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Centuries ago, an angel's betrayal left the plane of Celestia reeling. Not long after, mortals and celestials alike fought demons in the War of the Races, mistakenly thinking a battle against the demons would never happen again. Unfortunately, now nearly two thousand years later, rumors are circulating that the Lord of the Hells has a daughter, and demonic activity in the mortal plane of Elyshaeza is increasing.

Neil is a rogue demon who has left the Hells for Elyshaeza. But when he encounters Shara Aotallin, an elf ordered to take him to be judged, he is suddenly thrust into a mystery that leads him and several elves to a gruesome discovery. Artemis is a young celestial left on the mortal plane who is questioning its abilities and identity. Another celestial tries to perform his duties, but is haunted by the past and the present. After a village girl, Collie, is brought to Celestia, an incident with a demonic mirror literally leads her to the Hells and back. And it is only the beginning for all of them.

Rising Star, the first of the Rain of Stars trilogy, is an exciting fantasy tale that pitches celestials and mortals into the repetition of history as demons lurk in the shadows and all await their destinies.

Rising Star Details

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Lyn says

I'm torn between choosing four and five stars - because I desperately wanted to finish it the last day or so, and have been thinking about looking for the next book since I finished it early this morning, I'll go with five.

The description for this book basically says that Helcol, a kind of queen in the Hells, wants to start another War of the Races, but no one else is expecting that. It's a complicated story with a lot of characters, and a classic fantasy feel that I loved. I really liked that this story included celestials, though, and actually focused more on celestials (many of them not exactly following the accepted rules of Celestia) than on the moral races. I could, however, tell that this was a first novel, because of all of the mistakes and the somewhat awkward way that some sections were written, but that didn't bother me like it does with some other books. Again, it's got a classic fantasy feel - so it's not a light read, and will likely take some time to figure out characters and whatnot like it did for me, but it's definitely worth reading! Only two things that bothered me: some of the excessively long names; felt like the author was trying a little too hard to make them unique, but in the process made me not care. The name of the brightest star, for example, I only looked at for a few seconds before skipping over. It could've been spelled differently every time it was mentioned, and I wouldn't have noticed. Things like Shiri's name were better, because it wasn't too complicated, and he went by a shorter name (Shiri) most of the time. The other thing that bothered me some was the fact that we really didn't seem to get anywhere as far as War of the Races, but if this is meant to be a much longer trilogy of something, I'd actually expect that. Don't see a second book, though...

But again, completely worth reading.

Note: I received this book for free through Goodreads Giveaways.

Cari Elliott says

This book has a very classic fantasy feel to it and it appealed to me for that reason. Anyone that enjoys classic fantasy or anything with angels and elves will love this! The characters are well developed and made me care about them and their journeys. There are many plot threads in the story and they're all handled very well. I never got lost reading it. I especially loved the story of Artemis, and found it--and I meant to put IT because it has no gender!--to be one of the most original and lovable characters in the story.

Even though I do say it has a classic fantasy feel, the angels in particular are handled in a very original way that I've never seen/read about before and I really love it. They have a very complex system of governing over their Realms and how they interact with mortals, and I found it very intriguing and refreshing. I want to learn more about the Hells as well and I hope more of that comes up in the next book!!

I WANT MORE.
