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Sixteen-year old Anna Arden was once just the magically barren girl from an elite Luminate family. Now she has broken the Binding—and Praetheria, the creatures held captive by the spell, wreak havoc across Europe. Lower-class citizens have access to magic for the first time, while other Luminates lose theirs forever. Austria and Hungary are at odds once more.

Anna Arden did not know breaking the Binding would break the world.

Anna thought the Praetheria were on her side, content and grateful to be free from the Binding. She thought her cousin Matyas's blood sacrifice to the disarm the spell would bring peace, equality, justice. She thought her future looked like a society that would let her love a Romani boy, Gabor.

But with the Monarchy breathing down her neck and the Praetheria intimidating her at every turn, it seems the conspiracies have only just begun.

As threat of war sweeps the region, Anna quickly discovers she can't solve everything on her own. Now there's only one other person who might be able to save the country before war breaks out. The one person Anna was sure she'd never see again. A bandit. A fellow outlaw. A man known as the King of Crows. *Matyas*.

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Kathy Martin says

Anna Arden thought that she was finished being a hero after breaking the Binding, freeing the praetheria, and securing Hungary's independence. She coming to terms with the death of her beloved Grandmama and the sacrifice of her cousin Matyas. But life couldn't be that easy. The upper class Luminates who lost their magic are resentful. Many commoners now have magic. The Austrian Empire wants Hungary back.

A Congress is being held in Vienna to discuss the fate of the Praetheria with no input from the praetheria. Russia wants to provide a refuge. Austria wants to regain Hungary. England wants to do anything to thwart Russia's land grab. Anna is being courted by Archduke Franz Joseph who is heir to the Austrian Empire but she is still in love with her Romani boy Gabor who is an aide in the Hungarian delegation.

Meanwhile, the praetheria have an agenda of their own. While some want to just want to live in peace, others are more interested in taking over the world and intent on using Anna to help them do so.

Still another faction of the praetheria has managed to bring Matyas back from the dead and want him to aide them in resisting those praetheria who want to conquer the world. Matyas isn't interested and falls in with a band of Robin Hood-like bandits and begins collecting praetheria of his own who see him as a refuge and place of safety. Matyas doesn't want the responsibility; he doesn't see himself as any kind of hero. But events demand that he step up.

The story is divided into Anna's part and Matyas's part. Both are in danger and face tremendous dangers. They also both grow and change greatly in this middle book of a trilogy. Fans of epic fantasy which is also an alternate history story will enjoy this series. I'd start with book one though.

Rendz says

3.75 (very, very, very, very close to a 4)
RTC!

Joshee Kun (???) says

You think because I am a girl, I am weak. Because I speak for those who are given no voice here, my voice should matter less. You are wrong, on both counts. —Anna

Sequels are very unpredictable. You never know if they're gonna hit the mark or miss it completely. I loved *Blood Rose Rebellion* when I read more than a year ago, so I was eager to dive into this book, believing that it would be even better. Unfortunately, most of my expectations weren't met. To be optimistic about it, at least I enjoyed this book enough to give it more than 3 stars.

For the most part, *Lost Crow Conspiracy* was a very educational read. Just like the first book, it integrated much history into its fantastical plot. I rarely pick up historical fiction, so reading this book was an

opportunity to widen my horizons. I enjoyed how the author retold the Austrian-Hungarian War and its global repercussions. She did it in a way that was unique, refreshing, and comprehensible; it was anything but info-dumpy. I was particularly fascinated by discriminated praetheria because their standpoint in European society was similar to that of the Jews during World War II. I wasn't sure if this allusion was intentional. Nonetheless, I really appreciated it as someone fond of Christian history.

I also enjoyed Anna's character development in this book. Anna continued to be underestimated because of her sex, but she didn't hesitate to address the corruption in her society. Breaking the Binding definitely made her more mature because it pushed her to be a voice for the weak and oppressed. In a world ruled by men, she was one empowered female. Truth be told, the only thing I didn't like about her was her tendency to lie to her loved ones; her refusal to tell anyone about Matyas's "death" resulted in much undue stress. xD

As for Matyas, I was surprised that the author decided to keep him. I didn't expect him to be resurrected. I had already become used to the idea of him being dead, so I didn't care about his story arc. It didn't help that his chapters were less interesting than Anna's. In a way, his chapters felt like...fillers or padding. However, in light of his new powers as a shaman, it was clear that he still had much to contribute to the plot. I guess Anna would have had no allies if he hadn't been there.

This book's main weakness was its pacing. Oh my, the last 100 or so pages were difficult to get through because I almost fell asleep with boredom. It was weird because the climax was supposed to be the most exciting part of the novel. Anna had a price on her head, and her journey through various forests and villages was a drag. There was hardly any interesting confrontation since all she did was run and hide.

Overall, *Lost Crow Conspiracy* was intriguing and educational. I loved Anna's character development and the book's rich historical content. Still, some parts of the book were utterly boring. I gave the first book a higher rating, so I guess this one suffered from second book syndrome. Hopefully, the third installment will be better. :)

Vicky Who Reads says

3 stars

SPOILERS for book 1 (Blood Rose Rebellion) ahead

Anna Arden, after breaking the Binding, letting lower class citizens have magic and releasing the Praetheria, didn't know that doing so would break the world.

She thought that the Praetheria were on her side and that peace, equality, and justice would now reign. Yet, this has not happened and the class lines she sought to deconstruct still exist--especially between her and her beloved, Gabor.

War threatens to sweep the region and Anna learns she can't solve everything alone. There's only one other person who might be able to save the country before war breaks out. A man known as the King of Crows.

I wasn't really a fan of the last novel (I found it to have some issues with introducing the historical context as

well as just the magical system being confusing and the characters not having a clear focus; find my review here), but I was hoping that this book would be different.

And although its plot thankfully was not confusing, I just ended up not being into it and generally apathetic to the whole thing. There's a reason why I titled this "Ca-caw! Ca-caw! Ca--". It's because the crow got so bored he fell asleep midair.

(aka I'm the crow)

I didn't actually fall asleep reading, but like the first book, I felt like nothing really happened. Anna is just a confusing character in general for me--what are her motivations? Sometimes she's like "Oh I wish the class boundaries would go away why haven't they gone away yet" and other times she's like "Tehehe! It's a prince!" and what she's fighting for didn't seem defined enough for what I was looking for.

She has a lot of desires and she never really focuses on one. Sometimes she wants to help this group, other times it's *this* group, other times its herself, and although she wasn't annoying per se, Anna was just kind of confused in general about *who* she wanted to be.

She tries so hard to fit into society despite how she doesn't like society and it comes off as very contradictory to me. I know she has that old fashioned view OMG calves--blasphemy! and all sorts of societal things like that, but part of her viewpoint was getting rid of class boundaries and societal standards. It felt a little hypocritical at times.

I wished she would have had a stronger focus on one thing instead of flitting around to the different issues she wanted to address, and I think this is Eves' way of trying to fit complexity into her character, but it didn't really work for me.

What made this get a higher rating (3 instead of 2) than the first book was just the simplicity of the plot. I had a much easier time understanding what was going on and wasn't perplexed by the complicated magical rituals. *But*, in retrospect, I still don't really know what happened?

The plot felt a lot like Anna trying to do stuff but ultimately not really achieving anything? Everything just goes downhill for her throughout the novel and it just gets worse and worse until she's just out of society in general.

I did think there is a lot of potential in the concept of the Praetheria and how they can be used to address social issues and I'm hoping Eves will do a lot with this during book 3.

It was interesting to see how it was almost split half and half between Matayas and Anna, which I was very much not expecting to happen. Matayas ended up spicing things up a bit and although I wouldn't have necessarily condoned this move, it didn't end up really bothering me.

The romance wasn't very present, which was fine by me. I liked Gabor in the last book, he was smart, but if he was in the book, he'd probably also bring *love* into the picture.

The writing is fine and that was somehow one of this books more redeeming characteristics? I enjoy Eves' writing style and think if she was writing a different story, I'd enjoy it more. It's got that kind of soothing quality that's a nice balance between concise and flowery that helps me read smoothly.

I guess the pacing was okay? It didn't seem overly long when I was reading it, but adding up what actually happened and how many pages makes this book seems like it was too much.

Overall, I think if you liked the first book, you'll like this one. But if you didn't like the first, it's probably better to just read something else because there's no "OH MY GOSH WHEN DID THIS SERIES TURN AMAZING?" moment happening in this book. I liked the writing, but the story was just kind of bland in generally and I ended up pretty apathetic to it all.

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Rachel says

LOST CROW CONSPIRACY is everything you could want in a sequel and so much more. It is action-packed, edge-of-your-seat exciting, suspense-filled, and full of surprises. Magical beings, spell-casting and spell-breaking, hidden agendas, manipulation, betrayal, injustice, fierce battles, and a touch of romance make this installment riveting.

The story picks up shortly after the events in the first book in the series. And while things may seem to have settled down following the rebellion, the reality is quite different. The shift in magic has left many uneasy or angry. The fear of the unknown and of the praetheria has the decision-makers on edge. The now-free Hungary has caused power struggles among the countries looking to expand their empires and has presented opportunities for those looking to lead. And a new, even deadlier threat is on the horizon.

Anna thought she made the right decision when she chose to break the Binding, releasing the magic and freeing the praetheria. Even with what it cost her and with the secrets she had to keep. But her Hungary wasn't as free as she thought it was. The beings she unleashed on the world might not be as benevolent. The Congress wasn't as open-minded as she would have hoped. And she may have put herself in a position where she'd have to choose duty, responsibility, country over love.

Author Rosalyn Eves did not let up on the intensity in this second book in her series. She added more battles, more chases and escapes, more fascinating beings, more magical abilities, and many more threats and dangers. She continued to make a connection to the events, people, and climate of the time. She touched on issues of women's rights and equality. She developed Anna into even more of a strong female lead.

LOST CROW CONSPIRACY is the perfect follow-up to BLOOD ROSE REBELLION. It has a faster pace. It has a whole host of new and interesting issues and characters. It advances the storyline in different and unexpected ways. It offers dual points-of-view that give a peek at very separate and distinct parts of the world. And it sets things up and teases things to come in the third installment in the series.

Thrilling, nail-biting, at times inciting, and completely all-consuming, LOST CROW CONSPIRACY is an absolute must.

Lulai says

I received this book through NetGalley against an honest review

I had a great time with Blood Rose Rebellion and I was curious to find out more with its ending, so I was happy to receive an e-arc.

It is always difficult to write a sequel, there are the classic traps of the love triangle, the transition to book 3 which is sometimes too slow, among many other things. Here, I sincerely find that the author has done really well. At the end of Blood Rose Rebellion, the Praetheria were released in Hungary, the latter have multiple forms and intentions towards humankind. I found it interesting to see their political game, just like the one from the humans. We feel very quickly that a war will be inevitable between them and humankind and the big question is who will be the winners. It is a book in itself that does not have a huge "physical" action, but that has captivated me all the same with the political aspect.

This novel continues to follow Anna, she is a girl who dreams of ideal, she thought her acts were going to lead to a big change but it is not really the case here. She is a very idealistic heroine who is thirsty for justice, unfortunately she is also very naive and we learn very quickly that she will be screwed at some point. The book also follows another point of view, which surprised me, I will not say who, but it is easily guessed with the summary (big spoiler), and I must admit that it is a very good idea.

This second volume is therefore in my eyes a solid reading, the author has made good decisions that change a bit about what we see in YA. We are not in fantasy with a physically badass heroine, but Anna is touching. The clues for the sequel and last book are promising and I sincerely think I'll have a good time reading it when it comes out.

Erin Arkin says

3.5 Stars

The Lost Crow Conspiracy by Rosalyn Eves is the second book of the Blood Rose Rebellion series and admittedly I was a bit on the fence jumping into this book as the first one left me a little wanting but based on the ending of book one, I knew I was going to have to see what happens next for the characters, so I immediately dove into it and I am glad I did as the story got interesting. If you have not yet read book one, you might want to hold on reading this review as there are some things I will talk about that will for sure ruin that book for you if you don't want any spoilers.

This book picks up shortly after the end of book one and things have drastically changed in Anna's world. She is facing danger and conflict from both the Monarchy and the Praetheria and because her family doesn't know the whole truth about her breaking the Binding, she doesn't have anyone she can really rely on other than Gabor.

Politics plays a big role in this book. With the Binding broken, some Luminates who had magic have lost it and some lower-class citizens now have access to their magic for the first time. This is creating some unforeseen issues and add to that the Praetheria who are wandering free now want to be able to do what they like, and Anna is in a tough position. When she finds herself engaging with the Archduchess and her son

both politically and personally, Anna needs to figure out where she stands and what she wants. Her heart still belongs to Gabor, but Gabor recognizes that they are coming from different worlds and will never be accepted which drives him to a decision that Anna doesn't want to accept.

As I mentioned, Anna is trying to figure out what she wants. It is important to note that she is getting pressure from Hunger and Vasilisa (Praetheria) to help them get what they want, either through her attendance in the Congress or just her everyday activities. Because of who she is and who she knows, Anna has the ability to get the ear of some pretty powerful people. Unfortunately for her, as a young woman, her opinions and thoughts aren't always accepted by those around her and when she discloses to all what her role was in releasing the Binding, things take a turn for the worse for her.

This book actually alternates perspectives from Anna to Matyas and while I found the chapters that were from Matyas' perspective, I found myself hurrying through them to get back to Anna's story. For some reason I found that part of the book more compelling and yes, we needed to understand what was happening with Matyas but I just happened to be more interested in what was going on with Anna.

For Matyas, he is coming to terms with who/what he is now and what his role in the world is. It was interesting to get his point of view on what he sacrificed to help Anna and then too, to hear how he felt he even failed at dying. I also thought it was interesting that at times, he had a bit of anger toward the fact that Anna was continuing to live her life and he didn't know what to do with his now. As he starts to figure out where he fits and ultimately as his story starts to meet up with Anna's I found myself turning the pages to see where Eves was going to link it all up.

Overall, I found myself enjoying this book more than the first one. I think the pacing felt better and the addition of Matyas' point of view added a layer to the story that we didn't have before. There were still points of the story that dragged a bit for me but overall, there was a great balance of character development, story development, and action / political intrigue. Consider checking out this series if you have not yet done so. I will be waiting on the next book to see what happens next for these characters.

Thank you to NetGalley and the publisher for the copy in exchange for an honest review.

Teresa says

I really liked this one so much better than Blood Rose Rebellion. Lost Crow Conspiracy picks up shortly after BRR leaves off. Our main characters are at the tail end of her cousins death and are still coping, Anna is living with Catherine now, and the world is struggling with how to live with the creatures newly released in the binding.

Anna's sections were slow for me in the beginning, but deff picked up towards the last half of the book. The Crow Kings perspective was absolutely my favorite parts of this book. As he struggles with how he fits into this new world he must decide whether to do what is right or do what is easy. The book was filled with the politics of that era, navigating the fine line between the "right thing" and the "greater good", and some culture references (four horseman anyone!?!). Adding this series to my recommended ones at work!

Angela (Pooled Ink Reviews) says

***pooled ink* Reviews:**

4.5 Stars

Brace yourself for the intensely exhilarating sequel that is *Lost Crow Conspiracy*. Rife with political machinations, nightmares come flesh, forbidden romance, and a patriotic fire that faces the storm with resolution, this YA Historical Fantasy is sure to halt your breath and leave you clamoring for more. Do not miss out on this tale of revolution taken from our very own history books and spun with faeries of the dark.

Read my FULL review here: <https://pooledink.com/2018/03/16/lost...>

Thank you so much to Rosalyn Eves for sending me an ARC of her sequel to the stunning debut, Blood Rose Rebellion! I was absolutely thrilled to receive it!

Bridget Vollmer says

**** I won this in a GR giveaway****

I enjoyed this book better than the first one in the series. The story started out a bit slow for me but picked up speed towards the middle of the book. The story alternates POV between Anna and Matyas. I found Matyas's POV to be more exciting and interesting and Anna's was more dull and political for my tastes although I did enjoy her POV later on in the book.

Overall, *Lost Crow Conspiracy* was a quick, entertaining read which ended on a high note and I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Stacy Fetters says

"Speaking your truth always matters. Don't be afraid to be different— sometimes those very differences are what lend your voice strength."

Cesar says

"But Cesar, didn't you hate the first book? Why would you read the sequel?"

Well, when it comes to me not liking the first book in a series, I want to believe the sequel would be better. There are many cases where the first book is complete crap but the sequel is ten times better. I like to give the underdogs a chance.

Here's hoping this one isn't complete crap like the first book.

Gemma F says

Absolutely incredible and fantastic sequel!!! It was spellbinding and so many things happened in this.

♥?♥?♥?

Lost Crow Conspiracy picks up straight where *Blood Rose Rebellion* ended. Anna is now in Vienna and met various members of nobility including the royal family of Austria. There she uncovers so much more about herself and the Praetheria, these beings which were trapped in the Binding.

The story flows really well and I loved the additional POV of a certain male character we got to see alot more of. I really liked his part of the story as it was divided into parts which had distinctive voices and characters which grew on me. The scenes got me hooked and there was less romance which made the book much more exciting in terms of plot and pace.

I loved the character development in this book and the theme of acceptance and forgiveness in *Lost Crow Conspiracy*.

Furthermore, I liked the meddling of the court, politics and a brewing war between the two camps of Luminate and Praetheria due to their unjust treatment of each other (particularly the Praetheria).

Thank you to NetGalley for sending me an ARC of this book for review!

I am truly looking forward to readig Book 3 now!

Meli says

Amor absoluto. Es mucho mejor que el primero, más dramático, más dinámico, mucho más divertido y llevadero. Es que tenemos un segundo narrador que... es amor y sufrimiento.

Las partes de Anna son más lentas, pero de todas maneras pateas los culos suficientes para hacerte sentir orgulloso.

El fantasy es fantástico, hermoso, excelente. Lo que a penas se cocina en *Rebelión de sangre y rosas*, se desarrolla con toda la furia en este y está muy bueno. Realmente es uno de los fantasy más ricos y bonitos que he leído en cierto tiempo. Me encanta.

Michelle says

****You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net>****Note: this is the second book in a series that must be read in order. Though I will keep spoilers to a minimum there may be spoilers for the first book in the series.

If you are new to the series, you can check out my review of book one- *Blood Rose Rebellion*, [HERE](#)

Lost Crow Conspiracy is the second book in the young adult fantasy series, called *Blood Rose Rebellion*. It is also author Rosalyn Eves debut series which really impressed me. The first book, *Blood Rose Rebellion*

was an excellent read for me, and I can't wait to journey back into this crazy world. The first book ended on a great note, with Anna breaking the binding with her breaking magic and releasing magic to the masses. Initially it seems like a fantastic idea, but this is only the start of the second book, where we get to delve deeply into the class struggles and political drama that have really heightened in the world that Rosalyn Eves has created. And I have to tell you, I am here for it! I loved Lost Crow Conspiracy...even more than the first book!

One of the things I loved most about Blood Rose Rebellion is that the story kept growing and growing. This is a very intricate world not only with the different classes, which all have their own struggles and intricacies, but also with the politics of the world itself and various countries. So be sure you read closely or you might find yourself confused at some points. I will admit that it took me a quick minute to fall back into the world. I had to remind myself of what went down in the first book, but once I got back into this rebellious mindset, I was off on an adventure with Anna and Matyas. Lost Crow Conspiracy is told from both of their perspectives, which I loved!

I will say this, History, politics and class struggles are very present in this series. I love that, but I do recognize that might not be everyone's cup of tea. I loved how Rosalyn Eves infused magic into this age old history lesson class systems and divides. In the world of Lost Crow Conspiracy, magic is no longer something only reserved for the upper classes. Now that Anna has broken the binding, people from any class have the ability to be a conduit for magic, which leads to a whole slew of extra interesting side effects. I loved seeing how magic heightening all of the intense rebellion elements in this story.

Bottom line: If you are a fan of fantasies that have tons of layers, politics, magic and secrets, with action and fighting and lots of political history thrown in, you will love the Blood Rose Rebellion series. I found the premise to be super interesting and wholly unique. The second book was even better than the first book. I am really loving how this series is unfolding and I cannot wait for more!

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