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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Starred Review. Grade 7 Up—Teenaged Sophos is his uncle's heir, but his love of poetry and lack of interest in ruling have caused his father to send him to a remote villa. When it is attacked by the king's enemies, Sophos is sold into slavery, where he begins to mature and develop both physically, from the hard manual labor, and emotionally. He makes the decision to escape slavery and try to resume his place as heir and eventually king of Sounis, traveling to Attolia to try to recruit support from its queen and king, Sophos's friend, Eugenides, the protagonist of *The Thief* (1996) and *The King of Attolia* (2006, both HarperCollins). Layers of intrigue follow Sophos as he tries to protect Sounis from various groups of enemies, leading to a surprising twist at the conclusion. Sophos tells his story to an initially unknown audience, but interspersed third-person chapters provide additional perspective. Fans of Turner's earlier books set in the medieval-style kingdoms of Sounis, Eddis, and Attolia will enjoy seeing Eugenides, the magus, and other familiar characters again, while the new protagonist and ample background make *A Conspiracy of Kings* accessible for new readers as well. This is a well-constructed and intricate tale of action, adventure, and assuming the mantle of leadership.—*Beth L. Meister, Milwaukee Jewish Day School, WI*

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Starred Review Following *The Thief*, a 1997 Newbery Honor Book, and *The King of Attolia*, a 2007 Best Book for Young Adults, Turner continues her exquisite series with another rich story that examines peace, power, leadership, and loyalty. After initial, tense prison scenes focused on Eugenides, the king of Attolia, the novel's viewpoint switches from third to first person, and Sophos, the reluctant king of Sounis who prefers poetry to politics, relates the adventures that precipitated his rise to questionable power. Tutors have drilled Sophos in imaginary attacks, but after he loses his family in a real invasion, he is bereft and goes into hiding as a slave on a nobleman's estate in order to avoid his sovereign responsibilities. Even though Eugenides' fans will miss his presence, he continues to pull strings from the sidelines as he joins leaders in high-priced alliances and prepares for an invasion. Turner's plotting remains deft, and the subtlety with which she balances her characters' inner and outer worlds will delight both series newcomers and fans, who will be waiting to grab this stand-out, stand-alone adventure, filled with all the expected intrigue and political machinations, from the shelves. Grades 7-10. --Cindy Dobrez

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Praise for *The Thief*: Newbery Honor Book “This is an uplifting book, a literary journey that enhances both its characters and readers before it is over.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Tantalizing, suspenseful, exceptionally clever.” (Horn Book (starred review))

Praise for *The Queen of Attolia*: “The intense read is thoroughly involving and wholly satisfying on all fronts.” (Horn Book (starred review))

“Turner's storytelling is so sure that readers will want to go along with her—and discover whatever it is that Eugenides will do next.” (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

“Readers will be spellbound.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

Praise for *The King of Attolia*: “Turner has outdone herself here: *The King of Attolia* is one of the most fascinating and original children’s fantasies to appear in years.” (Horn Book (starred review))

“Eugenides, the former Thief of Eddis, is back and just as clever as ever.” (School Library Journal (starred review))

“A winner.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

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“Megan Whalen Turner has constructed a clever world filled with suspense and intrigue and characters that will never be forgotten. Once you dive into the world of the Queen’s Thief [books], prepare to have your life stolen from you until you finish them all.” (Joelle Charbonneau, *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *Testing* trilogy)

“Turner’s knotting of plots and counterplots, battle tactics, diplomatic skullduggery, and the tensions of state business and personal desire is masterful...having finished the book, one just wants to open it up and read it again.” (Horn Book (starred review))

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“Turner’s imagined world [is] a realm in which her founding mythology is as impressive as her descriptions of the land itself.” (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

“Unmissable.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

“A well-constructed and intricate tale of action, adventure, and assuming the mantle of leadership.” (School Library Journal (starred review))

“Elegant and sure-footed.” (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books)

“Masterful.” (Horn Book (starred review))

“A fascinating and beautifully crafted masterpiece.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (Starred Review))

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