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Connor's supposed to be dead.

He's not very good at it.

He did save his village . . . by destroying it. And the armies vying to control his powerful curse think he died.

But he needs patronage from a high lord or his curse will transform him into a raging monster.

So Connor creeps back into the land of the living, joining his Aunt Ailsa at the Carraig, the school of the Petralists, hoping somehow to find patronage on his terms.

He should have known better.

At the Carraig it's all about the game, and the stakes have never been higher. With old enemies appearing from under every rock, Connor plunges into games within games that form a maze of conflicting loyalties and deadly intrigue.

Dying again isn't an option. So with the help of trusted friends, Connor launches his own game, breaking all the rules, gambling on the one chance at a free life with the girl he loves. The alternative is chaining his powers to one of the nations planning to unleash him upon the world.

Connor doesn't want to kill anyone.

He might not have a choice.

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Angeline Amato-Cadwallader says

Stoned

A Stones Throw was an excellent read. Frank developed the characters to a point they could be real people. Could not but the book down . Can't wait for the next book

Bruce says

Interesting

This was a better book than first one. There are lots of intriguing plot twists with likable characters. I highly recommend.

Milan says

It was an interesting sequel and I like the main character even if he annoyed me a bit at times. Plot and characters and the entire world are intriguing, I would like bit more of a backstory and explanations for certain things, because some events seem a bit nonsensical.

Looking forward to the third book.

Denae Christine says

Somehow better than first

Reader thoughts:What a great game of a story. Layers of secrets, a fully-realized cast of characters, powers that conflict and complement each other, a deadly curse, creative inventions, and a protagonist to root for, despite his wavering and confusion.

Connor becomes mired in trouble as soon as he moves to a school for petralists. While maintaining guise as an ungifted servant, he angers multiple students and teachers, some now intent on killing him. He makes so many gealls (basically a bet/promise/game/wager in one) that he's indebted to all the major people of the school, or they to him (including a princess, a healer, a champion, a professor, a spy, and more). Every effort he makes at escape locks him in tighter. Beautifully done.

Connor still seemed surrounded by many attractive women, but at least he has picked one to set his heart on. The terms in the second novel were less confusing (though no more explained). Masked Dawnus! I do love secrets.

Writer thoughts: This book takes on so much that it ignores minor conflicts other stories make their main focus. For instance, Connor's bets might have gone sour, or Eban might have caused more trouble, but there was so much more going on with greater stakes that the readers are rushed past the lesser troubles. This is good because we see a more epic scope, but an author can also gain a lot by focusing on the little troubles of daily life. Most books have a nice mix, and I like how this one was handled.

Does it make sense for an author to focus so much attention on a game? I think yes. For one, the game affects people in that world (fame, money, privilege), and it is life-and-death for Connor. Plus, it's so fun to see him explore the powers more and more, and the game lets him do that.

andy randall says

Looking forward to the next book.

Couldn't seem to put the book down.

Well written and I still don't know which side if any Connor should fight for.

Will look forward to reading g the rest of the series

Jacques says

Disappointed

I came here with great hope but I was really disappointed. The story line is fractured. Connor makes stupid choices and I hate the cliff hanger ending!

Ptdog says

Intriguing series. Fun story. Fascinating characters.

Gabby Ridenour says

Page turner

I loved this book ! It kept me on my seat and was defiantly a page turner, which I find to be the best books. The characters were well developed and it was fun to read what different and very interesting situations Conner was getting mixed into without knowing what the results would be. I recommend thus book to everyone as it is a great read and will keep your attention. Keep rocking and rolling!

Ursula Visser says

Nadat ik deel 1 uit had, ben ik direct verder gaan lezen met deel 2. Ik moest weten hoe het verder ging met Connor, Verena, Hamish, Jean, Shona en de rest. Het verhaal is zorgvuldig opgebouwd. Langzaam leer je samen met Connor de betekenis en de kracht van de stenen kennen.

Was Connor in het eerste deel nog een beetje de onbezonnen jonge knul, in A Stone's Throw moet hij wel snel volwassen worden en blijven zijn beslissingen wederom niet zonder gevolg. Op de Carraig, een school voor jongeren met speciale gaven, is het aangaan van weddenschappen schering en inslag. De intriges vliegen je dan ook om de oren en tussen al dit gemanipuleer, ontdekt Connor langzamerhand wat zijn krachten inhouden. De opbouw naar het einde van het boek is superspannend en het verhaal eindigt met een cliffhanger van jewelste!

Dit is echt storytelling pure sang! Ik kan niet meer naar een steen kijken zonder dat ik bedenk welke krachten erin zitten verborgen...

Het spreekt voor zich dat ik alweer in deel 3 ben begonnen met lezen.

Kate says

This book is incredible! I about died laughing-- but underneath the humor, it's a complex, thought-provoking story. Surprisingly applicable to a normal life.

Jordan says

Man I love this series almost wish I waited a couple of weeks so I could jump straight into book 3....almost.
