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Sea Of Stars (The Cricket Series Book 2)



Synopsis

Eighteen-year-old Cricket Hollowell was looking for her place in the world when she discovered that the universe was bigger—and more dangerous—than she had ever dreamed. Now, whisked across space to the planet Ethar, Cricket learns that her genetic ability to see the future makes her a sought-after commodity—and the catalyst for war between her star-crossed parents' clans. According to Alameedan prophecy, one house will rise to power and the other will be completely wiped out, and Cricket's precognition is believed to be the weapon that will tip the scales. A target of both the Rafe and the Alameeda houses, Cricket finds protection—and a home—in the arms of Trey, her Etharian bodyguard-turned-boyfriend. But her visions of what's to come disturb her deeply, especially since she must discover whether the gift of foresight will allow her to rewrite the future, or if her fate is as immovable as the stars. Winner of the 2015 UtopYA Awards for Book of the Year, Best Book Hangover, Best Couple (Cricket & Trey), and Author of the Year.

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Customer Reviews

This is the second book in The Cricket Series. It all starts with the murder of a powerful political figure. When Cricket is arrested and accused of the murder, anyone loyal to her is deemed a traitor. When Trey and all Cricket's friends refuse to give information or turn on Cricket, they too are arrested and tortured for information. As if they didn't have enough to worry about, Kyon is revived by an Alameeda Priestess and is more determined than ever to claim Cricket as his own. When Kyon issues a declaration of war against anyone who does not immediately turn over Cricket, the whole Planet finds themselves choosing a side. Ethar is now at war. Cricket, Trey, and all their friends must find a way not only to escape from jail, but must also depend on Cricket's unreliable ability to see the future in order to stay one step ahead of Kyon and all who wish to use Cricket as a bargaining chip. As war rages, Cricket and her friends find themselves on the run from new enemies as well as old as they fight for their lives. In the end, Cricket and Trey will have to decide how much they are willing to risk to be together. This book is darker and more passionate than the first book. The innocence of the first book is lost as the characters brace themselves for the devastation that accompanies war. This book was beautifully written. The only downside is for those who hate cliffhangers, I will warn this one ends with a big one! I will be biting my nails waiting for the next installment!

Sea of Stars is the second book in the Cricket Series by Amy A. Bartol. The books must be read in order to understand the series. I received an ARC from NetGalley. If you are familiar with Mrs. Bartol's books, you know how her books are much more than words on a page. You know that they are poetry, written with a detail that is like no other author out there. They take you to an imaginary world so rich, you forget where you are. The book starts out where Under Different Stars leaves off. Cricket and Trey are getting ready to meet with Skye Command with Wayra and Jax. They believe that Cricket is going to be safe there. Cricket starts to have visions of the future and it doesn't look good for her. The Rafian politicians are planning games with Cricket, Trey, and the rest of the Cavar's lives. To make matters worse, Kyon still wants Cricket to own as his consort and will stop at nothing to get her, including killing every Rafe on the planet. The story is "on the edge of your seat" action right from the beginning. There are aircraft chases, prison breakouts, sky-pack fights, drones, weapon fights and hand to hand combat. You meet new characters such as Giffen that has some handy powers of his own. You get to see some of the other priestess's powers. The priestess's are very

interesting. I look forward to meeting the bird and the flower. About 50% in, we get some down time with Trey and Cricket. The scenes are perfect, well written and done in a way that Mrs. Bartol can. You lose yourself in their romance. Wow, Trey is perfect. Not only is he beautiful with his dark hair and violet eyes, but his soul is too. He loves with fierceness that I have only seen a few books. Cricket does at times remind me of another character of Mrs. Bartol's, Genevieve Clairmont. She wants to keep everyone safe even if that requires her to sacrifice herself. The end is heartbreaking. Everything Cricket has ever wanted is taken from her. Everything she has led to believe was a lie. It is a cliff hanger ending. It will leave you with a book hangover. But it has never felt so good to be hung over.

This is an incredible Book 2. There is a ton of action that is made more exciting as one side has basically magic & the other side has Marines. There is a sense of imbalance, but underdogs have a way of fighting hard which is impressive & creative-- especially against someone who is singleminded & powerful. I also really appreciate how language is used in this series. Both Rafian and English are used in a natural way. With vernacular used easily to convey that this is a "real" language with curses & idioms that have developed over time. While a lot of time went into building the relationship of Trey & Cricket in book 1, they don't lean on that to short cut their feelings in book 2. They are contributing to get to know each other beyond "love" and have great interactions together to strengthen that connection. The final thing I enjoy about this series is that the relationships with the other Cavars, and even Charisma & Trey's brother Victus, are more than just props for the background. Cricket has specific relationships & ways of talking with the other people that gives them a life of their own.

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