



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Crown By Kiera Cass Reviewed by Caitlyn Long

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Grade: 11

Book Title: The Crown

Author: Kiera Cass

Number of Pages: 278

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 4/5

Character List:

- **Eadlyn Schreave** - Eadlyn is an 18-year-old princess of Illéa, and is the first princess to hold her own Selection. She wants nothing to do with finding a husband, but after a few weeks she begins to have a change of heart.
- **Ahren Schreave** - Ahren is Eadlyn's twin brother who is younger by 7 minutes. The twins are very close and he is very supportive of his sister.
- **Kile Woodwork** - Kile grew up in the palace and wants to leave to become an architect, but his mother won't let him. He is now one of 35 suitors in the Selection.
- **Henri Jaakoppi** - Henri is a suitor in the Selection who struggles with communicating with Eadlyn, as he doesn't speak English well. He is a very happy and kind young man, who cares very much for Eadlyn.
- **Eikko (Erik) Koskinen** - Erik was hired as Henri's translator and finds himself in some uncomfortable translating situations. He soon becomes a friend and confidant for Eadlyn and finds himself falling in love with her. This becomes a problem, as he is not suitor in the Selection.

Review:

The Crown is the final in a series of five novels that began with *The Selection*. Follow the conclusion of Eadlyn's Selection, the process by which she'll find a husband and future king of Illéa. Out of 35 suitors, Eadlyn has narrowed it down to 6 Elites, and finally decides to give finding a potential husband a real chance. As a result, she is now going on dates with an open mind and heart. She is learning that she has feelings for some and not others, who part as friends. Through this, Eadlyn's father, King Maxon, wants Eadlyn to take over the throne and be Queen in order for him to care of his wife, Queen America, who is sick. After Eadlyn becomes Queen, she knows that she must choose a husband. Erik and Eadlyn fall in love, but cannot be together because of the rules – Erik is not part of the Selection! Torn, King Maxon tells her that she is Queen and can change the rules and to follow her heart and marry who she loves. Who will Eadlyn ultimately choose?

A fairy-tale twist on *The Bachelor*, (although much better) *The Crown*, by Kiera Cass is a story about staying true to yourself, family and friendship. Although not my favorite book in the 5 book series, *The Crown* has a lighthearted and fun atmosphere. While author Kiera Cass' writing style is not one of the best and can be a little corny at times, her unique and captivating plot greatly makes up for it. *The Crown* is an enjoyable read and I recommend it to all teens.