

Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Fantasy



Freed by Flame and Storm.

Allen, Becky (author).

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Grades 9-12.

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After discovering her inherent magic, Jae, a former slave in the Closest caste, broke free of the curse that oppressed and suppressed her people in [Bound by Blood and Sand](#) (2016). Now she must forge ahead with a dangerous plan to free her people, secure the kingdom's magical well, and defeat the nefarious Highest, who rule the world. With the help of members of the Order of the Elements, who work against the Highest, and former-Avowed Elan, Jae mounts a revolution. Being thrust into a position of power is uncomfortable for Jae, but she accepts that, despite her own shortcomings, she is the one person on whom thousands of people now rely. The beauty of this final entry of Allen's duology lies in the fact that though revolution means war, every lost Closest life decreases the magic binding the well. Grappling with this knowledge, Jae must carefully find a way to balance leadership with mercy. The action of this memorable story is fast and furious, its challenges many, and the fight for right ever-present. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *Freed by Flame and Storm*

- *The Library of Fates*
- *The Wrath and the Dawn*