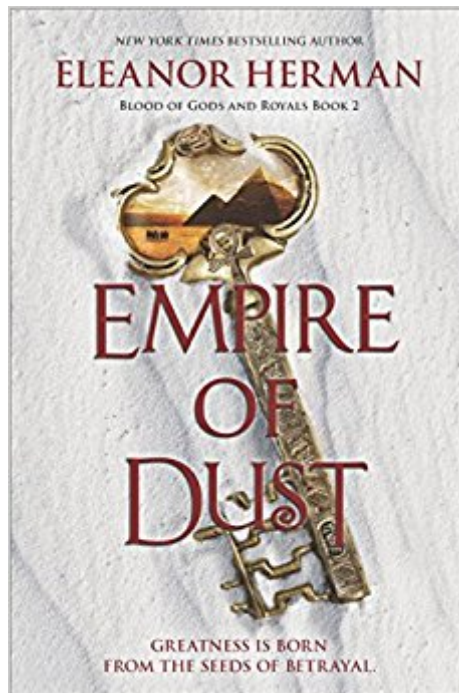




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Customer Reviews

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I loved *Legacy of Kings* and so I was eagerly anticipating the sequel, *Empire of Dust*. I absolutely loved the sequel! There is magic, betrayal, murder, attempted murder, a little romance, and a lot of

surprises. There were some plot twists that I didn't see coming and I love that! There were also some unanswered questions and I hate that! I need book three stat! One thing I love is how Eleanor Herman weaves a lot of factual history into the story. For example, one of the (minor) characters in this story was Artaxerxes, ruler of Persia, who in his youth, murdered eighty of his brothers to win the throne. Hephaestion and Alexander did actually have a close relationship with one another in real life. Just knowing these little facts makes me appreciate how hard it must have been to weave together this epic fantasy with historical facts. "This is the most enduring and most magnificent thread in literary weavings both old and new" — the indestructible bond of our collective history." --Eleanor Herman This book had me turning the pages to see what happened next. It was very disappointing when I had to put it down to go to bed. Do you love fantasy? Do love history? Do you love historical fiction? You will love this book. I received an arc copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Normally, I am very hesitant to start a sequel, even though I absolutely love series (hello Throne of Glass and Talon), just because I worry that the sequel will not live up to the hype or standards set in the first novel. Empire of Dust did not let me down at all. It was well written and still had all the amazing historical research that Eleanor is known for. I feel like the story was just as interesting as the beginning was in Legacy of Kings. The story has just as many cliffhangers and plot twists and a few moments where I was just mind blown by what happened, which you can find out when it is released next week! The first book had a lot of POVs, but I enjoyed most of them so it didn't bother me as much as it did in the sequel. I think there are way too many POVs. I did feel like some of them weren't that great and had to push forward with them in order to get back to the plot lines that I really enjoyed. I was really glad to see more of Cyn and Zofia just because I really like where their stories are going and how interesting they are as characters. There are also a ton of side plots that I didn't feel helped move the story along. Just keep reading for the amazing story goodness! So I personally don't know much about this time period, but really love all of the true historical facts interwoven into the story. That being said, someone with more knowledge of the era could figure out some stuff that will happen/should happen, but everything for me is such a surprise and I absolutely love that. Also, the romance in this book is making my fangirl so very happy. Heph and Kat! I will go down with this ship. Seeing all of their tension and the slow building of their relationship after he saved her life at the end of Legacy of Kings has been so frustrating because I am ready for them to be a thing. I did not really see her being with Jacob even in the beginning of the first book when he like half proposed to her and honestly how are you supposed to explain that you stabbed your

fiancÃ© in battle? Bad move Jacob.

I had a hard time with Legacy of Kings the first in this series, but Empire of Dust was fantastic. I'm going back to reread Legacy of Kings as I think I missed out on what was going on. It's a bit like Game of Thrones - lots of characters in different areas - and I didn't appreciate what was going on in the first book. But now I am anxiously awaiting the next in the series. But I really need to reread that first one!

This book amazingly contains all things wanted from a great novel: action, romance, and plot twists that will leave your head spinning. The characters all possess their own flawlessly crafted personalities. All in all, I cannot wait for the next book in the series.

Love these books. Always excited when a new one comes out. I always reread the series before I read the new one so I don't miss anything.

Rip-roaring adventure story with lots of magic!

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