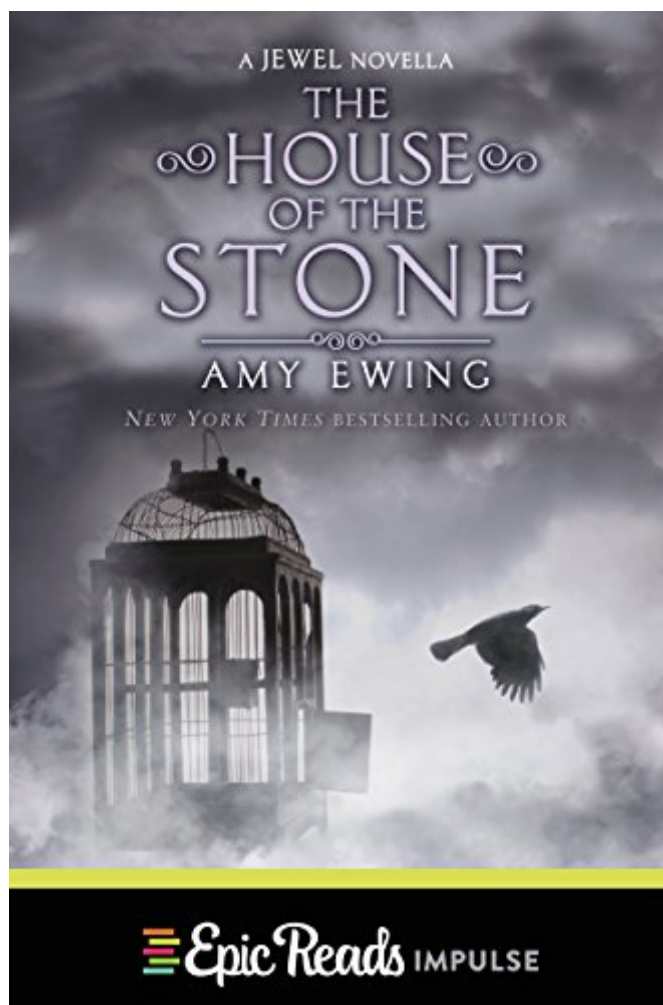


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Synopsis

In *The Jewel*, we followed Violet in her servitude under the Duchess of the Lake. Now we'll hear Raven's story and her time as a surrogate for the Countess of the Stone in this digital novella from Amy Ewing. When Raven is bought at the Auction, she knows immediately that things will not go well. And when she arrives at the Countess's palace, Raven quickly discovers that the Countess is much less interested in having a baby than experimenting with Raven's mind and body. Raven can only hope for an escape . . . and to see Violet again, all the while reminding herself that she is Raven Stirling, and she does matter. Epic Reads Impulse is a digital imprint with new releases each month.

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Customer Reviews

This novella wasn't horrible, but if it weren't so cheap, I'd rate it lower. Most people who will read this novella have most likely already read *The Jewel* and probably *The White Rose* too. They know what happened at the beginning. Overall, this doesn't really tell us anything we didn't know from

Violet. Raven is tortured. The Countess of Stone is sadistic, cruel, and careless character. In Violet's story, you got a backstory for the Duchess. In Raven's, we still know next to nothing about the Countess. Why is she into cruelty so much? Why does she want someone like Raven as far as personality goes? How was her relationship with her mom since she quotes her on basically anything she feels fit to use against Raven or justify being cruel? We learn nothing about how exactly Raven got pregnant or much about Emile. It starts at the auction. It ends at the funeral when all the surrogates were brought on leashes. I do like that we get more of a feeling for Raven's personality. In my opinion, she's a lot better than Violet, who takes a while book to figure out something that was clearly shown in the first couple of chapters. Raven is also more defiant and vengeful. Overall, not horrible, but if it cost more, it would not be worth it. It barely is at \$1.99.

It's hard to really call it GOOD due to the torture that Raven gets but the quality of writing makes your stomach churn with Raven. It also makes you understand how twisted the Countess is. I read after the trilogy and it adds a depth to Raven that you don't get as much through the trilogy.

Just for the record, I adored The Jewel. Violet is a kind, gentle heroine who learns to be courageous amid the horror of the Jewel. I liked Raven also. She is a more traditional heroine, strong, and brave by nature. I found the Novella to be too depressing. While it provides such a small snapshot of time, there was no opportunity to provide more relief to her tale of torture. I would like to know what becomes of Raven as Violet's story continues.

I always like getting the different perspectives of the different characters. Hopefully she will do more of them!

This novella was a great look into the goings-on inside The Jewel. I only wish it was longer and that The White Rose would come out sooner rather than later, but I understand the point of a novella is that it's a short story by nature! Amy Ewing definitely hooked me on this series and I can't wait for the rest of them! I would recommend this series to anyone who likes The Selection, Divergent, The Hunger Games, A Girl of Fire and Thorns, etc...

This novella series is going to make me very sad, I can tell already. I liked it because I like this series, but at the same time it is so difficult reading it. This may be spoilers, but the royalty are so cruel to their surrogates and that makes me so sad. I hope that this type of thing never actually

happens, because this is not right. At all. But still at the same time, it is good and well written. I wish novella's were longer sometimes.

I was excited to learn ravens story but wish this would have been a full length novel. So I was kind of disappointed.

Omg I wish I could have the jewel all from Ravens POV. and I really want to hop into this world and just make them pay for what they have done to these girls. This book wasn't very long but was so worth it. It will help you to understand the world they live in and the horror that awaits them.

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