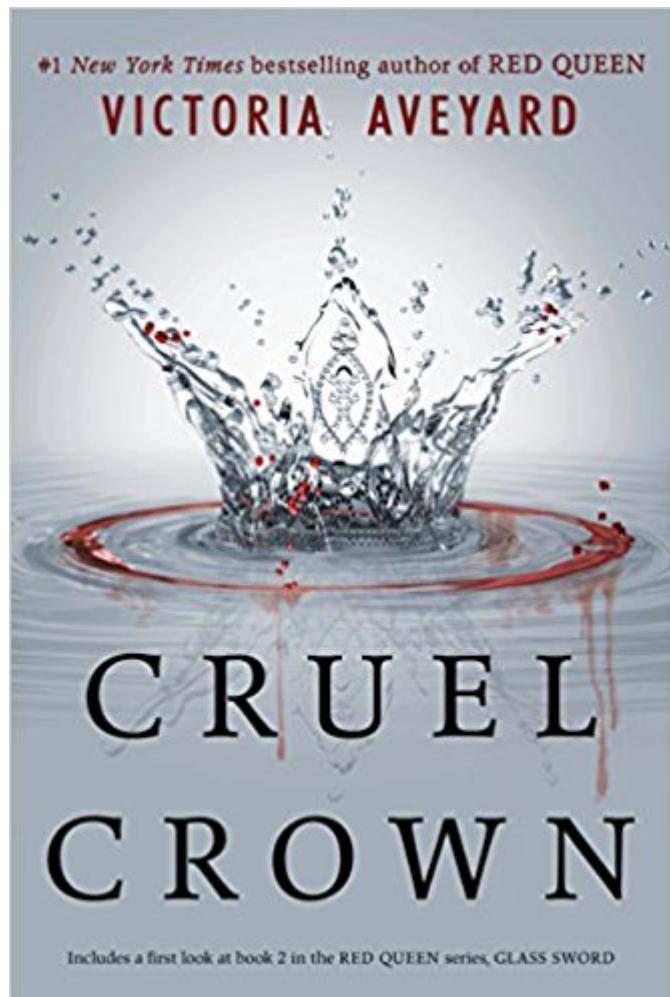


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# Cruel Crown (Red Queen Novella)



## Synopsis

Two women on either side of the Silver-Red divide tell the stories no one else knows. Discover the truth of Norta's bloody past in these two revealing prequels to #1 New York Times bestseller Red Queen. Also includes an exclusive excerpt of the hotly anticipated second book in the Red Queen series! Glass Sword transports readers to the world of Silver tyranny, a Red dawn rising, and one girl's resolve to break down the system that will hold her back no longer. Queen Song Queen Coriane, first wife of King Tiberias, keeps a secret diary "how else can she ensure that no one at the palace will use her thoughts against her? Coriane recounts her heady courtship with the crown prince, the birth of a new prince, Cal, and the potentially deadly challenges that lay ahead for her in royal life. Steel Scars Captain Farley exchanges coded transmissions with the resistance as she travels the land recruiting black market traders, smugglers, and extremists for her first attempt at an attack on the capital. She was raised to be strong, but planting the seeds of rebellion in Norta is a tougher job than expected "until she stumbles upon a connection that may prove to be the key to the entire operation: Mare Barrow.

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The first short story was good, even if predictable and a bit too fast-moving (covering too much time in too few pages), but the second short story didn't capture my interest as much, perhaps because there was a feeling that there was too much action for the shorter arc. The characters are interesting, but the work overall suffers from cramming too much (chronologically and action) into too few pages. Perhaps these stories should have been fleshed into full-fledged novels rather than short stories. Wrong formatting dented good ideas and good characters.

Very good novellas to fill in gaps left in the first book. Left me prepared for the second by knowing some of the characters better.

So the queen song book was good and in a way Coriane reminded me a lot of Mare. The story goes by really fast and is only 54 pages and I thought it would be a lot longer I finished it in 35 mins, but it was well-written and I loved getting to know baby Cal. However I do wish she wouldn't have wasted her time writing these stories and just written the 3rd book in the Red Queen series I feel that even though story was good she should have finished the series first then written a prequel like literally every other author in the world I haven't read steel scars and don't plan to.

As much as I absolutely LOVED the Red Queen series, I couldn't get into this particular "book" at all....

Great book. Easy read with very visual detail and enthralling story line. Am looking forward to the next in the series.

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