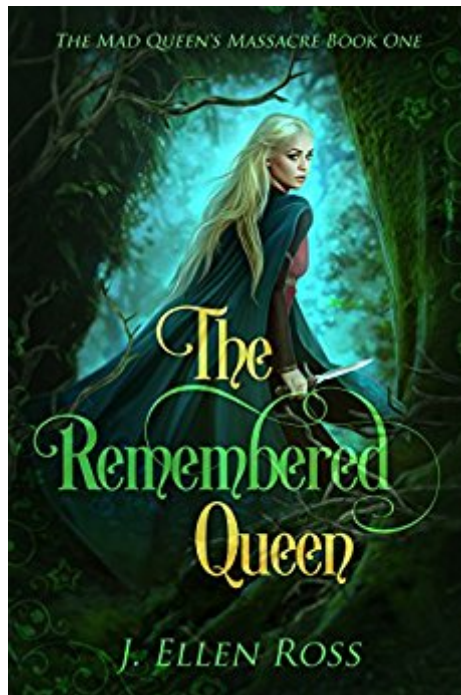


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The Remembered Queen (The Mad Queen's Massacre Book 1)



Synopsis

"They've started calling me the Remembered Queen. Because no one will ever forget what I did." Jon grew up a petty criminal, picking pockets and running dice games in Anhalt, the cosmopolitan capital of Forint. Now, he lives in a tiny backwater, hiding from his past and trying to forget a tragedy so large it nearly destroyed him. His boring, quiet life is shattered when a strange girl appears – a young woman claiming to be Aviana, Queen of Tolar. Aviana, who ordered the slaughter of hundreds during the Mad Queen's Massacre. Aviana, who fled her throne and vanished two years ago. The girl is haunted, confused, destitute and half-starved. On her back, someone carved a tattoo to hide a powerful spell, but she has no memory of who cast it on her. Hunted by men and nightmare creatures, she might be the Remembered Queen. And as he's drawn to her, Jon knows he's either taken responsibility for a mad, troubled girl or solved the greatest mystery the Ivory Kingdoms have ever known.

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Customer Reviews

Oh wow! Just wow! I have so many things to gush about this book. I love the fact that this starts with that scene in a tavern where a broken woman alludes to being a monster. Somewhere I think all of

us think we're monsters for one or other things we've done. The author has written the queen's guilt so well. She did something horrific and unforgiveable and I really liked her journey of going from deep sorrow and guilt to disbelief to disenchanted to hopeful to rage. A lot of emotions were traced throughout the story and they were ALL justified. And they were all absolutely spot on. And even her companions - I love that no one believed her at first. It was like they got to know the person behind the legend first and then decided that the person is better than the legend. It's really difficult for people to look past images and perceptions of other people in their head. And that is something J. Ellen has done really well. I'm very happy to read that. The world building is insane. I love the magic and the runes and the action and the drama. It was like watching a movie! My brain went into imagination overdrive. I love the side characters so much. That mage friend was so cute! OMG! I wanted to plant a sloppy one on his face! The story is very well paced. I love the layers to each character that have been peeled off like an onion. I love that they didn't just fall in love with each other. They're both not running from their feelings for the other but instead giving each other the time to process and heal from their respective griefs. That last scene of them just sitting and telling each other that they care for each other, my heart melted into a puddle. All good stories have an irredeemable villain. Humans love to hate on someone. And boy oh boy, you'll LOVE to hate the antagonist in this one. That last bit from his POV where he thinks about how he not only wants her magic but her body too. Oh man!! I think I'll be waxing poetry if I go on more about this one. It needs proofing which I'm sure the author will do before releasing it. But I am so excited for the sequel of this book. I am on pins and needles! This book gets a well deserved 5.0 from me. Wish I could give more. Lastly, I volunteered to read this book's ARC and am giving this review out of no obligation on my part. Shifted Sheets recommended this book to me and I got it from J. Ellen Ross through instafreebies. I actually read the blurb first and loved it and decided to scroll back up and download it and then I saw the author's name and I'm like "YES! this will be awesome!" If you haven't read the book *An Oathbreaker's Vow* from this author then OMG YOU MUST! Like go, right now and read that! All my love, sri

I read the author's first series, "The Tahaeron Chronicles" and loved all three of the books. I told the author, and she was kind enough to send me her newest book for an honest review. I loved this book just as much. Ms. Ross is a master at world building and character development. Her description of locations gave me the sense that I was there, but she was not overly wordy. The characters were true to life. Jon, Aviana, and their friends became real people. Aviana's fear and self loathing at what she had done made her somewhat sympathetic in the beginning, and even

more so by the end of the book. Jon's strange compulsion to help her was odd to me but became more apparent as the book went on. I don't want to give any of the plot away because you should discover it for yourself. I do want to say that the characters are still with me even after finishing the book. I can't wait to see what's next for Aviana and Jon.

I received a free copy of this book and am voluntarily leaving an honest review. *The Remembered Queen* by J. Ellen Ross is the first book in a new epic fantasy series. The story is written in third-person with three main point-of-view characters. The change in point-of-view always takes place with either the start of a new chapter or after a divider so it is never confusing. This book is very well-written with an intriguing plot and fascinating characters. I was pretty much hooked from the beginning. The plot is intricate and simple at the same time. I love the underlying mystery within the plot and the fact that even though everything is not as it seems the story itself is straight forward. Ana is in trouble and Jon decides to help her, thus a quest is born. Of course things aren't that easy for them, they have plenty of obstacles in their way but also some amazing allies willing to help. There is plenty of excitement and intrigue with just enough mystery to keep things interesting. The characters are well-developed, each with their own unique personality, flaws and all. It is incredibly easy to fall in love with all of them, not just Jon and Ana. In fact I adore Brandt. He quickly became one of my favorite characters, and he's ace (something you don't see in a lot of fantasy books). And I can't express how happy it made me to read a book where the main character does not fall instantly in love with their love interest. The fact that the romance is being given time to develop over more than one book is really nice. I look forward to reading about Jon and Ana's romance as the series continues. Recommended to fans of fantasy, magic, quests, and intelligent well-written world building

I give this book 5 hearts. What a story, from the imagery to the very complicated plot this is one of those books that completely entraps you into its world, making the characters and events come to life. Though the story has many aspects and layers I found it relatively easy to keep up with what was happening, unless I was very tired, then I had to occasionally reread some pages. Jon a man hiding from his tragic past stumbles upon Aviana the queen that vanished years before after a terrible incident, but things aren't always as they seem. Something isn't right and Jon feels almost under a compulsion to help Aviana, even though she has secrets that put everyone in danger. I can't say much as there is so many aspects to give to much away is a disservice to the reader. Danger, mystery, magic, tragedy, adventure what's not to love. I thoroughly enjoyed the story and

can't wait to see what happens next. ** reviewer for romance authors that rock

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