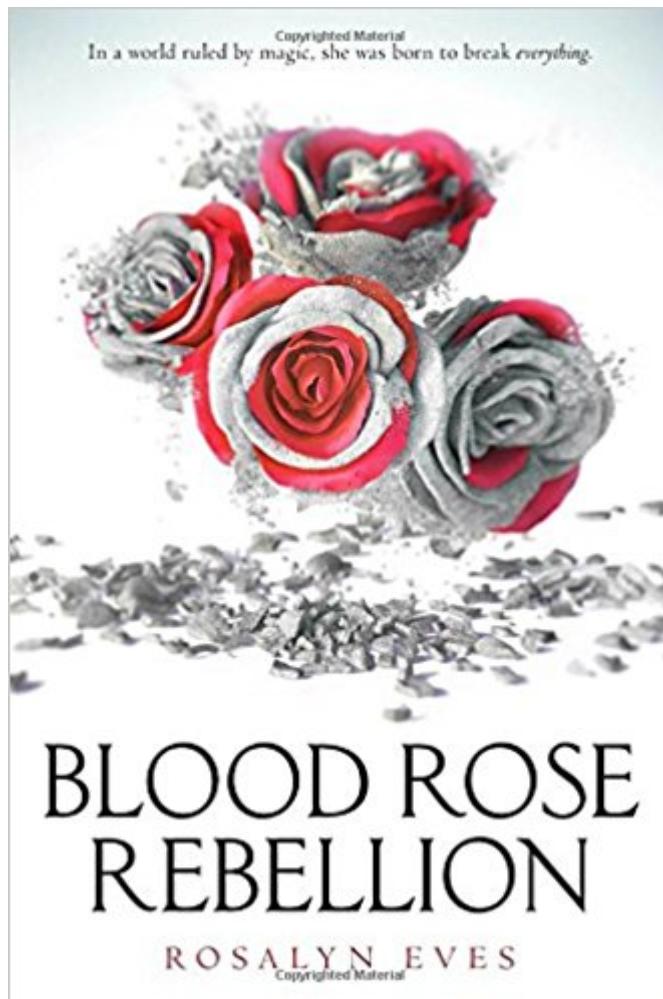


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# Blood Rose Rebellion



## Synopsis

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“Romance sizzles and deadly magic crackles in Rosalyn Eves’ electrifying debut. Prepare to be spellbound.” •JULIE BERRY, Printz honor-winning author of *The Passion of Dolssa* and *All the Truth That’s in Me* “Everything I love in a fantasy: history, noblemen, magic, romance, and a revolution. *Blood Rose Rebellion* had me charmed from the first page.” •VIRGINIA BOECKER, author of *The Witch Hunter* “A successful blend of fantasy, romance, history, and political commentary.” •The Bulletin “Intrigue, action, and star-crossed romance abound.” •School Library Journal

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BLOOD ROSE REBELLION is gorgeously written, imaginative, and rich with detail. It acquaints readers with a part of history and a people not often written about in young adult literature. It seamlessly weaves in a powerful and influential magical society. And it introduces characters who are interesting and different and brave and likable and those who are vile, underhanded, dangerous, and untrustworthy. It is an absorbing and fascinating and positively exhilarating read and the start to a series that looks to be amazing. Anna Arden didn't mean to be such a destructive influence or such a disappointment to her family. She wanted to be good, to fit into Luminare society, to cast spells and wield magic, to debut, to have a future. But she didn't have the ability to control magic and she just couldn't seem to follow the rules, do as she was told, accept her fate. Not staying under the radar cost her everything. If she'd seem to the man she thought she loved, a place in England with her family, and any hope of marrying into Luminare society. Attracting the attention of the elite Circle wouldn't have been a bad thing had she had magical abilities. But her negative effect on magic drew their suspicion. Forced to escape with her grandmother to Hungary, a place she was unfamiliar with, to live with relatives she didn't know and who spoke a language she couldn't understand, seemed like the end of the world. But a Romani secret, a

handsome boy named Gábor, a growing resistance to the status quo, and the potential to make a difference, gave Anna hope that maybe this wasn't the end, but rather a beginning. Rosalyn Eves did a masterful job of fitting her story, her characters, her society into a real-world historical setting. She captured the revolutionary spirit of the time in Hungary and the discontent with the ruling Hapsburgs and used both to help ignite her rebellion, give purpose to her characters, and to make her story that much more intriguing. The author gave Anna a unique ability, kept it a secret from both her characters and her readers, and teased its possibilities until nearer the story's end, ensuring a captivating read. She laid the foundation for a sequel with even more dangers, even more unrest, even more battles, and the potential for more romance. And she gave readers an epilogue that is certain to pique their curiosity. *BLOOD ROSE REBELLION* is an extraordinary and spellbinding read. If you're looking for a story that is epic, that blends fantasy with history, and that immerses you into the world Rosalyn Eves imagined so completely you'll forget where and when you are, you will not want to miss this book and series.

Stunning story telling, world building, magic - this book will let new readers fall in love with Hungary, history, and the multi-layered rebellion crafted around a girl trying to determine what her role is in the world.

Great read! I really couldn't put it down, and stayed up reading/listening a little (or a lot) later than I should have on more than one occasion. I might classify it as a revolutionary period piece of adventurous, romantic, magical, historical-fiction fantasy. Lol. In other words, it combined pretty much everything into one very enjoyable read. I recommend the audible version as well as the kindle/print versions because the narrator does a great job of pronouncing the words in German and Hungarian. She gives the characters accents too. I very much look forward to the next book!

I loved this. It's a historical YA fantasy, set in a time and place that I don't think we see enough stories from. We see a ton about the Austro-Hungarian empire in Marie Antoinette's day, for obvious reasons, and we see a lot of it just prior to WWI, again for obvious reasons. But the intervening years seem like a black hole in my memory and this book was a delightful light shining on them. Lots of the events and the minor characters are actually real, but the fantastical story of a continent-wide conspiracy theory regarding the control of magic in the aristocracy is absolutely delightful.

This is a delicious book. I listened to the audio version, and I devoured it. It has a strong and smart but flawed protagonist who seemed very real and relatable to me. The magic system is fresh and well developed, and the details gave me the flavor of Hungary in 1849. Entertainment Weekly gave this book an A-, and I agree. It was satisfying, but now I'm hooked. I'm already hungry for the next book.

Romance, magic, Hungarian history and politics, fancy ball gowns. Rosalyn Eves is a talented world-builder, with characters brimming with emotion and caught in systems of class and gender that bind them to restricted lives. If you want a little "students-from-Les-Mis" mixed with your Bronte/Austen-inspired romance with a dose of Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell (YA style) then check it out!

Well, this was even better than expected. I've wanted to read Blood Rose Rebellion since I first heard of it, and once I finally started, I didn't want to stop. A gorgeous alternate history fantasy that will leave you impatient for the next installment.

Rosalyn Eves debut is a gorgeous, sweeping fantasy that takes us into a Hungarian inspired world where wars are fought with intrigue in ballrooms as much as they're fought on fields. I love how smartly this book is written. It hooked me from the start. It's a must read!

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