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A GLADIATOR QUEEN IS JUST LIKE A GLADIATOR—SHE DOESN'T FIGHT FAIR! AND SHE'S BECOME THE THING SHE MOST FEARED BEING--A PREGNANT GLADIATOR.

Long Live the Gladiator Queen!

With the crown safely on Leyli's head, her problems should've been over. Her country is safe. Her family is together. What more could a new Queen ask for?

Unfortunately, spending her mornings purging her stomach isn't it. Evidently, not even the Queen of Norihame is immune to morning sickness. Even worse, women in her country were expected to produce the next generation, not rule it. As soon as the men in court realize she's pregnant with the heir, they'll try to take away all the power she fought so hard to gain.

If that was all she had to worry about, things would be great.

But Rhia is closing in. The expansionist nation to the west has been seeking a trade alliance in violation of her father's peace treaty. Is this merely a misunderstanding between politicians, or is it the first hint of things to come. And why is one of the Senators saying the exact same thing her cousin cited as his reason for rebellion?

When all the pieces come together, Leyli realizes it's worse than she feared. Only one thing can save her country now, but that means putting herself - and her unborn child - in harm's way. Thankfully, she's got one thing going for her that Rhia will never expect.

She's a gladiator.

That means she doesn't fight fair.

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Catherine Bennett says

Amazing

An absolutely amazing ending to the Wolf Of Oberhame series. In this final book Leyli, Tristan, Connell and all the rest rise to the threat from Rhia. Though she's pregnant, Leyli doesn't let this stop her. She is cunning, determined and confident as she pulls her countrymen and gladiators together to defend their home. Leyli and her most trusted friends find ways to not only secure Norihame, but also broaden its views on what is considered proper and acceptable. An absolutely stunning ending to one of the best series I've ever read. Of course, I expect nothing less from the great Auryn Hadley, who has pulled me into so many different worlds and made me fall in love with so many different characters. I can't wait to find my next read from her.

Rebecca says

It's so Good!!

I am genuinely sad that this book and series is over. I love Leyli and Tristan. From the very first I've loved this partnership. There amazing together. This book was an amazing end to the series. And it gave us tons of insight into the other characters and gave us a clear picture for what Ley and Tristan's happily ever after will be. I know this is one book I will be coming back multiple times to reread and enjoy the beauty of this pair!

Toma says

As usual, this was a masterpiece by Auryn Hadley. A very emotional and raw story about changes in life and the ability to adapt to them without losing oneself. About friends, family, love and duty.

There was a couple of instances when I thought "isn't that convenient" and the very end was, I think, expected, but since I will definitely reread it and it is in my top 10 best series, I simply couldn't not give a 5 star rating.

Brandie says

Third times a charm...

I was worried about reading this book. I didn't know how Auryn would make everything ok. She did though and it was wonderful and a complete surprise and everything is as it should be. If you've not read the first two books, stop and don't read this one yet. The whole series is great!

Laura Duval says

Great ending to the series

Solid 5 star rating!

This was great ending to the series. The play on words with the politics, all the action and twisted relationships made this a very easy and enjoyable to read novel. I'm sad to see it end but it was a great journey! Long live the Gladiator Wolf Queen!

Erin says

Get ready for a sleepless night.

I have read the whole series in about 2 days give or take cooking and normal daily responsibility. This series is the perfect mix of Gladiator and 300. I love both movies. I highly recommend this series, if you are not a fan of either movie i suggest trying a different story. This was an awakening to a new favorite Author who i will be following in the hope of a repeated success. I will be reading it again in the future when mass marketing depresses my hope of finding a good book to read, this will be a torch to light the fires that will keep me searching till i succeed in adding a new favorite story and Authors.

Kaye Mack says

What an epic series!!! I couldn't put this book down it was so amazing!

This book has everything!

We see Ley and Tristan's relationship adapt and grow as she starts ruling as Queen and becomes pregnant. They prove they have a love so powerful it can withstand anything, including royal court, marriage and war. Their twosome is the ultimate dream, but their family of 3 with Connall & their friendship and loyalty to each other is inspiring and heart-warming.

Friends (new & old) & family prove that they always have Ley's back, and have such unwavering belief in her. I loved seeing their family grow, and Ley getting to know her siblings better, and seeing Tristan being so protective of Astrid.

We get more gladiators so loyal they are more than willing to die for Ley and the changes she is making for the good of their people. We get to meet Crush and Armando's wives, and Crush's son. Loved seeing Plague and Theo again, and more of Death!

Loved the strong females in positions of power, not just hiding behind the men!

Not sure what else I can say without spoilers, but you should definitely read this book! Highly recommended!

Loved this final book, but sad it's over too.

Jessica Stewart says**Couldn't put this series down!**

All three of the books in this series are completely amazing! I would recommend this book to anyone that likes to fall in love with the characters of the books they read. Auryn made the characters come to life in a way so few can. She even wrapped up the whole series so you aren't left guessing about anyone. I hope she comes out with a companion series for the main character's sister. I'm planning on looking into her other works for my next good read.

karen Smith says**Love and hate this author**

Love this author because she makes you jump into her worlds, hate her for the same reason. My house is a mess and my to do list hasn't been done because I can't put down her books. This is the second series of hers I have read and she is one of the best writers I have read and at 53, an avid reader and an English teacher, I've read a lot of authors.

Joann says**Absolutely Fantastic!**

This series was just amazing and I was sad when I got to the end of this book because I knew that there wasn't anymore books in this series to follow.

The Wolf and the Lion's story was fantastic and that's all I'm going to say.

I highly recommend this series to anyone who's looking for a awesome story to get completely lost in.

RH & Romance Review says

Overall, I'm a big fan of this series. It's hard not to love the core "family" in this series. The only minor complaints that I had were mostly about Ceri. A minor character, yes, but she felt a little rushed or hollow in comparison to a lot of the other core group. Still a brilliant female character, though. Brilliant end to a trilogy I couldn't put down.

Tasha says

Amazing book, wasn't ready for this series to be over, I want more!!

Heather Musser says

A perfect ending!

I love this series and all of the people in it. This was the perfect ending for this series. This is definitely going to be one of my go to series when I'm looking for something to read over and over again. Great job Auryn Hadley! Now I'm just hoping we get a spin off featuring the kids ?

Ian says

A solid conclusion.

A solid conclusion to the series, it was an interesting book that followed up well with the stories of the previous novels. The court intrigue was interesting and seeing Leyli set new precedents with laws was a cool way to showcase her as a queen. Overall the book was definitely worth a read.

Criticisms: It sort of felt like it was pushing really hard on the whole gay and lesbian relationships being okay that it sort of distracted from the story, I have no problem with them it just wasn't that relevant when trying to prevent a war. Also all of the side characters were set up a bit too perfectly with happily ever afters, not every character needs a significant other and to be set up to be happy forever. These things just made the story less believable and interesting towards the end.

Amy Hammonds says

One of my favorites

I read the whole series before doing a review. Each book on its own received 5 starts and I wish there was an option to give the overall series the same.

This series has it all. Strong characters that are realistic, great world building, and a story you can't put down or walk away from.

Every once in a great while I find a book or series of books that become an instant favorite. One that I will return to time and time again. This one very quickly made the list for me. I'm positive it will for you as well. Enjoy!
