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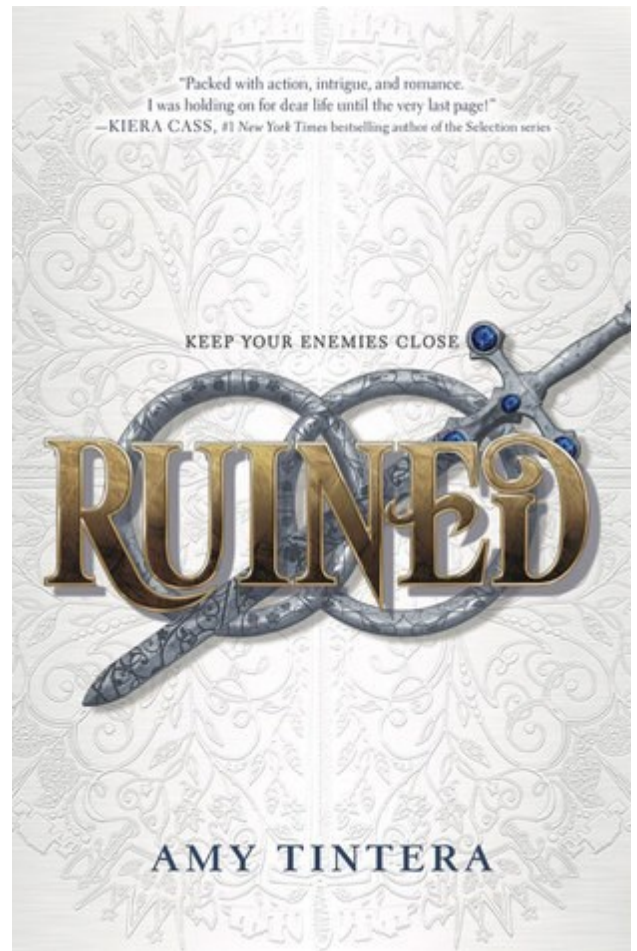


Title:

Ruined

Author:

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Everything that Emelina Flores has ever loved has been taken from her. Her home was destroyed by war, her parents were killed, and her sister was kidnapped. But now it is time for her revenge. Even without the powers of her fellow Ruined, Emelina will prove she can still do plenty of damage. Emelina plans to get revenge on the royal family of Lera since they are responsible for Emelina's suffering. She plans to pretend to be the betrothed of the crowned prince, Prince Casimir, as a way to infiltrate the castle. She will lead an ambush on the castle, and kill the king, along with everyone he loves. But how will her plans change when she falls in love with the prince?

The complexity of the characters and the character growth they experience throughout the story, make them seem like real people. The relationships between the characters are very believable as they express hate, love, and trust towards one another. In addition to this, the characters reflect on their past decisions with emotions such as regret and sadness that show very well in the writing of the book. Because of how close to human these characters are, it is easy to care about them as they are forced to make hard decisions that will change their lives.

I would recommend this book because it is beautifully written, with many twists and turns, and the story's fast-pace ensures you will never be bored. The book is filled with action that keeps you on your toes in anticipation as you wait for something big to happen.

- Samantha, Grade 7