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Enna Burning: Books Of Bayern, Book 2



Synopsis

It's been two years since Enna was swept up in a heart-pounding court adventure. Now, having returned to her old life in the forests of Bayern, she is growing restless. When a strange force takes possession of her brother, Liefer, she returns to the capital to seek the help of her friend Isi, Bayern's princess. But Bayern is tottering on the verge of war with neighboring Tira. When endowed with the terrifying gift that destroyed Liefer, Enna takes herself to war - only to embark on an epic journey of discovery and betrayal that will force her to come of age. Shannon Hale's fiery companion to her acclaimed retelling of *The Goose Girl* is dark, intricate, deeply passionate, and ultimately triumphant. Listeners, whether returning to Bayern or making their first visit, will find themselves enthralled.

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Customer Reviews

My first impression upon finishing the book was "it's cute". Then, I reminded myself that the book's intended audience is twelve and that made me feel better. *Enna Burning* is equally as clean as *Goose Girl*, it's predecessor, and is a creative and inventive story of Isi's friend Enna who learns how to speak to fire. The land of Bayern is now at war and Enna believes that her new skills can help save her homeland. Enna has a mighty adventure as she learns how to control the fire and not let it control her. The writing is simple but that is appropriate for the audience and I believe that my daughter will enjoy this series in a few years.

I wanted to like "Enna Burning". I truly did. I feel that Shannon Hale is a fantastic writer with a

beautiful style and I did enjoy "The Goose Girl" and "Princess Academy". I was especially thrilled in hearing that this was something of a sequel/spin-off of "The Goose Girl". And it's not to say that Hale does not bring out a great idea. I'm as much as a pyro as the next girl who's worked at a scout camp and I'm all for the magic of burning things. After all, the first book of Bayern informed us of this section of magic. However, it all comes down to Enna burns things and feels bad. Which is not a bad thing. That sounds like a great plot to me. However, in all the midst of wars and fire and action and plot Enna and her moral dilemma never became real to me. And I have to care about the person before I care about their pyrotechnics. This all said... I still believe that the right audience would enjoy this book far more than I. There is a lot of action going on here, and the person wanting some action-fighting-burning enjoyment would appreciate this. And if Hale does nothing else, she writes with a beautiful choice of words. I believe these are all qualities to get three stars. I just couldn't care past that.

It was a bit violent for small tots, but it was an outstandingly exciting, fun, joyful, adventurous, and action packed read! I would strongly recommend this book!

This is the sequel to The Goose Girl and is an original story rather than a reinterpretation of a fairy tale. I enjoyed this one, not as much as The Goose Girl, but it was a good concept and was well written. Enna has returned to her home to care for her dying mother. Her brother finds a document that teaches the power of fire, which ends up controlling him rather than the other way around. Enna learns firespeaking and uses the power to defend her nation. The power begins to consume her and she must find a way to regain control. Isi is likewise having trouble with her wind power. There is some romance and betrayal. I liked the fact that her new power was not always a good thing and how she worked to control it. I wish there had been more about Isi's struggle with her powers as well. I am looking forward to the third book.

I enjoyed this book more than the first book in the series. I don't love Hale's writing style, but I really liked Enna as a character. I also thought Enna's story presented a really interesting take on power and how it can corrupt even good people, which isn't necessarily something you always find examined in heroines of YA fiction. I would probably recommend this more to readers on the younger side of YA or for people looking for a solid, quick fantasy read.

I bought this book as a "like new" purchase and it was almost like new. When I got to the end of the

book I found a page that had bright yellow highlighting over most of it. I am happy with the purchase, but wasn't expecting highlighting in a "like new" book.

I love this series. You feel far off and yet at home while reading it. Hale does such a great job creating characters that you love. I enjoy each book in this series.

This book was purchased at the request of my teenage daughter so I cannot provide a helpful review. What I can say, from my daughter's actions, is that the book "smells" good. Not sure what it is about new books, but the first thing she does is randomly open the book and stick her face in it to get a whiff. Her reaction indicated that it did pass the "smell" test. That is worth two stars in my book as a dad. The book did arrive before the expected time in good condition which is also worth two stars. As far as content, I will probably never be able to review that since there are many other books that are much higher up my reading list.

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