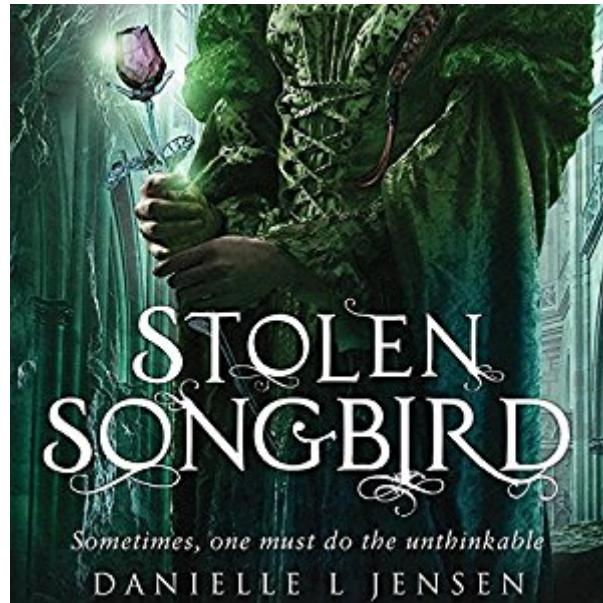


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Stolen Songbird



Synopsis

For five centuries, a witch's curse has bound the trolls to their city beneath the ruins of Forsaken Mountain. Time enough for their dark and nefarious magic to fade from human memory and into myth. But a prophecy has been spoken of a union with the power to set the trolls free, and when Ccile de Troyes is kidnapped and taken beneath the mountain, she learns there is far more to the myth of the trolls than she could have imagined. Ccile has only one thing on her mind after she is brought to Trollus: escape. Only the trolls are clever, fast, and inhumanly strong. She will have to bide her time, wait for the perfect opportunity. But something unexpected happens while she's waiting - she begins to fall for the enigmatic troll prince to whom she has been bonded and married. She begins to make friends. And she begins to see that she may be the only hope for the half-bloods - part troll, part human creatures who are slaves to the full-blooded trolls. There is a rebellion brewing. And her prince, Tristan, the future king, is its secret leader. As Ccile becomes involved in the intricate political games of Trollus, she becomes more than a farmer's daughter. She becomes a princess, the hope of a people, and a witch with magic powerful enough to change Trollus forever.

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Customer Reviews

I just love the cover of Stolen Songbird and I'm so glad to say that what the pages held inside was just as awesome. This has to be my first troll book and I loved every minute of it thanks to such a wonderful plot and characters to match. Cecile is kidnapped and sold to the trolls who live under the

Forsaken Mountain a place called Trollus. She is bound to Prince Tristan and it is prophesied that she will be the one to break the curse that has been placed on the trolls that keeps them prisoners under the mountain. At first all Cecile wants to do is escape but slowly she starts making friends and their fight becomes hers as well. There is romance in *Stolen Songbird* but there was a lot of politics as well. Trollus is ruled by a cruel king who hates any and all humans so any troll that is not full blooded is treated like crap and many almost as slaves to the full bloods, all this creates a ton of tension and hostility which honestly kept things very interesting and not just focused on the romance which was just as good seeing how both our characters had so many obstacles to overcome. Also the world building was just downright phenomenal I was able to picture Trollus perfectly even though Trollus is set to be a very dark and horrid place we got glimpses of the beauty within it and I think the author did a great job being able to do that. Now as far as the main characters lets just say as much as I loved Cecile I didn't start loving the book until we met Tristan. These two hated each other right off the bat and the conversations, insults and the sarcasm between them just made things so very entertaining. I loved that they both had so much personality and even with all the insults thrown between them you could just feel the chemistry brewing between the two.

STOLEN SONGBIRD had me at trolls. Yes, there are TROLLS in this book. I've been waiting forever for a troll book, and *STOLEN SONGBIRD* was more than worth the wait. This is a book I savored, and I didn't want to turn the last page because I didn't want it to end! The trolls of the court are inbred, creepy, and powerful beyond belief. The magic of the royal family keeps the city and its inhabitants from being crushed to death. Cursed by a witch five hundred years ago, Trollus is a city buried and forgotten beneath the world. Cecile is a gifted singer, about to start her career when she is kidnapped and taken to Trollus. Before she knows it, she's bonded to the troll prince Tristan; their bonding is supposed to undo the curse keeping the trolls caged away from the rest of the world. Plunged into a life she doesn't want, Cecile doesn't spend a lot of time crying. She doesn't give up her hope of escape, but she bides her time, learning what she can of the trolls and their lives. That's how she becomes invested in the plight of the half-bloods. In Trollus, if you aren't a full-blooded troll, you're less than nothing. Half-bloods are property, bought and sold as slaves to the powerful, or sent to short lives in the mines. And let's not forget Cecile's new husband, Tristan. Their relationship gets off to a rather rocky start, as neither want to be married, and trolls *hate* humans. There's a lot of fighting, but because they are bonded, they can sense each other's feelings, and Cecile is surprised by a lot of what she senses from Tristan. For example, when their bonding fails to end the curse, Tristan is actually

relieved, instead of upset. Their relationship is one I really liked.

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