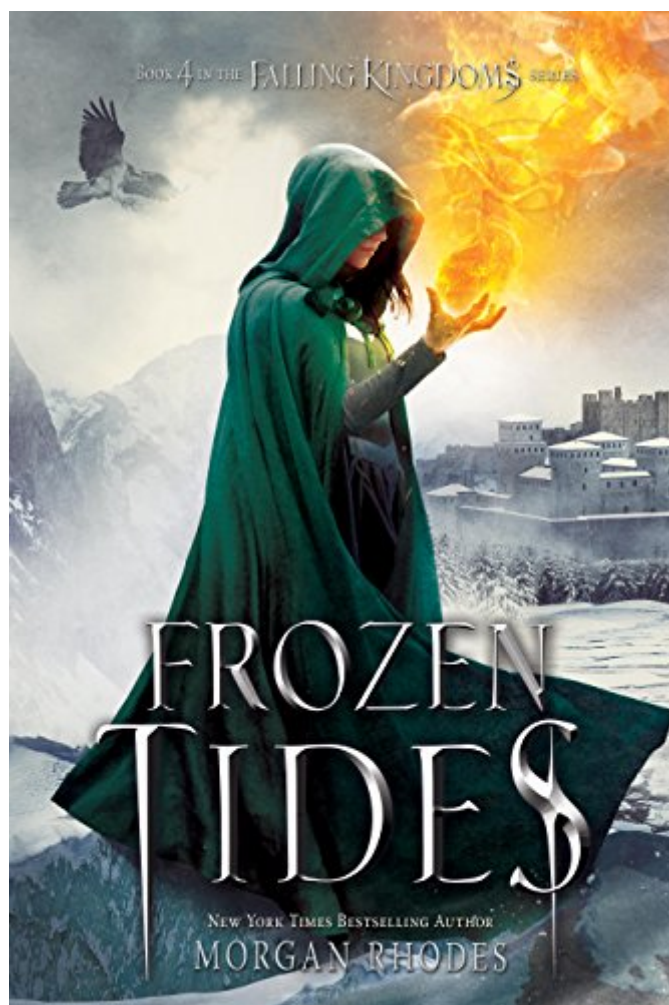


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Frozen Tides: A Falling Kingdoms Novel



Synopsis

The plans are laid and the players are determined...but nothing can prepare these unlikely warriors for what the elemental gods of Mytica have in store. CLEO: Reeling after a shocking realization about Magnus, Princess Cleo must cast aside her feelings and look toward her kingdom with the eyes of a queen. MAGNUS: The steely prince of Limeros is once again torn between love and duty, leaving him wondering whether he's strong enough to rule his people. LUCIA: Heartbroken and blind with fury, the betrayed sorceress allies with the awoken Fire god, who also seeks revenge. JONAS: The defeated rebel leader reunites with Princess Cleo, only to become a pawn in the dangerous hunt for the elusive Kindred. KING GAIUS: A desperate King of Blood flees Mytica and sails to Kraeshia, where he attempts to ally with the famously brutal emperor across the Silver Sea.

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Customer Reviews

You have to feel bad for the people of Mythica. Their leaders are fighting amongst themselves and making power-alliances, changing the future of the continent, and causing all sorts of chaos.

I definitely hate to live there. If you've kept up with the series so far, you know that things aren't all sunshine and rainbows on the small continent. Magnus and Cleo are married and on the run in the north. Lucia is god-knows-where. Jonas can go screw himself. King Gaius is out-of-sorts with his children missing. All around a mess. And like its characters, this book was a tad chaotic too. Frozen Tides covers the aftermath of the Kindred findings, but doesn't seem to have a specific event or end game its working toward. Unlike the previous novels, this book was an assortment of events smashed together that will eventually lead somewhere, but didn't do much in this book. I wasn't really swept away until the last quarter of the book when those smaller events escalated into slightly bigger events. But even then, I felt like Frozen Tides acted as a filler novel between Gathering Darkness and the upcoming Crystal Storm. Whether this is because the series was originally intended to have just 4 books or not, I'm not sure, but it left me a little disappointed. The plot was on-point, but didn't have the action that I like to see accompanying the characters I love. And let me tell you, I LOVE Cleo and Magnus. OTP of the series. They're absolutely fantastic. I came around to Cleo in previous books and in this one she owned, taking control and being a ruler. When she's queen she will kick major ass, for sure. Magnus is the brooding sweetheart we all know (and hopefully love as much as I do). They remind me a bit of Beauty and the Beast in the way they act, Cleo never losing faith and Magnus coming around despite the threat of his father. Sure, Magnus was a massive jerk and I don't think Cleo should forgive him as easily as she does but they're a work-in-progress so I'll forgive it because I love them too much. Now Rhodes just needs to get rid of the little crush Jonas has on Cleo and I'll be truly happy. Speaking of Jonas, I still hate him. Didn't like him in the last book. Really didn't like him in this one. I feel like his only contribution to the story anymore is screwing up. Not even in the comedic relief way. Just failing. Hard. Also, convenient that his love interest is no longer in the running. Stop throwing him with Cleo. He's so not good enough for her. Every character doesn't need to be paired up with someone! It seems to be the mentality in this series and it's driving me insane. Another failure: Lucia. I think I hate her as much as Jonas. For a while there she had my interest and support but then Frozen Tides came along and BOOM, support shattered. Several times I wished I could reach through the pages and slap her. She took spoiled brat to a new level with the "I know everything" mentality. Ugh, just kill me. I've almost given up on her but the ending gave her a

glimmer of redemption, enough for me to hope for something better in book 5. Two more characters had a chance to narrate this book, Amara the Kraeshian princess and Felix the assassin. I wasn't really sure how I felt about Felix's PoV for a while and didn't really care by the end of the book. His allegiance flip-flopped too much for me to truly like his character but there's potential for future books. But Amara is QUEEN. I both love and hate her. I should, by all rights, despite her guts for the horrible things she does, but I don't. She is bad but she is fierce. The world better watch out. Frozen Tides ends with one hell of a cliffhanger and the next installment can come out soon enough. While this wasn't my favorite book of the series, it was highly eventful (almost too much) and reminded me of an attempt at being the young adult Game of Thrones, which the series as shown similarities to before. If you've kept up with the Falling Kingdoms series so far, you won't want to miss out on this book.

OMG.... that ending left me totally flabbergasted! Oh, Mrs. Rhodes... you can't end a book like that! I was totally in shock, going back and forth making sure this was the last page in the book! One thing is for sure: this is the most unpredictable series EVER! No one is safe! No matter how important you may think a character is, he or she may die with the flick of a page... Fast pacing once again with not a dull page in sight. Each chapter is more shocking than the previous one! The revelations keep on coming, changing the story continuously. New alliances are formed and then are broken just like that. Some of the characters gain more power and play a bigger part in the plot. The Kraeshia kingdom is added on the map, and new characters are added in the story making it even more interesting and compelling! For me Magnus is still the most interesting character. I've come to seriously dislike Lucia. And at one point I started to sympathize with Amara and start to connect with her, only to dislike her even more in the next chapter! The author likes to play with your feelings like that and make you change your mind continuously. I'll only make one comment about this series... All women are breathtakingly gorgeous and Jonas doesn't know how to keep his eyes off them! He seems to like another woman in each chapter... which makes me like him less sometimes. I'll say it again that this is one of my most favourite series EVER, and I think that if you like fantasy books, then you should definitely include this one in your reading list ASAP! There are 2 more books left in this series, one coming out this year and the last one in 2017. All I can do now, is wait....! Favourite Quotes: 'I tried to spit on him, you know, to show my support for the rebels, but it landed on a seabird instead.' Go. But remember one thing: If you get yourself killed, I'm going to be furious with

you.”See? There’s that cheeky rebel I like.”You like me? That’s news to me, Cassian.”You’re growing on me. Slowly. Like a fungus.’
“You broke it. Congratulations.
“I’ve just given me my sixth broken nose, and now I’m going to kill you.
“Because if you don’t choose to fight against the wrong in the world, then you are the wrong in the world.
“All magic comes with a price. A price that is never revealed until after the damage has been done.

Something was missing. The plot progressed, twists abounded, romance was more prevalent, but it lack something. I’m not even sure what exactly. Some things seemed to happen too easily or unnaturally for the story. Some characters acted in ways that were completely out of character, with no good explanation as to why. All together it gave the impression that I was reading a different book. To be fair most series have a book (or several) that don’t meet the hype and expectation of the others, a ‘runt of the litter’. Frozen Tides was the ‘runt’ of this series.

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