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Book One in the Arrow of Artemis Series

Kyri is a fletcher, following in the footsteps of her father, and his father before him. However, fate is a fickle mistress, and six years after the death of her mother, she's faced with the fact that her father is dying as well. Forced to leave her sheltered little homestead in the woods, Kyri discovers that there is more to life than just hunting and making master quality arrows. During her journey to find a new home and happiness, she struggles with the path that seems to take her away from the quiet life of a fletcher. She learns that sometimes the hardest part of growing up is reconciling who we were, with who we will become.

## **The Fletcher Details**

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## **Bree Paige says**

Woods weasel!!!

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## **F. says**

I really enjoyed this. A cast of characters I want to spend time with and find out more about, a nice un-rushed pace in the world-building that is never info-dumping, and a story building up in this first book of the story that you just know will be epic. I can't spend too long on this review - gotta go and read the second book in the series...

In this book we follow Kyri's journey from the (maybe Iron Age era) world of man to the world of the Amazons. Along the way we slowly learn that Kyri is exceptionally talented, but as the story is told by Kyri and because she is humility, honour and grace personified, we only realise the extend of her talents from the reactions of others to her skills. This is a very nice way to narrate this story because it makes for a deliciously slow unwrapping of layers in narrative and character development, and it means that the amazing talents never become annoying or grating as they might from the pen of a third person narrator gushing about them.

In the Amazon world Kyri finds herself, friendship and love. But it's complicated. And not for angsty reasons, but with true obstacles to overcome that have me itching to find out more. It's the kind of story that has really feel with them (all the butterflies and that).

It's a great read. Highly recommended!

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## **Christina says**

Thoroughly enjoyed it. Amazons are one of the many things I loved about the Greek mythology and this book is succeeding in creating that family feeling a tribe of women can have (be it wlw).

Wonderful read and I cannot wait to see if Kyri gets her groove on with that certain someone. Well done!

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## **CLo says**

### **I really liked it**

I really enjoyed this book. I would say it's a coming of age book set in the world of Amazon's. There is nothing overly sexual or graphic about this novel and honestly there is not too much conflict except maybe with the character, Kyri, herself. The journey was good, the characters were interesting, and the writing was done well. I look forward to the next installment of this series.

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## **Jem says**

This is a really light fantasy read that probably started life as a Xena / Gabrielle fanfic. The pacing is slow and... beyond the few opening scenes, there is very little excitement or adventure involved. Most of the book is about an orphaned young fletcher (arrow maker) trying to start life over and fit in in her newly adopted Amazon tribe. The story is told entirely from her POV. As such, the world is seen through her innocent, sheltered eyes. So the focus is more limited to her immediate concerns and surroundings, her friendships, her insecurities, and her instant, unexplainable attraction to the tribal queen. This is more of a character driven coming-of-age tale than a serious fantasy yarn.

The mysterious, unexplained attraction, the leisurely pacing and the use of physical attributes when referring to the lead characters (e.g 'the blonde', blue and green eyes, etc) are what made me suspect fanfiction origins. Regardless, this is still a very entertaining story, if a little too rosy and utopian for my taste. And the lead character did grow on me. Which is why I dived straight into Book 2. Plus I'm dying to know what exactly is that mystery super power she seems to have (view spoiler). And I hope something actually happens in the next book, both in the adventure and romance fronts.

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## **Hollow Well says**

The thing with this book is that this is the first third of a story. It does not necessarily end on a cliff-hanger. In fact, I was not too compelled to move on to book two until I read some reviews. I was concerned by the lack of action towards the end of this book and when I perused the reviews, I began to understand that this was just the build up - the world building.

I loved the world that was built! It made me want to go out and run through the canopy of trees shooting things with arrows. I may have to based on the price. And you're going to want to buy all three to experience the whole story. So, I'll be eating ramen with tree bark and leaves for a little while, but I'm OK with that.

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## **Luce says**

5 STARS!

I loved this book! It's an enjoyable book to read. You know when you start a book - you - OK, I get excited because I can just feel it is going to be a good read. I felt that with this book.

Kyri is a 19 year old girl who is living with her father. Her father is a renown Fletcher (arrow maker) and archer. Kyri's father teaches her fletching, archery and hunting. It not normal for girls to learn these skills, but Kyri is more comfortable in the forest then in a village. Kyri is close to testing to be a Master Fletcher when she meets an Amazon, Shana.

As with many fantasies there is a quest or traveling involved. Kyri ends up traveling with Shana, eventually

returning to Shana's Telequire Tribe which is ruled by a young Queen Orianna who is 24 yrs old.

I believe that some of the inspiration of this book is from the tv show Xena: Warrior Princess. The Amazon tribe was in Xena - Telequire which was Gabrielle & Ephiny's tribe. The Queen's sister married a centaur as did Ephiny. I'm not sure how much of Amazon life is lore and how much the Xena writers made up. However, it just added to my enjoyment reading this book. I also felt that Kyri was a mixture of Xena and Gabrielle. She is a fierce and skilled archer with unbelievable reflexes yet she is innocent, sweet, loyal and kind.

I can't wait for June when Book 2 "The Archer" comes out.

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### **Lex Kent says**

I really enjoyed this! A book about Amazons, yes please! While Aten has written other stories, this is her first published book. She is clearly talented and I can't wait to read more of her published works. I also think the timing of this book is good. By now many have watched the Wonder Woman movie, how could you not want to read more about the Amazons after that. This is the first book in a planned three book series. I would say this is an adventure/fantasy series with bits of historical fiction.

Kyri is training to be a master fletcher (a person who makes arrows). She has been taught since a child to hunt, shoot arrows and make them. She has never really belonged in her village, but feels free in the forest. When Kyri meets an Amazon warrior, she realizes her life is about to take a path she never could have imagined.

I'm a huge lesfic fantasy fan, so this book absolutely appealed to me. This book was just right up my alley. I loved it and was hooked after just the first few pages. I could not put this down until I was finished. Aten writes really well and the pictures just form in your mind so clearly. While this book was really exciting at times, it was also about friendships and everyday life as an Amazon. No matter what topic the book was tackling, the story just flowed really well.

This is a coming of age story. Kyri is 19 and turns 20 later in the book. I loved her as a character and appreciated seeing her growth. I would not call this a romance, but there is a huge chance for a love interest for Kyri in Book 2. And there also is a ton of chemistry between Kyri and this potential love interest. The parts of the book with them together made me smile. I really can't wait to see if they get together in the next book.

If you are an adventure/fantasy fan, or have interest in the Amazons, I absolutely recommend this. I honestly can't wait until book 2 comes out. It is supposed to come out in 2018, so I'm happy the wait will not be long. I need to know what is in store for Kyri and the Amazons.

*An ARC was given to me for a honest review*

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### **Ted says**

This debut novel is the first of three in The Arrow of Artemis series. With that in mind, the first installment has the lead MC Kryi in a coming of age story. It's brilliant. The world building aspect that starts in this book only gets better from here. I can't wait for books 2 and 3 to get released throughout this year.

Kyri is an intensely likable character. Innocent in one breath and strong in character for the next. She's very complex. But it's her heart that is the strongest draw in my opinion. The cast of secondaries is long and diverse. Kyri really finds her way and her footing in this first book.

The ending might have you say, wait, what? But don't fret. Book 2 picks up almost immediately from there. It's a small miracle in my opinion that the publisher is able to push all 3 books in one year. So we, the reader, only have to wait till June to see what happens next.

Absolutely, without doubt, loved this book.

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### **Lia says**

This one deserves nothing less than 5 ?! I've found my new favorite series. I enjoyed this read greatly.

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### **Marthese Formosa says**

cross-posted at the Lesbrary: <http://lesbrary.com/2018/10/12/marthe...>

“I have lived my life by the lead and the arrow and I respect the trees and the animals they shelter”

I've been meaning to start another fantasy series and it seems like The Arrow of Artemis is going to be it. Set in a fantasy classical (Greek) world, this series follows Kyri on her journey as an Amazon! In the first heartbreaking chapter, we see Kyri leave her home and her sick father –with his blessings – to join Shana an Amazon she had rescued, in her home nation of Telequire, with some detours.

Kyri is a Fletcher, like her father and his father before him. Her arrows shoot true and had it not been for her leaving, she would have become a master Fletcher. But sexist laws in her region and her saving Shana lead her to leave to make a future and a new home. Shana, her new Amazon-sister is always by her side, encouraging her. She makes friends and family along two Amazon nations.

Kyri is a great Fletcher and a great archer. She has lived all her life surrounded by trees and knows to read nature, which leads her to partake in many extraordinary feats ... including acquiring a feline companion. Despite all this and all the people telling her how great she is and that surely Artemis is leading her, she doesn't believe in herself. She pushes herself to be better, greater, stronger – so that she gets her Amazon feather and mask, fulfilling her promise to herself and her father.

There were some great characters in this short book (just under 200 pages). I loved the banter between many

characters especially Kyri and Shana and Kyri-Shana-Coryn. I also loved that the author did not pair up Kyri with the first female (Shana) or even her first dalliance but rather allowed for Kyri to focus on herself and develop different bonds of family and friendship.

I loved Shana but now I am used to liking more secondary characters. Apart from the thieves and guards, there wasn't a single character that I did not like in this book. Most characters, even the hard-headed ones were relatable. As Kyri and Shana reach the Telequire nation there was a slight shift between page-time with Kyri and Shana to page-time with Kyri and Ori, who is Kyri's love interest and very important to the nation.

At first, the introduction sounded too simple and some of the language sounded too English but as I got into it, it was a truly classical experience of candle marks and rabbit furs. I also learned new things that were used in the ancient world and new survival tips thanks to this book.

This book is slow-burn, which I enjoyed. As someone on the ace spectrum I can never understand characters that get together so soon after meeting. Kyri is about to turn twenty and has no sexual experience. In the book there were Amazons that followed Artemis' steps and it was not shameful.

Be aware that there is a lot of animal hunting in this book. I'm vegetarian but while it was sometimes graphic, I didn't mind because it was for survival. There's also killing in this book, but more for self-defence or protection of others. There was a great explanation about the ethics of killing people who hurt others; the killing was not done without conscious.

The Fletcher is very much the story of how Kyri got her Amazon feather and mask, but also it is the story of how she started to believe in herself and gained confidence. Kyri wanted to make it by herself and she does but her friends are there to help. The lack of a couple allowed Kyri to grow by herself first.

I recommend this book to historical fiction and fantasy lovers and those that especially love Amazons. I'd definitely keep up with this series.

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## **Paradise Lost says**

Wow... just wow! I can't believe it took me so long to get to this, in spite of it being on my shelf for months. If only I'd known then what a beautiful world I'd be stepping into...

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## **Vincent says**

### **Great book!**

Interesting world full of women following the path of Artemis. Great story, really well written, real and complete characters, beautiful world. A great book all over!

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### **Agirlcandream says**

Refreshing and wonderful read. Kyri is a fletcher's daughter thrown into circumstances which place her life at risk. Thanks to her father's training, Kyri is ready to take on whatever challenge comes her way. I loved her mix of innocence and confidence, of awe and strength.

Lesbian fantasy novels are not usually on my must read list but K. Aten's superlative effort may change this. I was grabbed from the opening scenes and fell easily into the lives of Kyri, Shana and Ori. I admit the movie Wonder Woman helped me to easily visualize each scene when Kyri enters the Amazon Telequire tribe but that tribute in no way takes away from this well written and well paced novel.

Don't be intimidated by the cast of characters listed in the opening pages of the novel. There may be many players but they slip seamlessly into the narrative.

The novel builds from strength to strength as we watch Kyri "an almond tree growing in an orchard of apples" find her place in the world. Her purity and sincerity are traits impossible to resist. It will be a pleasure to watch her come into her own and acknowledge her growing attraction to one warrior in particular in the Telequire tribe in future novels.

My favourite read thus far in 2018. So well done.

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### **Arien says**

4.5 stars. Another lovely book by K. Aten. Couldn't go to sleep until I finished this one. Nice characters, I would've liked some more worldbuilding and maybe more descriptions of their travels as they seem to jump from one place to another skipping what seems to be days if not weeks of traveling but overall a really nice and engaging read.

Wanted to instantly pull the trigger on part 2 but I see it ends on a cliffhanger. I'll camp out until the 3rd book drops.

Recommended for all fantasy lesfic fans.

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