

Incarceron

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Incarceron – a futuristic prison, sealed from view, where the descendants of the original prisoners live in a dark world torn by rivalry and savagery. The prison is a terrifying mix of high technology, chains, great halls, and dungeons. A young prisoner, Finn, has haunting visions of an earlier life and refuses to believe he was born here and has always been here. In the outer world, Claudia is trapped in her own form of prison – an imminent marriage she dreads. She knows nothing of Incarceron, except that it exists. But there comes a moment where Finn, inside the prison, and Claudia, outside of it, find a crystal key through which they can talk to each other. And so the plan for Finn’s escape is born...

This book is involved in such a unique world. The author was very creative and inventive when writing this story, and that is something I can really appreciate. The reveal of how the two worlds are linked was mind-blowing. I didn’t see it coming! As with other books, one of the problems I had with this story was that the pacing was extremely slow in parts. They weren’t necessary to the plot, and they took me out of the story. Also, sometimes it was hard to imagine what was happening, since the descriptions are so elaborate. Other than this, it was an extremely engaging story.

I would recommend this book for ages 14+ for mild fantasy violence. This book would be a great gift to anybody interested in fantasy and inventive plots.

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