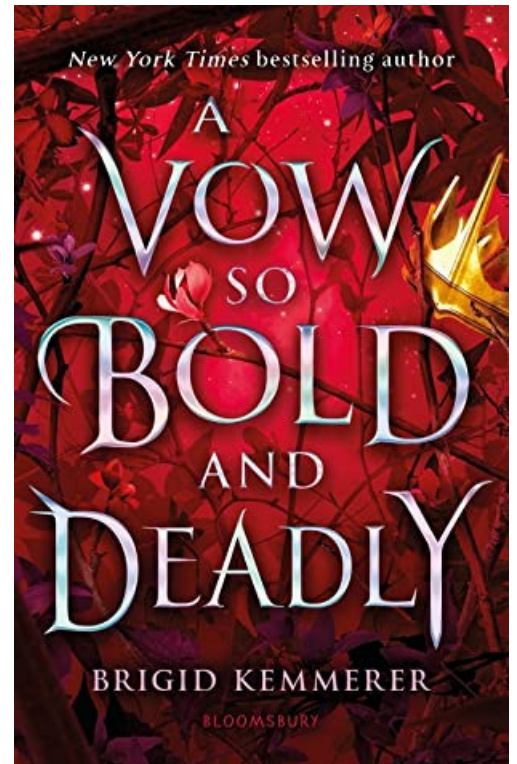


About the Author

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About the Book

FACE YOUR FEARS, FIGHT THE BATTLE

Emberfall is crumbling fast, torn between those who believe Rhen is the rightful prince and those who are eager to begin a new era under Grey, the true heir. Grey has agreed to wait two months before attacking Emberfall, and in that time, Rhen has turned away from everyone—even Harper, as she desperately tries to help him find a path to peace.

FIGHT THE BATTLE, SAVE THE KINGDOM

Meanwhile, Lia Mara struggles to rule Syhl Shallow with a gentler hand than her mother. But after enjoying decades of peace once magic was driven out of their lands, some of her subjects are angry. Lia Mara has an enchanted prince and a magical scriver by her side. As Grey's deadline draws nearer, Lia Mara questions if she can be the queen her country needs.

As the two kingdoms come closer to conflict, loyalties are tested, love is threatened, and an old enemy resurfaces who could destroy them all.



Discussion Questions

1. How does the book's title work in relation to the book's contents? If you could give the book a new title, what would it be?
2. Lia Mara wants to reign without the brutality her mother depended on as Queen, but the people of Syhl Shallow "don't want to be ruled that way." Why? Do you think she is a good Queen?
3. Rhen spends the first half of the book preparing for war against Syhl Shallow. Why does he suddenly decide to try for peace instead?
4. When Harper flees to Syhl Shallow, Lia Mara finds herself jealous. Do you think she has reason to be? What do you think of Grey and Harper's relationship?
5. Harper tells Grey that Rhen would have listened to him had he told the truth about who he was from the beginning, though she's not actually sure. What do you think?
6. Grey maintains that him and Rhen were never friends. What do you think?
7. What did you think of the end? Was it what you expected? Do you think that it was wrapped up nicely or did it leave space for future novels?
8. And looking at the trilogy as a whole, now that it is finished, which would you say was your favourite? Rank the books!

General Questions

1. Did you race to the end, or was it more of a slow burn?
2. What did you think of the writing overall? Were there any standout sentences?
3. Which was your favorite part? What about your least favorite?
4. Did reading the book impact your mood? If yes, how so?

