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# Rebel Spring: A Falling Kingdoms Novel



## Synopsis

War brought them together. Love will tear them apart. This fantastic second installment of the Falling Kingdoms series picks up in the middle of thrilling drama that made the first Falling Kingdoms novel a New York Times bestseller. The kingdom of Auranos--and Princess Cleo along with it--has been conquered and the three kingdoms of Auranos, Limeros, and Paelsia are now unwillingly united as one country called Mytica. But alluring, dangerous magic still beckons, and with it the chance to rule not just Mytica, but the world. When King Gaius announces that a road is to be built into the Forbidden Mountains, formally linking all of Mytica together, he sets off a chain of cataclysmic events that will forever change the face of this land.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PRAISE for the FALLING KINGDOMS series: "Morgan Rhodes has created a rich, living fantasy world and characters that immediately draw the reader in. This is one of those series you can't help but be obsessed with. I can't wait to see what happens next!" —Richelle Mead, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Vampire Academy and The Glittering Court —"An otherworldly epic...evocative and intricate." —Publishers Weekly —"You must have this book on your

shelves. **• Bustle** "Falling Kingdoms" is a superbly written and character-driven narrative. **• Bookpage** "[A] YA Game of Thrones" full of intrigue, betrayal, lies and love. **• The Guardian** "Falling Kingdoms" will gut you emotionally. **• It** will make you ache, cry, and beg for the sequel as you turn the last page. **• I** absolutely loved it." **• Julie Kagawa**, **• New York Times** bestselling author of **• The Iron Queen** "In this Game of Thrones-esque high fantasy, Rhodes has created a world that's raging with war, deceit, spoiled royals, and a populous needing little to spark a revolution. **• NPR/WAMC** "The Roundtable" From an opening dripping with blood, magic, and betrayal through complex interweaving plots detailing treachery, deceit, and forbidden love, this novel is the first in a projected series that will immediately engage readers and keep them intrigued. **• Booklist**

Morgan Rhodes is the **• New York Times** bestselling author of the **• Falling Kingdoms** series. Under another pen name, she's an award winning author of more than two dozen novels. Morgan lives in Southern Ontario, where she's currently hard at work on the next **• Falling Kingdoms** book.

This was epic, simple as that. Yet again I want to shake myself, why didn't I read this series sooner? It's utterly amazing and is quickly become a favourite, so much action, adventure, fantasy, magic and characters that I cannot stop talking about, a few poor people can attest to that! "It didn't really matter who someone was, princess, peasant, rebel, or just a boy or a girl. **• Princess Cleo** is now a prisoner of war; she continues to be controlled by the Blood King and with no other options she must be his puppet. She's able to come up with great schemes and escape plans but she's forever brought back to square one, outmatched and outwitted by the tyrannous King Gaius. However the end of this book has provided a little light at the end of the tunnel for Cleo so I only hope that she takes this chance and gets her much-needed and deserved revenge. "A gown does not make a bride, just as a few empty threats do not make a rebel. **• Rebel leader Jonas** got a load more page space, which I'm sure, produced many a girl including myself to squeal with excitement. After the events of **• Falling Kingdom** Jonas is left with little to nothing, his people are being enslaved left, right and center and the Blood King now reigns over the whole of Mytica. He knows he must stop

this but with few rebels, his brother's murderer still going unpunished and little hope left, how much damage can a few boys do? With the weight of the world on his shoulder Jonas grows up, makes mistakes but these ultimately make him stronger, I cannot wait to see what becomes of him in Gathering Darkness.

"There was no hope in death, only an end."

Magnus is still tormented over his sister Lucia's rejection but what started as a Prince being betrayed, heartbroken and manipulated by his father gave way to so much more. With his eyes finally open as to how malicious his father actually is, Magnus forges his own plans and he may just be the dark hero who will take this series by storm. Magnus is such a complex character; I was fully prepared to write him off as a classic villain in Falling Kingdom's but my opinion of him changed throughout the book and before long his chapter became my favorite. How did this happen? What is happening?

"Darkness will always try to extinguish the light. The light will always try to repress the darkness."

Lucia makes little appearance in this book, which was completely fine by me. She has no control over her magic and I didn't want to read about her eternal struggle mastering her new gifts. However we didn't get this at all, instead her character is becoming much more intertwined with another's fate. Lucia's chapters were short and sweet and they slowly made me want more of them, Gathering Darkness looks like it's going to feature a lot more Lucia and I'm ready for them. This book slowly introduced new characters and a whole other world but it was done perfectly, you are given time to adapt to this new dynamic and to decide if the character in question is good or evil.

Some remained a question mark for me but I loved the mystery. Now for a High Fantasy series that has little romance in it, it sure does take advantage of those small, seemingly insignificant scenes. My god, I spend the better part of a day on the edge of my seat counting down the endless chapters until I could find out what exactly what going on between characters and what is brewing between others. Some of my ships seem to be sinking but I don't seem to care because the potential one of the horizon is so tempting?

Prepare for a lot of change in this book, nothing is at it seems!

"She gripped the front of his shirt. It was all too much--she wasn't sure if she was pushing him away or pulling him closer. Much like diving into deep water, she had no idea which way would find her air to breathe or which way would drag her down deeper into the depths where she would surely drown. And for a moment, just a moment, she found it didn't seem to matter."

I have a really big feeling that Rebel Spring is yet again another stepping stone to a much bigger plot and world in the Falling Kingdom's series and I can't wait to find out what Rhodes has in

store. I loved this book so much more than Falling Kingdoms and as I've said before, this series is only just getting started so I'm now staring at my copy of Gathering Darkness because I just had to buy it the minute I finished this. So much revenge to come, ships to sail, blood to spill and magic to be unleashed, what am I waiting for? For more reviews visit: [...]

This book was so captivating. It drew me in closer with every page. The world around me fell apart and the only thing that I could imagine was the events taking place in the book. Heartbreak is something you must prepare yourself for with these books, no character is safe. With that being said, you'd never imagine the countless times I've gotten attached to a lovely character, one too good to die, and then later read every heart-clutching, year filled moment of their undeserved death. It's a book that is very well written. There's not a part in the book that makes me feel as though I had to read it twice to grasp the wording. Good writing is a quality I admire in a book, something that will also keep me turning each page, alongside the story. These books have both, a well written story and a very good storyline. That's my opinion, even if no one asked for it. As Magnus once said, "I've found rumors have much in common with feathers. It's rare that either holds much weight."

This Review Contains Slight Spoilers  
I tried, really I did, to hold off on reading Rebel Spring until Gathering Darkness was available. Never has a series left me in such distress, with major anxiety, and a severe book hangover. Like Shatter Me and Throne of Glass, the Falling Kingdoms Series is utterly addictive. Morgan Rhodes writing is lyrically seductive. I could bathe in her words, fall asleep in her world. \*sigh\* Now that I have to wait for Gathering Darkness my body is going through withdrawal. Someone should have warned me about this series! Since no one did, I'm warning you dear reader only proceed if you can handle an extraordinary epic fantasy. Because if you're anything like me waiting for the next book in the series will be agonizing. The horror  
For fans of Game of Thrones who like political scandals, lots of betrayal, pandemonium, death, and different forms of love (even in places you least expect it), the Falling Kingdoms series is for you. Picking up where Falling Kingdoms left off Auranos, Limeros, and Paelsia are in chaos and dealing with the aftermath of King Gaius, the Blood King's, takeover. Gaius manipulated his way to the throne and now has control over all the kingdoms and has even combined them into one, Mytica. But not all is peaches and roses for the king, there are forces greater than he could even

imagine waiting to take him down. Cleo, heir to the Auranos throne and last surviving member of the Bellos family, is at the mercy of King Gaius and forced to marry his son, a coldhearted prince Mangus. To them, this is a match made in hell. Both carry torches for someone else and cannot stand to be around each other for more than a solid minute. I loved watching their story develop. As a reader I knew if they could just move past their difference they would be an unstoppable force. So many times I wanted to go through my headphones and shake some sense into them. Even though I knew how I wanted their story to unfold, Rhodes spun it into a totally different direction and made me crave something else! I love an author who can make me root for one thing and then turn around and make me root for the total opposite! Never have I been so confused.

There are several other characters of note in this series: Jonas, Lucia, The Watches, Nic, Aron, and a few other minor characters. Lucia, the \*spoiler\* adopted sister of prince Magnus, remains comatose after using the fire magic at the end of Falling Kingdoms that essentially gave her father the victory of Auranos. After she wakes, I enjoyed watching her interact with Cleo. Both girls have sharp tongues and aren't afraid to match insult for insult while keeping themselves as poised and princess-like as possible. Cleo is by far my favorite character. Her bold cleverness never ceases to amaze me. Just check out how she answers the infamous King of Blood.

King Gaius - "I'm watching you princess."

Cleo - "As I am watching you."

LOL who says that to someone who just murdered your family and forced you into marriage? Cleo rocks so hard. She's fierce and doesn't hide who she is or what she believes. Unlike Lucia who seems more fragile and easily influenced Cleo knows when to speak, when to be illusive, and when to assert her authority. Love her to pieces I tell ya!

little bitty bits and pieces! Overall, I could rant and rave over Rebel Spring all day and still not convey how awesome the novel is and worthy of a spot on every book nerds bookshelf. If you haven't, you must read Falling Kingdoms first (it's da bomb folks) and then immediately pick up this one. I highly recommend the series to anyone looking for a vast world with a legion of characters and stellar mythology that will leave you gasping, aching, out of breath, sometimes without the ability to speak, and so in love with a story your heart may break a thousand times over.

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