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Reychel knows her gift of prophecy will lead to madness and now she is at her most vulnerable. The enemy army will attempt to sever her from everything she's ever known. Even at her weakest, she refuses to give up on her desire to end the war between the Malborn and the Serenians. Reychel would do anything, even come back from the dead, to conquer the enemy and reunite with Mark.

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Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says

Severed was the perfect ending to the Cloud Prophet Trilogy! Megg has another hit on her hands and has wrapped up the series with an ending that was both heartbreak and joyous! I couldn't have seen Reyche and Mark's story ending any other way.

Megg has brought back the fantasy world that I dearly love and with it the amazing characters that I've grown to see as friends. I hoped and wished they would have a happy ending but with Megg I knew that to get a happy ending there would be some suffering along the way. I cried and winced with pain with what she does to some of the characters I think I even said "Oh Crap!" more than once. There was also something that happened that I predicted early in the book something even Reyche didn't see coming but it was so fun watching her discover the truth about it and no I won't tell you because it'll spoil the ending!

The characters she brought back in the story were all a very important part of this ending Krissin grows into a strong leader and with Ace at her side she appears to be almost invincible but, she has learned to show some weakness as well and that made me love her even more! Mark and Reyche seem to be up against some insurmountable odds but their love and connection to each other can survive anything. A love like that is special and rare. Ivy is back in this one and I can't believe I'm going to say this but I actually forgave her and, I swear the bad guys were even worse!

You all know how I love a good fantasy series and this is one of them Megg is one of the first Indie Authors I read and I am so happy to say she is an amazing author!

HebaH says

A trilogy that completely enraptured me! I loved the writing style of this particular author from the first chapter of book one, Anathema. Besides her fabulous writing, I also loved the setting and world Jensen had created so I was extremely excited to read the final book ...as well as sad, because who really wants a great writer to finish writing about characters you've grown to love?

As we catch up with Reyche in the final book, she's suffering physically with unexplainable headaches and extreme fatigue. They leave her as weak as a newborn babe. As sick as she is how can she or her gift be an asset to help fight a pending war? When the cure for her sickness comes from an unexpected source, she has to make a decision – involving Mark. While they pledged to always be together, it doesn't seem fate has their happiness in mind. If Reyche keeps her gift, madness is her future. A decision is made to tell the people that she has died and immortalize her so they will still fight but Mark surprises her the night before her impending death with a proposal...

The day of her funeral, as she lay in the coffin, Reyche had a chill in her veins, and so did I. I knew she was going to drink a potion to make it seem as she had died, but I had my reservations. Sure enough, the unthinkable happens...when she wakes up, it's not to the face she expected. Things are not as she expected, in any way. Old friends have returned, but since she's been betrayed before, Reyche knows she can only rely on herself. She's been told her supporters are dead, but is too afraid to ask about Mark's fate. At the same time, she's told that she's been severed from her gift, and indeed, notices the spark is gone from her

eyes, but also discovers she is still able to access power.

As the action heated up and the two factions plot and scheme against each other, Reychel comes up with a plan that seems a win-win for everyone involved, but things go awry and she discovers that she needs to follow the only path she can – her true heart. A very satisfying ending as only Ms. Jensen could write it with many twists and turns I did not see coming at all! I ❤ this trilogy!

Valerie

Marsha says

"Severed" is an excellent ending to The Cloud Prophet Trilogy. Reychel is suffering horrible headaches and fears she is on the verge of going mad. Johna the healer is called in to try to help her but nothing seems to work. That is when Mark realizes that Reychel might be blocked by some outside force. He enters her mind and breaks down the wall but not before she almost dies.

Krissin, the Princess continues to use Reychel at every turn. However, she hatches a scenario that promises to unite the armies and finally provide Reychel with the much needed freedom she has always wanted. Krissin plans to fake Reychel's death inspiring the armies to victory. Reychel and Mark marry the eve before this epic funeral. Unfortunately, things do not go as planned and Reychel is kidnapped and after four months in a coma, she is awoken to find herself in the custody of her enemies. She must do everything within her power to make Alia and Zuri believe that she has been severed of her powers as well as her connection to Mark.

Reychel is also reunited with an old nemesis, Ivy. Ivy has suffered under the rule of Reychel's father as well as under Alia and Zuri. She pleads with Reychel to trust her again but of course she is hesitant. Reychel enters a portal to contact Krissin. They forge an agreement for Reychel to spy on Alia in an effort to finally bring her down.

This book was quick paced and full of twists and turns. Reychel is no longer the shy little slave girl, she is a force to be reckoned with and has truly grown into a formidable foe. We are reunited with some of the memorable characters from book one and two. In the end, there is a big surprise that I will not reveal. I enjoyed this series and believe that I will probably read it again, this time without the break of waiting for additional books to be published. Pick up this trilogy, you will not regret it.

Savannah (Books With Bite) says

This is the last book in the Cloud Prophet trilogy and I am sad to see it end. I have followed and reviewed every book in the series and I loved it. From the start of slave girl to blooming into someone she never thought she could be, this book had a great ending.

What I like most about this book is the great plot line. It gripped the reader from the very beginning holding the reader down for a ride we never expected. With every turn of the page, the reader is immersed with wars, betrayals, and old enemies coming back for more. Ms. Jensen really did a fantastic job in closing this series. All questions were answered, enemies were fought, and the ending gave hope for a new beginning.

I don't really want to spoil this book, but the way that the book flowed from a very intense start to a ending that is peaceful left the reader satisfied that all right. That all is everything the way it should be. I love that the characters grew up so much before the readers eyes and got to see them in their full potential. There is nothing like satisfaction when the bad guys go down.

Did this book entertain me? Yes it did! It had so much more than I thought here be plus it left me with a wide smile on my face. This is a great trilogy where characters rise from the lowest depths and become more. Ms. Jensen writing style is strong, fun to read, and most importantly easy to get into. She created great characters in a world where thriving was cut off. If you want a series of action, adventure, and going to new places, read this series!

Maggie says

this was a decent series. the end is kind of an end but not really. i was hoping for a happier ending although it could have been worse.

some swearing. some passionate kissing. possible sex outside of marriage from side characters but not specific.

Meighan Warren says

This series deteriorated quickly for me. The first book had so much potential and the second was okay. It went from serious to girly and teen-angsty. I won't lie, the last book nearly made me stop reading. There was too much teeny bopper dialogue. I understood Raychel's plight, but Krissin was a spoiled brat that I hated from the beginning. She never got better. It would have been nice if there was some character development there. Reychel seemed to have been influenced by Krissin and became a giggling teenage girl. I know she is still young, but she acted like a child all the way to the end. Her experiences didn't make her grow into an adult, which a war definitely should have done. Also, the modern references disappointed me. She wrote that the Mark and Ace fist bumped and at one point they all cried, "That's what she said"... terrible...just terrible... The ending was far from satisfying. It's like she ran out of story and just ended it. There was no follow up to where Mark and Reychel would live, did Krissin and Ace marry, would they find the emperor, etc? It's a quick read, and as I said, it had potential, it just was not for me in the end.

Kim says

Severed is the last of the Cloud Prophet trilogy, and my favorite! The mystery and intrigue are at a fever pitch in this novel, keeping me completely absorbed. Reychel is a fabulous character, a former slave thrust into a life she never imagined herself a part of. Now the fate of the world rests primarily on her shoulders and she stands to lose everything she has ever dreamed of to save her people. She still struggles to use her gifts to help her people, even while fearing the loss of her sanity, facing impossible choices.

This book, and the entire series, is one of those that pulls you in and won't let you go. It is a story that stays with you even when it is finished because you have become so involved with the characters and their stories. The dystopian world the author has created may be completely different from that of our own, but the

characters are so believable that you are fully able to fall into it as if it were your own world. This story had a little bit of everything in it: friendship, love, betrayal, mystery, loyalty, intrigue, fear, and honor. The characters are so well created that, at the end of the series, you feel as if you have been with them as they grew and changed within the story.

While the series is over, there will soon be a short novella, *The Initiate*, that bridges this trilogy with the *Swarm* trilogy. The first book of that series, *Sleepers*, is already available and the next one, *Afterlife*, will be out some time in 2012.

Books says

I read the first book in this trilogy the last month of 2010, and the follow-up much later in 2011. It took me some time to get around to reading this last instalment in the *Cloud Prophet Trilogy* as I felt slightly disappointed with the second book and I considered not reading the last book in the series. However, I'm really glad I read the last book, as it tied up all the loose ends and had a pretty good ending.

But, as much as I enjoyed *Severed*, it had the potential to be so much better. Not much was done in the way of world building, which is one of the things I enjoyed so much in *Anathema*. More focus was placed on Reyche and Mark and their love for each other, but I honestly couldn't tell what she saw in Mark. He came across as someone who hot-footed around Reyche all the time and his only role in the story was as Reyche's love interest – not much of a stand-alone character. I enjoyed the relationship between Krissen and Ace much more. Krissen remained the fun character from the previous two books, and Ace is a well-rounded, strong character who isn't afraid to speak his mind. Pity he had such a small role in this book. These two characters are really what made *Severed* such an enjoyable read.

Reyche was again faced with impossible choices, and her strength of character was tested as the weight of her peoples' fate rested squarely on her decisions. The plot moved at a faster pace than it did in *Oubliette* and is filled with more mystery and revelations than in its predecessor. *Anathema* still remains my favorite of the three books in this trilogy and I felt the author never quite managed to recapture the magic of the first book, but at least *Severed* wasn't the disappointment I was expecting it to be after having read *Oubliette*. I give it four stars as it exceeded my expectations and the finale was better than I hoped it would be.

Amy Nielsen says

I got this first book from Amazon for free (or close to) I believe. Each subsequent book was an affordable 2.99 and I was quick to snatch up and download to my iPad.

Each of these books was relatively short - only took me 4-5 hours to finish them each but a lot of that was because they were all great!

Megg Jensen has a gift with word choice, descriptions and suspense. I was totally "in" these stories. The only exception was the lack of depth I got from Mark which was totally ok with me because the romance was ancillary for me. It was there and I guess it had its point but I think the story could have been solid without their relationship. But on the other hand, I do understand the draw for some readers to have a romantical plot

to follow.

This author reminds me to a large extent of Shannon Hale. If I were an author, that comparison would blow my mind and be cause for celebration. Shannon Hale is beloved, her stories crisp, warm and full. Jensen is all that as well. This trilogy is full of life, fast-moving, well-rounded, sweet yet bold. Her creative ideas are inspiring and unique. I've read a lot of young adult fiction lately - lots of amazing covers (this seems to be a trend of late) with plot-lines that fall significantly short of any substance or true creativity. Lots of jumping on the band-wagon of the latest and greatest market niche. Frankly I'm getting really exhausted of it but this trilogy did not fail to entertain and I didn't feel abused which is how the book industry is making me feel for this genre, in a way.

Jensen has several other books and I plan to explore more.

Kimberly D. says

Great ending. This has been a great series. The character development was well done. Reyche was still a bit naive even at the end. That was disappointing. The voice of the story switching between current day customs and a fantasy time period that has the feel of different customs, past day customs. Otherwise very well done.

Emily says

[When the whole marriage/bonding thing happened I was so pissed off I felt like throwing my kindle at the wall. (hide spoiler)]

Shirley says

Severed is the final book in Megg Jensen's Cloud Profit Trilogy. I was sorry to see it end, but Megg managed to bring Reyche's story to a satisfying close.

I love the Dystopian world that Megg has created for her cast of characters in her Cloud Profit Trilogy. Everything is so intertwined and unique. It was an easy world to get lost in. I don't think it's a world I would want to live in, but not many Dystopian worlds are.

Each of Jensen's characters are strong in their own way. Reyche is probably the most powerful of all, yet she sees herself as the weakest. She has a strong sense of right and wrong and won't let anyone stand in her way to do what she feels is right. It doesn't always work to her advantage, but she is also strong enough to live with the consequences of those decisions and move on. The bad guys are really, really bad. Ace is the perfect balance for Krissin and Johna tries to keep everyone on track. There are also some surprising alliances in Severed.

The love that Mark and Reyche share is written beautifully. Their love keeps them going and fighting even when the odds are totally against them. There were times that I wasn't sure how they were going to get past everything that they were up against. The characters didn't come through Severed unscathed, but I didn't expect them to. The hardest battle fought by Reyche in Severed was internal and in the end she came to the

only solution she could. I hope other readers enjoy the journey through this trilogy as much as I did. I can't wait to see what Megg Jensen has in store for us next.

Megan says

When I started reading Severed, I had literally just finished Oubliette, and although I had other books that I should have read first, and they are books that look really good too... I just couldn't prolong the wait to find out what happens to Serenia as well as all the characters that I have come to love. So I started reading this book, even though I should have gone to sleep and waiting until the next day, and it was so good that I read it in like three hours!

This book was by far my favorite in the whole trilogy... we had more romance between Reyche and Mark, as well as an unlikely pairing between Krissin and Ace. All the major characters were back in this book as well, as well as Ivy who I loved in the first book even though she was evil.

I think the part I loved most about this book is that Reyche finally had some real power, she was not a helpless little girl anymore. Also Mark... in this book I finally fell in love with him! He was still a little soft but I think I have come to the conclusion that he wasn't going to change into the ultimate bad boy, but I decided to overlook that because he is extremely loyal as well as oh so romantic!

This was the perfect ending to an amazing trilogy! I want to read the next trilogy right away... but because there only two books out from The Swarm Trilogy I have decided that I am going to wait to start the whole trilogy because I want to be able to read the whole thing at once!

Cat says

As usual, I devoured Megg Jensen's book! Unfortunately as the series goes on I find myself liking Reyche less and less as a character - though that's not to say she isn't well written. In fact, the reason I don't like her is because she thinks exactly like someone of her age and background would, meaning I wouldn't necessarily make the same decisions. As usual, Reyche has some character growth, and in the climax of this book she is definitely put to the test.

Many of the previous characters return for this final installment. I have to say the author surprised me a bit with the cryptic visions that would really shake me to my core, though Reyche is able to take things in stride and make grown-up decisions. There is quite a bit of violence and death in this book, but also some romance. I figured out what was going on with Reyche way before she did, but again her naivety and inexperience (age) can explain that easily.

Characters must rise to the occasion and make a stand in this showdown. The choices are fight and perish trying to simply perish. Definite must read for lovers of this series; definitely not a book you can just pick up and read one of (well I guess you could, but it wouldn't be the same!). The ending is a bit ambiguous which half drives me crazy because I want to know what happens! But isn't that just a sign of a good book? ;)

EDIT: read this again April 2016 and I don't know if it's just because I'm older and more jaded now but I didn't enjoy this book nearly as much. I'm going to leave my original review and rating up because clearly I saw something I liked, but this time around Reyche was an annoying little....ugh.

Sandie Parrish says

The Cloud Prophet

The cloud prophet trilogy was interesting to read and very enjoyable. The characters and the plots were well thought out and well written. Again I do want to repeat that I enjoyed the trilogy, however I really did think it should have been just one book. Each of the trilogy books is under 200 pages and I have the print set to larger than normal to get close to 200 pages. Just too short.
