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The sequel to the chilling Winter People returns to the world of Faerie, and is a romantic and enchanting follow-up.

Salome left humankind behind to be with her boyfriend, Gareth, in the Kingdom of Summer. But now forces of darkness are rising. Her happily-ever-after is coming apart, and the Kingdom is on the brink of war.

Newly-single Kadie Byers is on her way home for Thanksgiving, imagining a visit filled with hot chocolate, a hot guy for a little rebound action, and some girl time with her bestie, Salome. Except she receives a message from Salome with two important words: PLEASE HURRY.

When Kadie rushes to help Salome, she's ripped from the human world and pulled into the kingdoms of Faerie, where she's shocked to learn that Salome's monsters are real, and that she's now at the mercy of one extremely vengeful Winter Queen...

Now both Salome and Kadie must find a way to survive the deadly chaos...or lose themselves to Winter's deadly, icy grasp.

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Becca says

This review does not contain spoilers for The Summer Marked, but does have spoilers for the first novel in this series The Winter People.

First let me say... do you see that cover?! *sighs* it is SO beautiful!!

I read the Winter People last year and absolutely loved it! It was well written, imaginative and unique. You can read my review for The Winter People here. The Summer Marked picks up shortly after The Winter People ends. Salome has left the human world to be with Gareth in Faerie and begin their Happily Ever After. Nevin, the King of the Summer Kingdom is no longer cursed and has also returned to Faerie. Once they are all home, they begin to learn that the World of Faerie is collapsing and a war among all of the Kingdoms is coming. To make matters worse, Salome's best friend Kadie is captured and brought to Faerie as a prisoner.

One thing that I absolutely loved about this novel (and the Winter People) are Rebekah Purdy's beautiful descriptions and her World building. I saw the world of Faerie through her eyes and was so enchanted and captivated by it. Her descriptions of the Winter Kingdom were so dark and evil, I truly felt the eeriness and the cold of that Kingdom through her descriptions. When Salome arrived in the Kingdom of Summer I actually sighed at the beautiful description...

The sound of wind chimes carried on the breeze... trees billowed back and forth. My gaze took in the sweeping gardens, full of wildflowers in every shade imaginable. Gardens opened into courtyards filled with statues and water fountains.

I was very pleased with the direction Purdy went in this novel, I was unsure what to expect because The Winter People left off in a pretty settled place. I really liked The Winter People, but The Summer Marked was BETTER! The description were better, the characters were more developed and the story line was out of this world!

I loved that I got to know these characters so much better. This book was told in dual POV, the majority was from Salome, but there were several chapters from Kadie's POV in captivity. Through Salome, I got to know the Faerie world so much better. I love Salome's growth in this novel, it was amazing! I got to know Nevin better as well, truthfully though I wanted more Gareth... I missed him a lot in this one and hope to see more of him in the next novel. This book was more about Salome and what she becomes or who she becomes to the World of Faerie. I absolutely loved where Purdy took this story, but I will not spoil it, you have to experience it for yourself!

Through Kadie's side of the story I learned all about The Winter Kingdom and Queen. I was unsure if I would like the Kadie story line because she was a bit irritating in The Winter People, but it was truly EPIC in this novel! Again, I loved where Rebekah Purdy took this story and the character of Kadie. And then there's

Etienne, I will not spoil who he is because you need to discover that for yourself, all I will say is *swoon* I absolutely LOVED him!! He is Kadie's captor and savior in this novel and plays a very large role in Kadie's side of the story.

"We're gonna defeat Winter, and then we'll all live happily ever after."

He chuckled. "Has anyone ever told you that you read way too many fairytales?"

"I don't need to read them anymore – I'm living one."

I really wish that more readers would dive into this series, it is so imaginative and unique. I have truly enjoyed both of the books in the series so far and I cannot wait for the next one! If you enjoy paranormal romance, with beautiful world building and a change from the expected, I urge you to give this series a read! I hope that you love it as much as I have!

"I was ready for it. Spring, Summer and Autumn had marked me. But so had Winter. I was stronger for it. I belonged to Faerie now - and it belonged to me."

Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says

review to come

Andrea Heltsley says

This series continues to blow me away! I purchased The Winter People on a whim and absolutely loved it. It was steeped in romance, mystery and the supernatural.

I wasn't sure about this book since it was dual POV from Salome and Kadie. Soon, it grew on me and I liked knowing what was going on in the two locations. It gave the audience insight about the other side.

It was hard to stop the tears in this sequel. It was so clear how in love Salome and Gareth were. Yet, they continued to overcome obstacles, each time the price was steeper.

I'm still on the fence about Gwenn and Nevin. We'll see what comes to pass in the next book. I did enjoy learning about Etienne and Salome's new best friend.

If you love fairies and haven't read this series, you MUST read it! So far, this is quickly becoming one of my favorites. It's a crossover from YA to NA, but tame, so there aren't any scenes to make an age requirement. Overall, this installment from Rebekah Purdy gets five glittery stars for being just the read I needed. I can't wait for the next book!

Raeanne Parks says

All of my initial reservations about this book disappeared as soon as I started reading it. I loved seeing immediately into Salome's life with Gareth in the Faerie realm. It was like a glimpse at "happily ever after" until Nevin had to show up and burst that beautiful bubble. But before that, we see a glimpse of the past where Salome's grandma is actually hiding a girl for the Faerie Queen that the queen bestows all of her powers in. Your inference that the girl is actually Salome isn't ever actually confirmed, but it's almost as good as confirmed over the course of the story and, especially, that first chapter where Doris (the grandma) is telling the real stories to little Salome and little Kadie, but the stories are actually based in truth.

Clearly, not everything ended happily at the end of *The Winter People*, although I didn't want to believe that. There was still turmoil in Faerie, which is probably one of the reasons a sequel was in order. The Winter Kingdom is still trying to take over everything and the Summer Kingdom is the only other one still standing - Autumn and Spring having already fallen to Winter. Nevin is king of Summer and Gareth is one of their best warriors, so Salome can't get out of Faerie trouble. That and Winter is still hellbent on killing her. Fun.

Meanwhile, Salome's best friend Kadie is returning from college for Thanksgiving with the plans of making this stay at home permanent. She followed her high school boyfriend to Texas and he ended up cheating on her. Of course, when Kadie returns home, something isn't quite right at her house. So she goes to Salome's where things are even weirder. She gets turned away at the door, and then gets a text "from Salome" that she's at this club and had a fight with Gareth (totally not true because Salome is off in Faerie trying to save Summer). So Kadie goes to the club and ends up getting kidnapped and dragged to Winter where she's held prisoner for information about Gareth and Salome and Summer.

Kadie is forced to spend her first night in Winter in the Red Room (which immediately reminded me of *Fifty Shades of Grey*). In the Red Room, it's really decorated with human body parts such as skin and bones (completely grossed, but I honestly loved it). So Kadie runs out of the room and comes face to face with a tree that is actually Salome's father. So let's throw it back to the time in *The Winter People* where Salome's dad hit her. Yeah, apparently that was not her dad. That was a Fae disguised as him, while her dad was really in Winter being turned into the tree. That piece of the story has yet to be fully explained, but her dad does die because Kadie puts him out of his misery towards the end of the story.

While Kadie is being held prisoner and having Etionne, one of the Winter Princes, take care of her and is probably the only reason she survived as long as she did with that mouth of hers, Salome is traveling to Summer with Gareth. First, they pick up some weapons in the ruins of Spring and a sword of the four kingdoms chooses Salome (major foreshadowing here). As they continue on, they run into some former soldiers of Spring and Salome is hearing voices. There's so much going on!

Trolls attack Gareth and Salome and Gareth sends Salome on ahead for safety with her horse that protects virgins. Why was this relevant? I mean, it did save her ass in the end, however. While trying to stay safe, Salome runs into ghosts that are tied to the ruins she's hiding in. They say she's the only one who can save them and we start to get this whole chosen one thing going on. I liked how in the first book, you didn't feel this, but it's okay that we do now.

Nevin shows up to save Salome. Gareth is still fighting off the trolls, and while Salome is rightfully worried, Nevin keeps trying to get her to calm down and it feels kind of sketchy and like he has ulterior motives.

Gareth shows back up and everything is currently fine for Salome. Not so much for Kadie who's resilience has gotten her work in the Bone Yard. Basically in the Bone Yard, they separate the bones from the skin and muscles and blood. I found myself asking why all this darkness was necessary, but the answer was just that it made it more interesting. It shows how dark Winter really is and, let's be honest, who doesn't love a little gore?

Back in Summer, Nevin drops the bomb that he needs a queen so that the magic in Summer is more powerful than the magic in Winter. He wants his queen to be Salome. Like really? She already has Gareth and is like in love with him. Why does he have to complicate things!? But shockingly, it's not because he has secret feelings for her and wants to steal her from Gareth (because that just would have been too much for me). He actually has only loved once in his life and it was the King of Autumn. Awesome.

So everything is all crazy and twisted and Kadie is fighting for her life, Salome is dodging attempts on her life as well, and I'm starting to wonder what is this going to boil down to. The Winter Queen befriends Kadie (completely weird, but I see where it's going) and asks her to kill Salome. Etionne escorts Kadie to Summer so she can do her job and while Kadie is blood bound to the Winter Queen, she kind of has no choice.

Etionne runs away to go and try to fight to save Faerie, and somehow Salome survives a dagger to the heart. Salome becomes Summer Queen, but also has the markings to be queen of all the other kingdoms (I am set in my inference that it's because she has the Faerie Queen's magic in her and only that reason), saves Gareth after he almost dies on one of Nevin's missions, and that happily ever after I loved so much from the first book is completely shot out the window.

So, basically, I had only a few qualms with this book and here they are: Kadie just accepts this Faerie-ness way too easily and quickly, and at one point she actually just states that she's in Winter and I was like "how do you know" with a bajillion question marks after it; I did not like how Kadie became all self-centered and tried to kill Salome because I thought she had more willpower than that (note: this is not a comment on the story or choices, just personal opinion I had while reading); and I don't really understand how Salome came back to life?

However, there is much praise I have for this book. Bringing in the other fae made it way more interesting. It still kept the darkness I loved from the first book even though they were in the sparkly faerie realm. Salome is slowly becoming a badass and I love it. And at least Gareth and Salome get to still be together even though Salome is married to Nevin and Queen of Summer.

I cannot wait to figure out how all of this plays out in the next installment. Hopefully that book comes out soon...

N.N. Light says

While I didn't get a chance to reading The Winter People, I did notice the praise for author Rebekah L. Purdy. So I picked up this book and started reading with no expectations. WOW! Fast-paced plot with fully developed characters (including a fab Big Bad) kept me turning the pages. All of my fellow reviewers were right, Purdy has a talent for grabbing the reader and not letting go. Just when I thought I knew what was going to happen, BAM!, a plot twist I wasn't expecting hit me. Just fantastic and highly recommend!

My Rating: 5 stars

Caitlin L says

This e-ARC was given to me by Entangle Publishing for an honest review Enjoyed this book more than the first! Full review on blog: [http://bookhavenblog.blogspot.com/201... :\)](http://bookhavenblog.blogspot.com/201...)

Marjolein says

Read all my reviews on <http://urlphantomhive.booklikes.com>

Only now that I reread my review for the first book The Winter People did I remember that I disliked the first book. Apparently the book has grown on me over the last year since I requested the second book anyway. And I'm not disappointed I did.

Salome has agreed to go to Faerie, where there is a war between Summer and Winter ongoing and it soon becomes clear she'll have to make personal sacrifices to help overcome Winter.

This time told in dual POV of both Salome and her friend Kadie, some parts were indeed quite interesting. At least for a while. Surprisingly, this was mostly Kadie's part of the story that really seemed to add something and had me waiting for what was going to happen. Although there didn't seem to be that much development in her character (as in for example she still seemed as shocked/surprised to whatever happens as in the beginning) it was better than with Salome. Salome is awesome, and so she's told about every page. She brings life, quite literally, and is a complete special snowflake. Besides some bitching over her, the romance part was a little less than in the first book, but replaced with Salome feeling bad for herself as the Faeries don't like her because she's a human. (She also keeps being surprised by this fact and is incredibly naive at times).

All in all the story was more interesting than last time. I liked that it was taking place in Faerie but Salome especially still was an annoying character. However, now I've read these two books I'll have to know how it's going to end.

Thanks to the publisher for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

Carrie Slager says

[Full disclosure: I requested and received a free ebook through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.]

While I had been initially skeptical about The Winter People, the first book in this series, I thoroughly enjoyed it in the end. So when I got the chance to read The Summer Marked, I had absolutely no hesitation in getting started. I couldn't wait to find out the next chapter in Salome's life after the supposedly completely happy fairytale ending of the first book. Of course, not all is well in paradise.

Salome and Gareth have moved in together but Nevin (the Summer king Salome kissed in order to free him

from his curse) seems to be skulking around trying to break his promise that Salome and Gareth could be together. He seems increasingly controlling and also seems to be trying to separate the two, bringing them to court only to have Gareth sent away on mission after mission. While all this sounds so stereotypical, I can assure you that as always, Rebekah Purdy has some tricks up her sleeve, including a massive plot twist that totally blindsided me. It was a pleasant surprise and explained a lot in hindsight but I can't talk much more about it without giving away massive spoilers. Needless to say, Salome and Gareth are finally together and everyone at court including Nevin want to tear them apart. And events throughout the novel definitely conspire to do just that.

Meanwhile, Salome's friend Kadie is left wandering on her own. She got dumped and wants to live closer to home so she dropped out of university to come home for Thanksgiving and re-assess her life choices. When she gets there, of course Salome is gone and her mother and grandmother aren't really being clear on where she is. So when she gets a text from Salome asking her to come right away, she gets sucked into a vicious trap set up by the Winter Court and has to endure unimaginable things in the land of Faerie. All while Salome lives an ideal life on the outside while she's secretly barely holding things together.

While I didn't like Kadie's point of view at first because it sounded so much like the stereotypical ditzy best friend, she really came through as a character. At the Winter Court she learns to keep her mouth shut and scheme in order to survive and sometimes does the unthinkable to do so. She gains a real strength of character that is absolutely remarkable when you compare it to how she was in the beginning of *The Winter People*. That's not to say she wasn't a strong or three dimensional character then, but she really comes into her own and controls her own story (or thinks she does) a lot more than she used to. I really did like Kadie in this second book, despite some of the things she does.

Salome, having conquered a lot of her fears in the first book, learns that she has a long way to go if she's going to survive alongside Gareth in Faerie now that the Winter Court is on a warpath. She learns to play the vicious games that are characteristic of faerie politics while adding in some human compassion that the fey seem to lack. And when faced with two horrible choices that would have been unthinkable at the beginning of the novel, her choice shows just how much she has really grown. Essentially, Salome really comes into her own in *The Summer Marked* so if you loved her in the first book, you will love her even more in this one.

I found the plot was a lot faster in this book compared to the first. There was of course plenty of character development and a lot of interpersonal/intrapersonal conflict but the plot moved along quite nicely. There's quite a bit more action since the threat of the Winter Court is ramped up and the whole of Summer is at stake. And, as with the first book, Purdy throws in so many plot twists that you can't help but read on to find out what happens next. *The Summer Marked* was definitely a one-sitting book for me because of that. Even if the plot wasn't fast-paced, it would have still been a one-sitting book because Rebekah Purdy has a magnificent writing style. It's beautifully descriptive and she does both the darker Winter Court and the gorgeous Summer Court incredibly well. It was her writing that initially sucked me into the first book and it's part of why I enjoy this series so much. While *The Summer Marked* was far darker than *The Winter People*, it was still very enjoyable on many different levels.

You really can't go wrong with *The Winter People* series. If you haven't read the first book, you absolutely should right now. If you read the first book and loved it, then you definitely need to read this second book. It will blow you away.

I give this book 5/5 stars.

Natasha (books_n_dreams) says

OMG, OMG, OMG!!!

This book was absolutely fantastic, amazing, incredible....just so well done. Literally when I finished reading Winter People I did NOT think there would be a second book when it originally came out, because the way it ended was amazing. But now to get more in depth into the story and see what else is behind the pages, was beyond what I was expecting. I love how in this book we get answers, while still leaving us wanting more. You get just enough to make it so you understand where things are going, but the what if's that leave you hanging, make you crave for that next book.

I also love the connection we get to continue with Salome, she is such an incredible young woman, especially after everything she has been through, she really shows us that she is a strong person and even though there are points where there are things she doesn't want to do it, she will do what is right to help.

I like how we get to know Kadie more in this book, but being honest she isn't the character I thought she would be, I can understand her to a degree, but at the same time I want to be like what is wrong with you. She really grows frustrating to me, but I am extremely interested to see how things will end up in the next book.

I NEED the next book like yesterday. Cannot wait!

Maghon Thomas says

So, I liked the first book pretty good, but the second book, WOW! Yeah, I can't believe I'm gunna say this, but the first book has nothing on the second book. I about lost my mind 48 times in this one. Seriously, this is a major contender for a favorite! I can't believe everything that happened in this book. I can't believe this, or that, or that, and another that. LOL I know I actually want to spoil this book for you because it's so good and I just wanna blabber it to the world LOL

Ok, let's try not to spoil too much. Salome went with Gareth to the Fae world, left the human world, and she knows nothing of what's happening on that side now. But all is not as well as she thinks. But neither is her own present. Gareth is almost immediately summoned by Nevin to return to the Summer Palace and Salome must return with him. It's not safe, not with people trying to kill her. But it's not just going to the palace, because Salome learns so much on her journey there. But when she gets there, most are thrilled that she broke the curse, but some of the more important people there want her dead- she's a human. Oh and a kicker, Nevin wants her as his queen. Well, that's just complicated. It's not at all what it seems and for once, I didn't try to jump into the book to kill Nevin myself, but we'll get to that. Because Gareth must do his duty, and that leaves Salome with out him. But she is well on her way to climbing to the most important person in the realm, oh and she has some new friends, and enemies to boot. I really liked who Salome is turning into. She is growing and learning and standing on her own, and though she loves Gareth more than anything, the choices she makes in this one will blow your mind, fry your sock, and just about break your jaw! Well, mine did. LOL

Kadie, Salome's best friend, is in trouble in the human world, but soon finds herself in trouble in the Fae world thinking she's rescuing Salome. Yet Salome is no where to be found- she doesn't know. Now, Kadie, I

liked her, I did. But at the end of the book, let's just say a lot of things change and I don't think she's so good for Salome anymore. It's not longer a good fit for either of them to be friends, or hell, even acquaintance. I couldn't believe this part either, because I really liked Kadie in book one, and though she is selfish, she was always there for Salome. Not anymore. And now, with Kadie captured by the evil queen, some things are really changing, and so is Kadie.

Now, with all this said, we get to see different sides of Nevin and Gareth. I learned alot about them, but we also meet Etienne, Darach, and Gwenn, who is Gareth's sister. I loved the two men, but I didn't like Gwenn, till about half way after meeting her. There are new characters but quickly they grew on me. There's places in the fae world are important and I think there will be serious need for them all in the future book, which I am dying to read now.

The writing is beyond amazing here. I am so impressed. The world that was built here in the faerie world is magnificent. And the character, they are always so important to me, were absolutely phenomenal. This is beyond a doubt why I love this book so much, because they are so well done. Even the bad guys get love from me, because they are so well thought out, down to every evil deed done. And the plot line, well, with the twists, and mysteries, and suspense, and heart breaks, I don't know how else to say this, but holy smoke! It was just a whirlwind of awesome. I never knew what was coming, or saw it until my jaw was dropping. So, I don't know how else to say- READ THIS BOOK!!! Seriously, it's awesome. And heart breaking. And frustrating, and hauntingly beautiful. Yeah, I'm going with that. 5 MAGICAL PAWS!!!

Melanie says

I did not have a chance to read the first book, *The Winter People*, before reading this one so I had some catching up and figuring out to do. I was still able to jump into this one and follow along though. This was such a well written book that I loved it. Rebekah L. Purdy sure knows how to get her readers attention and keep it though out the whole story.

Salome, Gareth and Kadie are back in the Faerie world when we start this book. Salome and Gareth had decided to live together after Salome broke the spell in the first book. I loved the romance between Salome and Gareth. These two were just-WOW! I think Salome had this idea that they were going to be able to live in love and go about their merry lives without any other problems, but man did someone else have different plans for her and Kadie. These two have to go through so many trials and test that it keeps you on the edge of your seat and flipping pages as fast as you can.

This book is a must read for lovers of the Fae!! You will not regret reading this one at all!! Thanks Rebekah for a great read and I can't wait for more!

Anna (Enchanted by YA) says

****I received the ARC eBook free as a review copy from the publisher Entangled Teen via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review****

I'll be honest when I say that the first book didn't impress me all that much, so believe me when I say this one did. It's a slow burner, meaning that I gradually grew more and more invested in the story, until I had to

put it down and realised I didn't want to! Simple as that I was hooked.

What originally caught my interest more than anything is the beautiful (yet often chilling) faerie world which we'd only heard about before. The settings worked beautifully to immerse the reader and enhance the emotions of the characters. Pretty much nothing turned out how they expected and this continued throughout the novel...

Salome has grown up a lot since we last saw her in the sense that she's learning to conquer her fears and also how to survive in a world where enemies are hiding everywhere, even in plain sight. Her romance with Gareth had (and will continue to have) many obstacles but the story didn't revolve solely around this which I loved.

What I didn't like at first was the introduction to Kadie's perspective. In fact I rarely ever like it when authors do this in the middle of a series, but as I said before, it grew on me and I reached the turning point where I couldn't imagine the book without it. Not only did her chapters provide more insight to the world, her story is an interesting one involving many more characters I'm glad we got to see.

Overall, with more characters, more action and more awesomeness, *The Summer Marked* is a book you won't want to end. Thankfully there is a sequel, which I can't wait to read!

Posted on: <http://enchantedyya.blogspot.co.uk/>

Shelley says

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Genre Young Adult, Fantasy

Rating 3.5-4

My Thoughts

The Summer Marked is the second installment in *The Winter People* series by author Rebekah L. Purdy. The story picks up not long after Salome Montgomery left the human world to travel to Faerie with her betrothed Gavin. While *The Winter People* was mostly about Salome, this time her best friend Kadie gets a turn to either put up or fade away into the background. And, put up she does. I never thought I would see the day where the Prologue and Epilogue were more informative than the rest of the story. If you miss certain facets of each, you will totally be in the dark as to what is happens to Salome in this book, and why.

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Nicole says

First things first: I received an ARC through NetGalley.

I really liked this a lot more than the first one, it still got the same rating, cause it's still not enough for me to give it five stars.

There are a few spoilers ahead so beware...

I loved how fast-paced this book was compared to the first one. And I also loved that we got Salome's and Kadie's point of view.

I have to say even though I like Salome way more than I like Kadie, I enjoyed Kadie's parts a lot more. Probably because they were so much different. For Kadie everything was painful, she stumbled into this and got right in the middle of a war. I felt so bad for her cause she really went through hell. I have to say that I didn't like how things ended for her, the choices she made towards the end and all that. So I hope things get better for her in the next book.

Salome. I wish the parts about her self would have been more explored than just her being torn between her love for Gareth and how she had to become Nevine's queen, not only to save Gareth's live but also help Nevine and Summer to become more powerful. I mean the first book made you realize that the main focus is definitely the romance element but yeah. There were so many things happening, the fact that Salome has powers, that she could see Darach, that she could help him and that he was kinda anchored to her, and also the fact that she got marked not just by Summer, but also Spring, Autumn and Winter. I just really hope that in the next book that things concentrate more on that stuff. Cause I'm really interested in that.

We got a lot more new character, Etienne (still not sure about this dude), Teodor (absolutely hate him), Darach (love him and loved that we got a bit more insight on Nevine through him), Demetria (it still hurts), and we got more of Grisselle (that one is seriously batshit crazy).

books are love says

This picks up where Winter People left off and it is a amazing story. I love how Gareth is with Salome. Those two are so perfect together. Kadie I have some serious issues with. Not issues as in writing issues issues as in she truly is just a not nice person. She harbored all this anger and jealousy towards Salome and this made her a good target for Griselle. Griselle we see her evil ways a lot here. We see how truly manipulative she is but we also get some background into her if you can believe her that is. I have reservations about her and the story she told.

This is told from the POV of Salome and Kadie and as you see in Kadie's thoughts you see a different Kadie than what was in the first book. This Kadie is more wanting and green in jealousy and boiling over with anger. Her feelings about her friendship with Salome is really raw and sad. We see her go from survivor to a changed person. She goes from fierce and loyal to mean and nasty. I see why Etienne falls for her at first and tries so hard to protect and help her. In the end though she doesn't deserve him.

Etienne you will feel for. This poor guy has sacrificed so much for his people and to fall for Kadie only to see her twisted in the end had to hurt. I love how he gains strength and courage again to fight Griselle. Him at the end will leave you wanting to know more and wonder what is up.

Darach wow. His anger is really masked hurt. He gives us more insight into Nevin and their story is so beautiful and sad. His helping Salome is great to see. I hope she can help him and maybe we can see him and Nevin get a happy ending. I think thought the Winter Queen will find a way to ruin this as well. That woman is true poison.

Gareth this is a great guy. What he goes through so endears you to him. He loves his people so much and his love for Salome is so evident. I mean to agree to what he does tears at you. His strength and love is what helps Salome cope with everything.

Salome we see grow leaps and bounds here. She is in a new place but her core character is the same. She is still one to stand for what she believes and her love for Gareth is beautiful. The decision in the end was heart wrenching. Watching the events unfold as to how she is marked is incredible. Her journey is one of growth and character building. We see her learn about herself, her new abilities she is getting, the marks she is coming to have, the history of this faerie land and her gain strength and more compassion for others.

The story is action packed, romance sweet and sad. We truly learn how much people have suffered and endured because of the power hungry Winter Queen Griselle. We get more insight into Nevin and how much he truly sacrifices and loves his people. He is still selfish but he is growing more and more and coming into his own. We see the story grow in depth and deception. There is more mystery behind it that has us with questions but we also have many answers about the faerie history and Salome. We get insight into characters and a little foreshadowing of what is to come. We have betrayal and sacrifice occur that will tear at the heartstrings but the romance of Gareth and Salome truly will endear you to them. War is upon this land and lots of the story is yet to unfold. Rebekah Purdy has done a great job of trickling in what we need to know while keeping you wanting more and wondering more about this land and its people. This chapter in the series is more dark and we get more insight as well.

A book of revenge, power and desire to rule. Of sacrifice and love. One that answers some questions but leaves more and has you wanting the next in the series so that you can see what is going to happen to Nevin, Darach, Etienne, Gareth and Salome.
