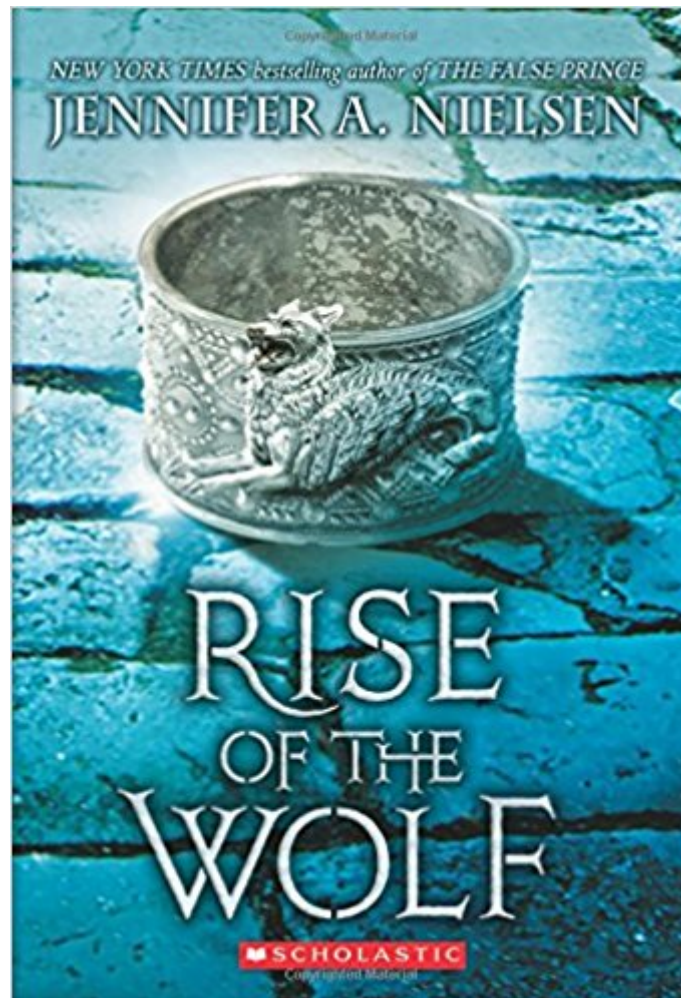




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Nic may have escaped enslavement in the mines outside of Rome, but his troubles are far from over. The Praetor War -- the battle to destroy Rome from within -- is in full force, and Nic is caught in the crossfire. The secretive Praetors are determined to unlock a powerful amulet -- one sure to bring the empire to its knees. Worse, the Praetors believe Nic holds the key to finding this amulet, and they will stop at nothing to steal it, even if that means harming the people Nic holds most dear. When the Praetors capture Nic's mother, Nic knows he must do anything to save her. He challenges the Praetors to a chariot race. If he wins, they will release his mother. But if he loses, he must hand over a magic that will certainly bring about the end of Rome -- as well as his own life. Can Nic once again harness his magic and gather the strength to defeat his enemies? Or will he lose his mother and bear witness to Rome's destruction?

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Jennifer A. Nielsen is the acclaimed author of the New York Times and USA Today bestselling *Ascendance Trilogy*: *The False Prince*, *The Runaway King*, and *The Shadow Throne*. She also wrote the *Mark of the Thief* trilogy: *Mark of the Thief*, *Rise of the Wolf*, and *Wrath of the Storm*; the standalone fantasy *The Scourge*; the historical thriller *A Night Divided*; and Book Six of the *Infinity Ring* series, *Behind Enemy Lines*. Jennifer lives in northern Utah with her husband, their three children, and a perpetually muddy dog.

If you are looking for a book full of suspense and intensity, this is it. Amazingly well written, it has gripped me from the start. In my case, it's been too intense. I've only been able to read it in small bursts. It's one of those books that goes from bad to worse with nary a reprieve. It's more a series of unfortunate events than the series by the same name. I'm only hoping the third book won't end in tragedy. That said, the language, characters, setting, and plot are all phenomenal.

Combine Harry Potter and Game of Thrones plots and writing styles and you have a great book. It's not as slow as Lord of the Rings books but it's not as quick as Harry Potter. It's a nice change up. I really enjoyed the read.

This is book 2 in the *Mark of the Thief* series. Nic is still in heaps of trouble from having stolen the bulla of Caesar and being marked by magic. His grandfather still seems bent on making his life miserable, and Aurelia and Crispus are making him jealous. The action continues and never stops. My only negative about this book is that it ends on a cliff-hanger. Those aren't my

favorite endings. But I really love the characters and how the book moves me along at a fast pace. No boring parts in this one. It is a thriller.

Exactly what I wanted and delivered in timely manner.

This book is okay. I found the book to be slow at times The characters and the plot are good. I think I will read the next book in this series.

My 11 year old LOVED this trilogy!!!! Highly recommend getting all 3 books. He is an avid reader and really enjoyed all 3.

We are big Jennifer Nielsen fans at our house and so we were excited to read Rise of the Wolf. It did not disappoint! I often have a hard time finding age appropriate books for my eleven year old son who reads above is grade level. I appreciate, as a parent, Jennifer's books because she manages to tell a fantastic story that keeps his (and mine!) attention without all the extra unnecessary stuff. Well done!

This author is one of my favorites so anything I say is going to be great about her.

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