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Junior Book Title: The Prison Healer

Book Author: Lynette Noni

Rating (1-lowest to 5-highest): 5

The Prison Healer is a dark, YA fantasy following 17 year old Kiva Meridan, told from a first person perspective. This book, the first one in the series, is set in a world with magic, kingdoms, and corruption, and with the prison she's in, Zalindov, being the prison where prisoners from all over the continent get sent to.

This book is one of my favorites, and I loved it as it was emotionally gripping and kept me on the edge of my seat. The book made me feel all sorts of emotions, such as outrage, fear and sadness. Most of the book I was pretty sure I knew why the characters acted as they did, and when I finished the book, I realized there was so much more to the book than I thought. My favorite character in this book would either be Naari or Tipp. Naari, who is a guard in the prison, is one of my favorites because of her loyalty and surprising empathy, and Tipp, another prisoner, is one of my favorites due to his sunny demeanor and happiness, although living in a prison.

I would 100% recommend this book, and its sequels, as it was such an emotional rollercoaster. This is one of the few books I wish I could erase from my mind, just to read it for the first time again. I think this book would be enjoyable to older readers and they should read this book (although it's labeled YA) due to its more mature themes such as fear, loyalty, and some darker themes such as systemic violence and trauma.