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The White Rose (Jewel Series Book 2)



Synopsis

The compelling and gripping sequel to Amy Ewing's debut, *The Jewel*, which BCCB said "Will have fans of Oliver's *Delirium*, Cass's *The Selection*, and DeStefano's *Wither* breathless." Violet is on the run—away from the Jewel, away from a lifetime of servitude, away from the Duchess of the Lake, who bought her at auction. With Ash and Raven traveling with her, Violet will need all of her powers to get her friends, and herself, out of the Jewel alive. But no matter how far Violet runs, she can't escape the rebellion brewing just beneath the Jewel's glittering surface, and her role in it. Violet must decide if she is strong enough to rise against the Jewel and everything she has ever known.

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This book picks up right where *The Jewel* left off and it gets going immediately. It is nonstop the whole time and I loved the pace of the book. There were no lulls or downtime and everything that happened was an integral part of the story. I enjoyed *The Jewel* but I reallllly enjoyed *The White Rose*. I really like Violet as a character and I like how she has grown over the two books. She has grown into a strong character and I love her determination to fight and I love her loyalty to her friends even more. But I also love that she is realistic in that she does have doubts and moments where she doesn't think she can do it and this is where the importance of her friends comes in. Because when she doubts herself, they are there to help pick her up and keep her going. I also really came to love Ash in this book and their relationship. I really got the sense that while this is still new to them, they do love each other and their actions proved that beyond a doubt. Both of them have had rough lives and they understand that in one another. I also loved that they did argue and disagree, but those arguments never caused such a rift that they doubted one another, at the end of it all they knew they had one another. I love that Ash wants to fight and make a difference and I felt terrible when people continually overlooked him. But his time is coming, I can feel it. And then we have Raven and Garnet. Raven is such a fantastic character and I adore her friendship with Violet. I am a big supporter of positive female friendships in YA and that is exactly what Violet and Raven have. And Garnet surprised me in this one and I'm definitely a big fan. He is quickly becoming one of my favorite characters in the series. Oh and Lucien. Lucien on the other hand is on my last nerve, I don't care how smart he is or what he is doing, I wanna smack him. Like I said, this one just keeps going from beginning to end and I really enjoyed that. And then the ending just drops on a dime and will leave you reeling for the next book. Waiting is really going to suck. *The White Rose* is a good read and will keep readers addicted. If you want nonstop action, good characters, magic, and a truly dark and twisted world you should give this series a read.

Oh you beautiful, beautiful book. There was such growth and such movement throughout this book. I loved how we dove so much deeper into each aspect of the story. The way she arranged the Society of the Black Key with members popping up here and there when they were needed was intriguing and mysterious. It really added a great revolutionary feel to the story. The development of the abilities was intriguing as well. I liked how she arranged it as a connection to life and how she made what they learned in *The Jewel* something twisted and warped like everything else there. The backstory for the abilities was short but satisfactory, and I really appreciated how it linked the characters to their ancestors giving the story a richer feel. Then the ending! It was as if time

stopped. I have no memory of turning the last few pages. I was in such a trance as I read the last few words of the story, knew what was going to happen, and felt my heart stop when it came to pass. Such a rush of emotion. As an older sister, I think she hit the nail on the head of what I would feel and how much I would want to protect my little sister if something were to happen to her. It's beautiful motivation and sets up such a wonderful group of elements for the next book. This is one of those books where at the end you can see all of the components and how they have amazing potential to blossom into a truly stunning conclusion to a story. If I had to touch on one drawback it would be Violet and Ash's relationship. They seem very devoted to each other and yet their relationship seems very superficial. I guess I don't really understand why she loves him so much. However, this is consistent with the first book, and it is nice to not have to read a book where the relationship is so dominant that it takes away from the more action packed parts of the story. It's been awhile since I've read a book that has made time stand still with the intensity of the moment the way the excellently crafted moments in *The White Rose* did. I received a copy of this book through the GoodReads FirstReads program.

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