

YASEEMA is a brilliant scholar and loyal servant of the Empire—or so they think. By day, she catalogs the fae relics of her conquered kingdom. But by night, she reclaims the artifacts in secret to restore magic to her dying land.

When she finally uncovers the elusive key to cross the River into the fae world and save her people, she steps into a realm ruled by monsters wearing beautiful skin—and among them is the coldeyed captain who sees through her lies. But even he isn't what he seems. Beneath the guise of enforcing a cruel regime, he works to overthrow it from within. To succeed, he needs the same vanished relic Yaseema seeks: the crown of an ancient Fae Queen.

With magic that is a mystery even to her, Yaseema can help him find the crown and save his family from a fate worse than death—unless she steals it first to help her own.

To survive, they must work together to outwit ancient curses, battle creatures born of nightmares, and find a power that could resurrect their worlds. But as secrets unravel and loyalties blur, they face the greatest danger of all: losing their hearts to each other.

Perfect for fans of *The Cruel Prince* and *The Mummy*, this spellbinding romantasy launches a dazzling new duology bursting with dangerous twists, a heroine who dares to steal back her future, and the courage to trust her own power—and her heart.

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