

# Review of *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard

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## Rating: 5 stars

Overall: Overall, *Red Queen* was an amazing book with very intricate details and foreshadowing. However there were loads of little things that bothered me at the beginning, (which I will get into later) but as the book picked up so did the writing. I personally, had a hard time wrapping my mind around the world and all of the things that revolved around it, but again as the book picked up so did my understanding of the world. The thing that really amazed me in this book was the quality of the foreshadowing and plot twists. This is shocking for a debut author to have such an understanding of how to write a good book. I also loved the entire cast of characters. They didn't just seem real or relatable they were actually facing real conflicts and real feelings, which gave the book a lot of depth.

Characters: As I mentioned above I loved the characters. Our protagonist Mare faintly reminded me of Katniss Everdeen from the *Hunger Games* but I still loved her striking personality anyway. But in the end the supporting characters really did it for me. They were so carefully crafted and had an amazing amount of depth.

Plot: The plot is the star of this book. It is twisted in such a mind-blowing way that you can't even fathom any of the plot twists. They just came at me. It was like all of the minor plot twists were beating me down and when the big one came you were left completely crushed. It seemed like it came out of nowhere but there were all of these little clues sprinkled throughout the story. They were just diminished by all of the bigger details. I really can't stress enough how much this book will catch you by surprise.

Things I liked: As I wrote above, the characters and plot were fantastic. But another thing I liked was the author's writing style. It was paced so perfectly so that once you started the book you wouldn't want to put it down for the end of the world.

Things I didn't like: This is just me being picky because all in all, I enjoyed this book. But as the book started the similarities between this book and some other books just set me off. As the book progresses the book did become its own though. However, in my opinion a you shouldn't have to wait for a good book to pick up. Also, the world was really complicated, which is not a bad thing but it just made it harder for me to understand the story and grasp what was going on. Finally, in the beginning a lot of things were explained in detail that I felt didn't really need to be explained. The main idea of the story doesn't even happen till about 100 pages in the book.