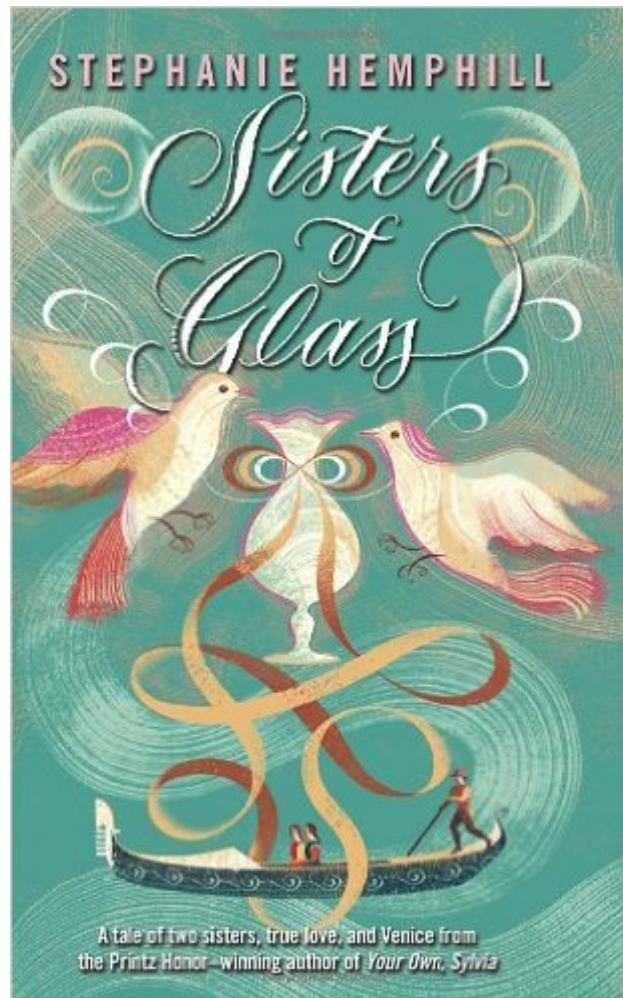


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# Sisters Of Glass



## Synopsis

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MY THOUGHTS -I was very, very excited about this book when I first heard about it. Italy? Romance? Glass blowers? Magical, right?Notsomuch.I wishwishwish I'd been able to get into this book. From page, say, 5? I was lost. Where is this going? Why can't I get into it? Why do I not care? Why?!It was a frustrating experience.Here are my reasons for DNF-ing this book:1. The verses themselves. They felt very complicated, too complicated. Almost like they didn't hit the right description or conversations, just flailed around uselessly.2. Characters. Ummm...who? Who is this book about? Seriously. So flat, so unrealistic. So...not even there...3. The romance. Or lack thereof.

my thoughts in a few sentences: A lovely story full of wonderful and breathtaking prose, Sisters of Glass is told in verse and, for my first time, I was blown away by the depth and imagination behind each sentence. Much like a bedtime story we would read to younger siblings or our children to breed beautiful dreams of happily ever afters, perfect words lulling them to sleep like a perfect lullaby, Sisters of Glass is a short delight that paints with words instead of colors and creates amazing portraits of the unspoken.

full review: A quick read that ignites so much insight into the world is exactly what I needed today, without realizing. It's amazing how books can sometimes identify our moods better than ourselves. Sisters of Glass shows us a world full of vibrancy, in the people and the places they live, leaving us to wonder and love what we sometimes cannot see with our own eyes but with the eyes and words of someone else, someone like Stephanie Hemphill. Sisters of Glass is harmless relief and quiet indulgence, and I enjoyed every second, despite the opening to infer so much where aspects remain unclear. However, THAT is absolutely part of the fun of reading Sisters of Glass.

Some may argue that there's no depth in such a fanciful, poetic telling of a sweet love story, one between family and between lovers, but I have to disagree. Hemphill obviously carefully entwined so much emotion with her soft words, as cautiously as the glassmakers she presents to us would handle their glass worlds of color. The emotion and images she sketches with her words are dazzling and enrich the story in a way that I don't think would've been quite possible in a conventionally written story.

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