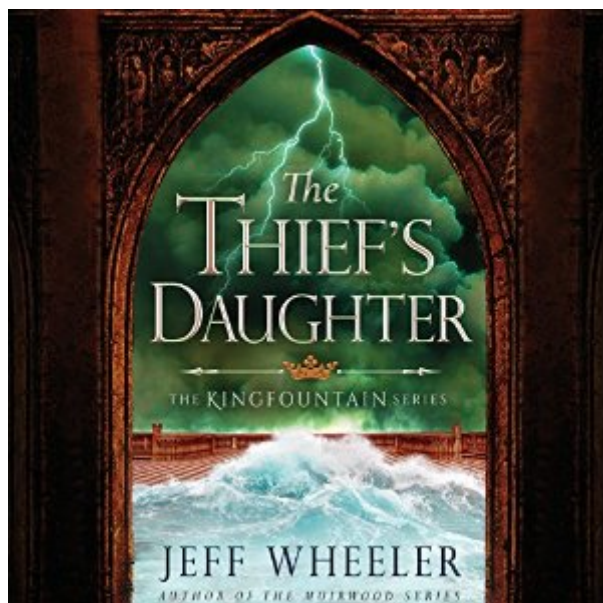


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Synopsis

Owen Kiskaddon first came to the court of the formidable King Severn as a prisoner, winning favor with the stormy monarch by masquerading as a boy truly blessed by the Fountain. Nine years hence, the once-fearful Owen has grown into a confident young man, mentored in battle and politics by Duke Horwath and deeply in love with his childhood friend, the duke's granddaughter. But the blissful future Owen and Elysabeth Mortimer anticipate seems doomed by the king's machinations. A pretender to Severn's throne has vowed to seize the crown of Kingfountain. But Severn means to combat the threat by using Elysabeth as bait to snare the imposter - and forcing Owen, as a pawn in the dangerous charade, to choose between duty and devotion. With poisoners and spies circling ominously, and war looming on the horizon, Owen must make painful sacrifices to beat back the advancing shadows of death and disaster. Will Owen's conflicted heart follow the king's path or will he risk everything for love?

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Customer Reviews

Note: These opinions are my own; however, I was provided an advanced copy in exchange for an honest and timely review. Following *The Queen's Poisoner*, Jeff Wheeler continues his powerful Kingfountain tale in *The Thief's Daughter*. The timeline has shifted 9 years later, and Owen and Evie are again front and center, bound by their loyalty to King Sevm. I don't like to spoil the story for readers with a summary, so I will leave my impressions instead. The world of the Kingfountain trilogy is full intrigue, full of ancient buried cities and plotting kingdoms. The plot moves

quickly and is so wonderfully multi-faceted that the reader is enthralled by every thread, wanting to unravel the truth behind each mystery. With this installment, the reader is carried to many more landsâexpanding the appreciation for the geography and people inhabiting those lands. Wheeler fleshes out the current and historical conflicts in across the world. Evie and Owen are in their late teens, each exhibiting the skills and knowledge of privileged learning, as well as the yearnings and anxieties of those teenage years. We also begin to unravel some the deeper secrets of Kingfountain around the former queen as well as King Sevm. With all characters and subplots, the reader is greeted with conflicting surprises. I was impressed how we can appreciate the perspective of each character. Be warned though, this story is a heart wrencher; Wheeler describes his own trouble with telling the story at the end of the book. Interestingly, it is not just main characters for whom you feel a sense of loss, but several of the second tier characters. The cliff hangers leave you with a million ideas on how the story might continue in volume 3.

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