FIREBORNE by Rosaria Munda

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



In the world of Fireborne, a revolution has shaken the world. The old regime only allowed those next in line and of royal blood to ride dragons. The revolution ended their rule and now children are allowed to take tests to see if they will be fit to ride dragons. They will be known as dragonriders. A competition is hosted among the most talented of the dragonriders to determine who will become the commander of the dragonriders' fleet and other important positions. Two children, Annie and Lee, are taking part in this competition. Annie and Lee have a strong friendship after growing up together in an orphanage. Annie and Lee are forced to face each other in battle for the title that they both have been yearning for much of their lives. Unfortunately, survivors from the old regime resurface and threaten to take back what was once their city. Lee is faced with the decision to face the only family he has left in battle or to side with them. Annie must decide whether she should protect Lee from the oncoming threat of war or to focus on becoming the champion her city desperately needs.

I would definitely recommend this book to others. It was an excellent work of fantasy. The characters develop a lot of personality throughout the novel, bringing the reader closer to everything occurring in the book. I only had a few things against the book, one of which being it was a bit bland at parts. There were long stretches between action and exciting bits, but if you're the type of person who doesn't mind that, go ahead - you will probably enjoy it very much. Another tiny thing that I disliked about the novel was that there wasn't enough dragons! Yes, there were the battles in the competition when they used their dragons, but other than that and on a couple different occasions, the dragons were just stored in their little caves and the story focused more on the human characters. Other than those little things, the book was awesome! I think anyone who enjoys reading fantasy or just loves a complex story would almost certainly enjoy Fireborne.

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