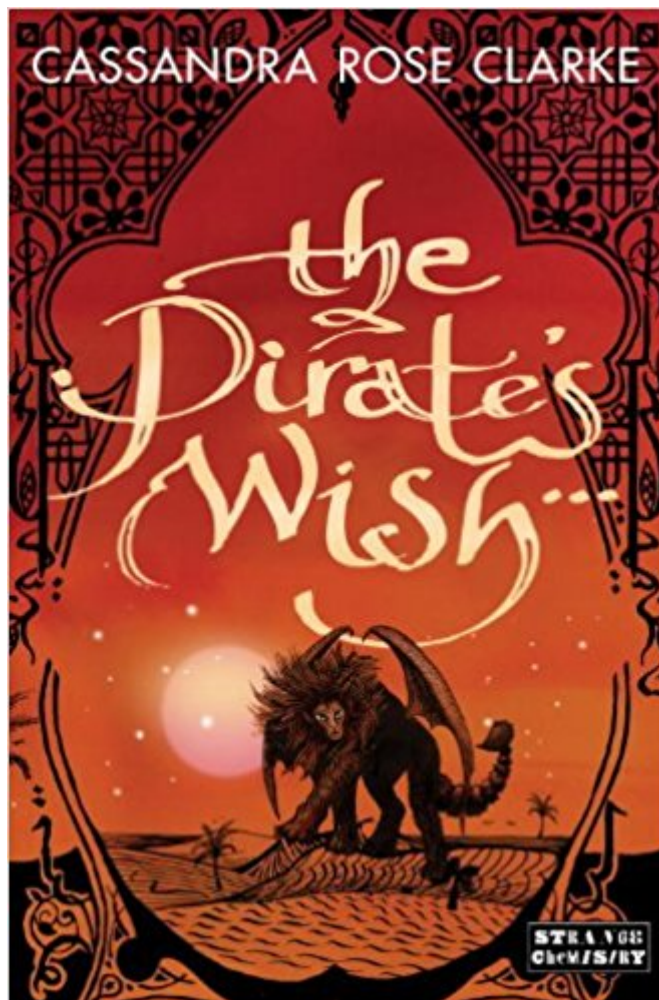


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The Pirate's Wish



Synopsis

After setting out to break the curse that binds them together, the pirate Ananna and the assassin Naji find themselves stranded on an enchanted island in the north with nothing but a sword, their wits, and the secret to breaking the curse: complete three impossible tasks. With the help of their friend Marjani and a rather unusual ally, Ananna and Naji make their way south again, seeking what seems to be beyond their reach. Unfortunately, Naji has enemies from the shadowy world known as the Mists, and Ananna must still face the repercussions of going up against the Pirate Confederation. Together, Naji and Ananna must break the curse, escape their enemies and come to terms with their growing romantic attraction.

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"Thrilling action combines with surprising character revelations in this satisfying sequel."-Kirkus Reviews
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the Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice Award, and YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I liked *The Pirate's Wish* better than the first book. The main reason for my love was the manticore. It's deadly and eats humans, but respects human women. It values honor and promises and now I want a pet manticore. Ananna (the main character) helps the manticore and in return the manticore promises not to eat them. Naji (the brooding assassin/love interest) is upset by this. She says it can't eat them. Naji clarifies that it *won't* eat them and there's a difference. The whole thing is hilarious and extremely entertaining. The manticore was so cute and deadly and strange and I loved reading about it. The plot in this book is about breaking a curse with three impossible tasks. The first task is super easy and lame. In fact, the third one is, too. There were also plot holes and lots of convenient solutions that dragged the ending down. The relationship between Ananna and Naji is this weird arranged marriage/parent-child thing. I wasn't super connected to the romance. And then the end to the romance ("For the first time, I understood the difference between leaving and not staying.") was lame. Sorry. It was. But I'm telling you the manticore character and subplot was so entertaining that at least that part is definitely worth reading.

Stranded on a dangerous magical island, Naji and Ananna encounter foes at every turn. But as they make their way off the island, and find a way to break Naji's curse, they may realize that nothing ever goes as planned, including falling in love. YES! Okay, not going to lie. I PLOWED through this book after reading *The Assassin's Curse*, which I loved. And *The Pirate's Wish* is perfect ending to this duology. Ananna is still feisty but through the second book, we see her mature and experience some growing pains, including some very humiliating situations. My heart went out to her every time. Naji is an assassin, eager to rid himself of this curse. But, like most boys, he's confused by the growing affections he has towards his friend Ananna. And their relationship for most of the book is filled with misunderstandings and strenuous encounters. Marjani is still leading her crew, and taking care of Naji and Ananna. She's a wonderfully warm and human character. Her motherly advice and sweet talks with Ananna allow us to see both of them as complicated women and Marjani anchors the other characters, who are so seeped in magic, to life/warmth/heart. Oh, and I'm not even going to start on the manticore. Hilarious. I totally fell in love with these

characters and honestly, I'm sad to leave them behind! The plot moves just as fast as the first book. There's adventure and pirates, princesses and shady crew members. Most of all, this book is filled with creativity! Strange hybrid animals and machines, the settings and enemies are so much fun. It's Pirates of the Caribbean with magic. And most of all, I loved the ending. I thought Clarke did a wonderful job staying true to her characters, creating the right balance of sacrifice and happiness. I wish there were more adventures! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed these two books. I hope you give them a chance. I know I will love to re-read them. Rating 9 Ridiculously Awesome Like Cookies and Ice Cream

4.5Aaaaah~ Such a great, bitter sweet lovely end. It's hard for me to come up with words for this. Ananna and Naji are back and Ooooh Ananna. She's still as crazy and spunky as ever. I didn't think I could love Naji more than I did, but I was wrong. It kind of threw me how quickly things moved at certain times. And the first curse to be broken was not what I was expecting or when I expected it, or how I expected it lol. I had thought it would have been sort of like a grand finale sort of thing. But nope. It kind of made it more interesting though. Ananna and Naji go through a lot and the lack of communication on Naji's part, which is usually a huge pet peeve of mine, didn't bother me because it didn't have anything to do with the main plot. I love how he would just LOOK at Ananna and... it would just be so much more powerful than words. Ananna and Naji's relationship grows so much in this book. All the different characters and way things worked out was such a fun adventure. I'd love to see a map of the world. Just because I love maps, but I think it would be a really cool one. The characters are all so different but play off each other so well. I wish there was more of an epilogue though.... to show how things worked out AFTER. With all the characters and where they ended up being...

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