



## TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

### *The Crown* By Kiera Cass Reviewed by Ashley Tran

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**Grade:** 7th

**Book Title:** The Crown

**Author:** Kiera Cass

**Number of Pages:** 278

**Rating (on a scale of 1-5):** 5/5

#### **Character List:**

- **Eadlyn** - The first princess of Illea who has a Selection. She has narrowed it down to six suitors and her love fluctuates between all of them.
- **Henri** - One of the six suitors who needs a translator, for he speaks very little English. He is originally from Swendway and later reveals his homosexuality.
- **Erik** - The translator for Henri. Even though he is not a contestant in the Selection, he and Eadlyn start to develop feelings for each other.
- **Kile** - The son of America's best friend, Marlee. Architecture is his passion, but his mother is reluctant to leave. Someone unknowingly put his name in the Selection ballot even though he and Eadlyn hate each other. They gradually become friends and have shared a few kisses.
- **Maxon** - The king of Illea and father of Eadlyn, Ahren, and Kaden.
- **America** - The queen of Illea; mother of Eadlyn, Ahren, and Kaden and wife to Maxon. Formerly in Caste Five, low class, until she married Maxon.

#### **Review:**

Six suitors out of thirty-five. That's easier to choose from, right? And then there's Erik. Some will leave and some will stay. Rejection is the worst part about the Selection...

The Selection is where 35 men, or women in a prince's case, are chosen from many applicants. The first born princess/prince has a Selection, and chooses one man or woman to marry based off of their personality. Up until Maxon's Selection, only the prince was able to have a Selection, while the princess, first born or not, was shipped off to marry a different prince. Eadlyn is going to change all of that! Eadlyn has to take the responsibilities of queen earlier than expected for her parents to have some peace, as her mother America is recovering from surgery after a heart attack. Well that just adds to the pressure. She must complete her Selection and become queen after choosing one

suitor and turning the others down. During the process, rules are broken, but since when did rules keep people from being apart? If anything they bring people closer.

This novel is a great way to end the Selection Series. The author, Kiera Cass, never ceases to amaze me with this series that always has a satisfying ending. Just as America had shown in her Selection, Eadlyn shows that you do not need to be at the top of the hierarchy to love someone. Kids and teens will love this because it's a page turner with new turns at every corner. As Eadlyn leans towards one suitor, the plot twists and she develops feelings for another!