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By N. K. Jemisin

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Starred Review. New authors often falter when following up on a noteworthy debut, but Jemisin proves more than up to the challenge. A decade after the events of March 2010's *The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms*, artist Oree, blind to reality but able to see magic, sells trinkets to tourists in Sky, a city filled with supernatural entities and happenings in a world slowly emerging from doctrinaire authoritarianism. After she discovers the corpse of a murdered godling, Oree is pursued both by fanatic religious officials looking for scapegoats and by the ruthless conspirators behind the murder. Hesitant, impoverished Oree is very different from Jemisin's previous heroine, politician–princess Yeine, and she proves just as compelling as she investigates the murder and her own mysterious heritage. Returning fans will especially appreciate certain details, but this novel stands on its own and is worth reading purely for its own strengths. (Nov.) (c)

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In *The Broken Kingdoms*, N. K. Jemisin expands her worldview from the Arameri Palace of *The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms* to include the richly drawn tapestry of Shadow, introducing new and interesting characters and layering plot to build anticipation for the trilogy's finale. Critical consensus deems *The Broken Kingdoms* even better than its predecessor—unusual for the middle book of a trilogy—and Jemisin, who had previously published short fiction, is poised to make a name for herself in fantasy circles (evidenced as well by Hugo and Nebula nominations). Although *The Broken Kingdoms* works as a stand-alone novel, readers familiar with the first book will recognize and appreciate Jemisin's deftly constructed world. Readers new to the series, however, may wish to start with the first book.

Review

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