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Junior Book Title: The Gilded Cage

Book Author: Lynette Noni

Rating (1-lowest to 5-highest): 4.5

The Gilded Cage is book two of the series "The Prison Healer" by Lynette Noni. It carries on the story of Kiva Meridan after she is released from the prison and goes to live in the Capitol, with Jaren, her love interest, who is also the crown prince. In the last book we learned that Kiva's (now dead) Mother was known as the "Rebel Queen", and how Kiva is torn between helping the rebels or living comfortably in the castle.

Normally when the sequel and the first book are compared, the first book is always better. This is one of the exceptions, as both the sequel and the first book kept me on the edge of my seat. My favorite person from this book would be Caldon, who is a prince, because of his unwavering acceptance of everyone, and his ability to trust and keep secrets that other characters hold. This book had a very fast paced plot, leading to being addicting to read, and not wanting to stop. The only thing I didn't particularly like about the book was the main character's indecisiveness and the misunderstandings, as they felt a bit repetitive.

I would 100% recommend this book if you liked the first book of this series "The Prison Healer", as it continues the story really well. Just like the last one, I think this book would be enjoyable to older readers. There are themes such as family loyalty and expectations, betrayal, and darker themes such as addiction.