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Growing up on a small farm in the kingdom of Vanguard, seventeen-year-old Layla Givens lives a deceptively tranquil existence. But her carefully constructed life quickly falls apart when she's abducted by a religious zealot who proclaims her The Fulfillment of an ancient peace prophecy and whisks her away to marry her greatest enemy.

Wilhelm, Prince of the Ethereals, is reluctant to meet his new bride. He's grown up believing Vanguards are evil, an enemy to fight and fear...not love. Can he set aside his prejudices and work alongside Layla to bring lasting peace after centuries of war?

Nash, a loner who has never fit in, carries a huge secret, one big enough to destroy both kingdoms. When he accidentally meets Layla, he's no longer content to live in the shadows, but he must resist his growing attraction—for her safety and for the longevity of the two kingdoms.

When Nash's secret is revealed, a firestorm sweeps through both realms, with Layla at the center. Now she must choose between duty and desire while the fate of two nations hangs in the balance.

## **The Prophecy Details**

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### Dawn says

This book has to be on everyone's MUST READ list! Erin has woven a story that draws you in from page one. The characters have depth, and their relationships are complex. You will definitely be clamoring for Book 2 when finishing The Prophecy.

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### Elena (Brown Eyed) says

THAT WAS AMAZING, I LOVED IT, GIVE ME THE SEQUEL NOW. WHERE WAS THIS BOOK? READ IT NOW.

I will admit, I got the push to read this book as a result of Crystal in Bookland's huge giveaway but it was already on my Nook beforehand. And I am so regretting not getting to it sooner!

I fell so in love with Layla's character! She is such a real character.

There was a moment where she was almost facing her own death however unlike the general routine of either cowering in fear or showcasing random amounts of bravery, Layla uses a different approach. More realistic I believe.

"[...] I have to kill you."

She wanted to scream or argue, to beg for her life, yet only one word slipped from her mouth.  
"Why?"

She has such human characteristics. In the YA world where you can literally be whoever you want and in a fantasy novel the characters can sometimes lost the humane qualities. Girly-ness that comes from most teenagers especially around a cute boy mixed with the Vanguard strength and toughness blended perfectly. And she also refreshingly made mistakes! But they also weren't the type that resulted in death because it was *that* serious of a situation. She just had some down-right simple screw ups. And it was cute...

He turned and caught her staring at his lips no less. Her face grew warm.

I loved all the other characters as well. Vespa was the best friend kind of character. Amidst all the craziness, jealousy, misunderstandings and unjust hatred she is loyal, unbiased and honest. Even if you stake a claim against her own family, she would feel some type of way but would still listen.

I loved her specific relationships with Layla so much. They were both little sisters to two big brothers and were closer than they thought were more of family than either knew to be honest... And they broke the barrier of helpless little sister/female character, and just because you are in love with a boy does not mean you suddenly become unable to defend yourself.

Her brothers were also amazing. Grant showed up early and later on, but the boy brought his A-Game with him! And Samson, boy where the hell were you? I really hope he shows up more in the sequel and Grant cause I love sibling scenes! Also whether or not her mom and dad are going to show up.

THE BOYS THOUGH. I love Will and Nash so much <3 Layla was in the worst kind of love triangle, herself vs. brothers. There isn't too much that can be said because most of their relationships weren't real and delving further could spoil severely but another reason I REALLY NEED THE SEQUEL!

This book had some really cool parts to it. The POV wasn't a set of characters, it was more of an as needed basis. If the story switched and the previous storyteller wasn't there, the POV would simply change and sometimes never be spoken of again.

There were some "OH SHIT!" moments, but it wasn't huge in the moment, more like "Okay, this has happened, we've processed it, now *what the hell is going to happen now??*"

Shit also hits the fan on an astronomical level near the end of the book. You will know when you get there, so just be sure you have the hours in the day to finish it cause you're not going to want to put it down.

By the end of this book I felt every single "nice" or on the good guy side characters felt the same about each other. They all would lay down their lives for each other without a second thought. Grant, Samson, Nash, Will, Layla, Vespa (and Samson too :) are a family on their own. The Volton was also a nice little character. He was the single looming father figure who seemed to genuinely care about each younger characters best interest and whether they lived or died.

Opposing, there have been few times when I have hated a character so much. Most of the times when I want to enter a book world I want to make out with the hot love interest, (and I did) but on the same level I wanted to strangle the life out of Elder Werrick.

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### **Christina (Ensnoced in Lit) says**

Erin is a good friend on twitter, so I admit I was worried. I always worry about reading friends' books because you want to be honest, but let's face it, it always sucks reading a book you don't like that was written by a friend. Thank goodness, this wasn't an issue because The Prophecy ROCKS! :-)

The Prophecy by Erin Albert is the first book of a YA fantasy trilogy that whisks us away to the nations of the Vanguard and the Ethereals. Layla is our main protagonist, although the perspective of the book shifts from character to character effortlessly, and she is one of the Vanguards. Her adoptive family is worried that she may be the Fulfillment because of her black hair and purple eyes. It's been foretold that the Fulfillment will bring the two kingdoms together in peace.

All Layla wants to do is go to the Vanguard celebration and get some sweet bread. She doesn't feel like the Fulfillment, but she's quickly found by a zealot and taken off to become Wil's bride. Wilhelm is the heir to the Ethereal throne. As Layla meets both Wil and a mysterious boy named Nash, she will be forced to decide between her mind and heart on every level, and make a choice that may save or destroy the kingdoms and the hope for piece.

I loved this book. It was fast paced, and the world building was seamless. I've seen books that completely fail on that level, but The Prophecy had a wonderful balance between world building, character building, and plot. Each of the characters were well described, and I found myself rooting for each of them. I loved the plot twists, and I found a new book boyfriend in Wil, who is one of the sweetest characters I've met in a long time.

Layla was hard to like initially, but she quickly won me over, which is critical in a book like this. I also loved how the older generation of kings and queens played a large role in this book as well.

I wasn't a huge fan of Nash, and I felt like some of those scenes were forced. However, this is my only slightly negative comment about the whole thing, and I know this is just a personal preference. There are several people out there who are glad I don't like Nash so they can have him for themselves!

Overall, a really wonderful YA debut by a wonderful person. I'm beyond relieved that this book is terrific, because it makes my job as an honest reviewer that much easier! I'm dying to get my hands on the next installment!

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### **Johnathan Brock says**

Oh, First Ones! I had to pry myself away torturously each time I started reading! This fast paced, high fantasy story is sure to grab your attention from the first page! Honestly, I'm not a big fantasy fan, but Mrs. Albert proved otherwise! Well played, Erin, WELL PLAYED! The only downside is I have to wait TOO long until the next one is released!

## Crystal (that.ending.though) says

IT'S FINALLY HERE!!! THE PROPHECY'S RELEASE DAY IS HERE!!!! I have been waiting to read this book since April and it did NOT disappoint. THE PROPHECY met every expectation I had and more. From the first sentence I was captivated and I devoured this book quickly. It is definitely a "one sitting read".

For ALL the love I have for this book this has got to be one of the hardest reviews that I have had to write. I have gone back and forth writing it for a week and nothing ever seems to be good enough, or explain well enough why I think you should read it, or why I loved it. But I will give it a try. I feel that the description about does a pretty good job telling you about the plot so I'm just going to dive right in to what I loved about the book.

The characters were some of the best written ones I have come across in a debut novel. Erin really seemed to truly know her characters. They all had very distinct personalities to back each of them up. Layla was a fierce female lead. Even though she was thrown into a really messed up situation as being claimed as the fulfillment, she did what she had to do to keep her family and friends safe.

Along the way she meets Nash; mysterious, sweet Nash. (I love him by the way, I stake claim on him....just wanted all you ladies to know ♥) There is a wonderful attraction between these two that feels very real. I was very happy not to have a sudden "I love you" type relationship between them. Even though there are so many things that come up that make their relationship pretty much impossible I can't help but root for them.

One complication is Wil. WAIT WAIT WAIT....no I'm not leading you into a love triangle. While on the surface and without giving spoilers it may come across that this book will take you into a love triangle, but it really doesn't. As part of being the fulfillment Layla is betrothed to Wil, it is practically her duty to marry him. I can't really say more than that because I don't want to spoil anything, but seriously it didn't get all "typical love triangle" on me. BUT I will tell you that you will want it to....yes you will. While I LOVE Nash, Wil is....ahhhh he's wonderful. Both guys are equally swoony and my guess is that ladies will be fighting over who they think Layla should be with no matter where her heart lays.

Some other characters that I really adored were Vespa, Grant, and Samson. While we don't get to see Samson a lot in this book I know he will be a big player later on in the series. Grant is just another amazing guy living in THE PROPHECY world, and Vespa is someone I would want to have as a best friend.

Of course with all the wonderful characters, there must be some evil ones. I'm not going to go through who those are, mainly because I feel like it will take away from the story some for you when reading. But just know that there are some REAL evil people and you will want them to die a brutal death when it is all said and done.

The world building is also beautiful and executed well. While the book is set mainly in the Ethereal kingdom, I felt like I was really there with Layla. My favorite part was the maze that kept the kingdom guarded. I also was intrigued by the Vanguard's super strength, and the Ethereal's powers to mess with others' minds.

If you follow me on twitter you might have seen that I pretty much live tweeted the entire time I read this book. It gave me SO many feels it was unreal. I was happy, conflicted, sad, MAD, devastated, swoony, flailing, you name it....I was doing it. Anytime my emotions are tapped into that way it's a sign of an amazing book. As if the book as a whole wasn't wonderful and emotion provoking enough, Erin left us with a

MAJOR cliffhanger. I have a love/hate relationship with those things. I love them because they make me want more NOW, I hate them....well because they make me want more NOW and I can't have it now. Erin leaves two MAJOR things happening at the very end that I'm still thinking about what it means for everyone, especially Layla. I definitely can't wait to get my hands on the next book.

I definitely recommend any fans of YA Fantasy, fast reads, and swoony guys read this book. I really don't think you will be disappointed. This is without a doubt one of my favorite reads of 2013.

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## Deek Rhew says

I love getting lost in a story. I can happily let hours slip by as I experience the lives of new friends and foes in exotic, unfamiliar worlds. I journey with them, experiencing their struggles and their triumphs, as they progress on epic adventures. A great storyteller will seize and hold my attention, make me happy or sad, excited or angry, all with the press of a key on their laptop.

Erin Albert wields such super powers. From the first word in the first chapter, her book captured my attention. Her debut novel, *The Prophecy*, enveloped me in a new and unique universe created by a very powerful imagination. Through its pages I lived and experienced the adventures of Layla, Samson, Grant, Nash, Wil, and a host of other relatable, complex characters. Chapter by chapter time sailed by and I found myself excited for my favorites' victories and angry at their treatment in the hands of their enemies.

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Then of course there is the cliffhanger ending. But I digress.

Come on book two!!!

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### **Zen says**

The Prophecy was a GREAT book! Like about every book you have to read a couple pages to get into it, but once you get started you can't put it down! I fell in love with all the characters, I don't think I can choose a favorite character. I HIGHLY recommend this book!!!

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### **Jessica Calla says**

I know I'm late to the game reading The Prophecy (The Fulfillment Series #1 by Erin Rhew), but with The Fulfillment (Book 3 of the series) on its way to release in a couple of weeks, I wanted to catch up!

I loved reading this book, imagining the world Ms. Rhew created, and falling in love with the characters. I thought I'd have a hard time keeping up, since fantasy isn't my usual genre, but I had no problem. Ms. Rhew does a great job of keeping the voice of each character separate and adding enough description that a clear picture was created in my head from first introduction. I read this book and it played through my mind like a movie-- the castles, the dungeon, the maze, the woods, it's all in my head.

I enjoyed how Layla's strength and femininity, Wil's noble gentleness and cuteness, and Nash's internal struggles and hotness, made for a love triangle that I'm not entirely sure who I'm rooting for! (TeamWho??? Help!). Usually I can figure out who's going to get the girl from page one, but the love triangle in The Prophecy reminds me of that in the early seasons of The Vampire Diaries--you end up rooting for two guys and fall in love with them both.

Don't even get me started on the last chapter. I couldn't believe the scene Ms. Rhew left us in at the end of Book 1! Honestly, I was almost angry at her :) However, I'm thankful that I can order Book 2 TODAY so I can continue the story. Heck, I may as well preorder Book 3 now, since I'm completely hooked.

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### **Heena Rathore P. says**

**Note:** I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

**Blog Rating: 4.5/5**

#### **Plot/Story:**

I absolutely loved the plot line of The Prophecy. It's entertaining as well as really emotionally involving. I really enjoyed the story and it pulled me into the world of Vanguards, Ethereal and Outlanders right from the

very beginning.

The world-building is superb and the author has really done a commendable job in detailing. The book is written in multiple POVs and takes us through the lives of all the three main characters in detail. The pace of the story is great and being an absorbing read and all it proved to be quite a fast read.

I'm really excited to read the next book in the series as I honestly want to explore the amazing world of this book.

### **Characters:**

The characterization in this book is really impressive. I loved the main characters, Layla, Will and Nash and even the supporting characters of Vespa, Grant and Volton Holt (there were more but I'm just mentioning my favorites.) I was able to connect with them all and was able to feel all the emotions the characters were experiencing. I really wanted to cry when they cried and literally grin when something good happened (especially when Nash came in the picture.)

### **Romance:**

This book is a romantic YA Fantasy, so what else do you expect!? It has tons and tons of romance and the author managed to pull off the love-triangle thing gracefully. Though at first I thought it to be a little weird, considering Layla's nature, but it was all explained beautifully in the second half of the book. And yes, it all did make sense (which is really rare these days!)

### **Writing:**

The writing is really powerful which I was expecting and which doesn't come as a shock because the author is an editor and I've read quite a few books edited by there and they were really awesome! T

### **Beginning:**

The Prophecy pulled me in right from the start. I loved the Day Of Dawning was intrigued about all the cryptic thoughts Layla had about the First Ones and the Ecclesiastics. I mean that really, really made me curious and that was the point where I realized that I was in for a brilliant read.

### **Ending:**

The ending surprised me, but I must say I did expect a little more (just a teeny bit.) I mean the ending was haw-inspiring but I kind of made my peace with it thinking that at least now Layla won't have to choose between the two princes. Maybe it'll be different in the second part but I really needed something more that would have made it a cliff-hanger of an ending.

### **Blurb:**

The blurb is perfect and it totally managed to get me to read this book. So yeah, it's as good as it can be.

### **Cover Art:**

I absolutely love the cover art of this book and it really makes me want to pick up a hardcover copy of the book.

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## **Kristen Cansler says**

You know those books that completely pull you in? You start to lose track of time and realize that you've spent all day devouring a book? Yeah, that's The Prophecy. It was an enthralling and absolutely brilliant

journey! I knew from the very first page that this would be a book that reminded me why I love fantasy so much, and Erin Albert didn't let me down! I'm still in awe that this is her debut. The Prophecy is so perfectly paced and written that I was blown away.

The world building that Erin does in The Prophecy is awe-inspiring. It's so rich and developed. It was very interesting to read of the different groups and see how they interact and play off of each other. Layla was such a well written and developed character. Erin was able to drag me through a range of emotions with her story. There is a bit of a love triangle. Most of you know that I groan at them repeatedly. But I have to say that the love triangle in The Prophecy is a good example of how to do them correctly. It wasn't there for the sake of drama and that made all the difference. (That doesn't mean that I didn't rage and cry and laugh at it, though!)

I know I said it earlier, but I really am in awe that this is Erin's debut novel. Fantasy can be a genre that quickly tires me. (Even though I love it.) But Erin has really carved out a brilliant story with The Prophecy. It's written in such a captivating way. If you love YA fantasy, I don't know what you're doing with your life if you haven't picked up The Prophecy!

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### **Katie Carroll says**

Erin Albert's The Prophecy is the first book in what promises to be an action-packed fantasy series. Layla Givens goes to great lengths to hide her purple eyes, a color that marks her as a one who may be The Fulfillment to a prophecy that will unite the Ethereals, Vanguard, and Outlanders. When she is discovered by the religious sect the Ecclesiastics, she is forced to go on a journey that will test her Vanguard strength, her beliefs, and her heart.

The Prophecy is a sweeping epic fantasy full of adventure and romance. I fell in love with the world and the characters. Mysterious Nash and chivalrous Prince Wil are both swoonworthy in their unique ways, though I have to admit I lean to the Nash side...dark, handsome, and strong. Oh my! And the ending leaves you breathless waiting for the next installment.

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### **Mary Waibel says**

Follow Layla as her world falls apart when she's proclaimed The Fulfillment. In love with one man, duty bound to another, or is she? Not all is as it seems and darker powers are at play in this epic fantasy.

I really enjoyed this debut novel from Erin Albert. She weaves a fantastic tale and leaves you on the edge of your seat for the next in the series.

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### **Fionnuala (Book Blogger) says**

When this landed in my hands I was so excited that I read it in one sitting. I knew Erin before reading her book, through twitter, and this amazed me. As soon as I finished I fangirlishly tweeted her about Nash - he's mine, all mine. I MEAN IT, hands off. I've gone back and forth for ages trying to write this review, but

nothing seemed to show how good this book actually was. From fangirlish rantings to high character analysis I was stuck. The truth is that for a debut novel this book is amazing, the characters were well developed, and the author seemed to truly know her characters. I'm still unsure of how to tell you why I loved this book and why you should read it but here goes...

I absolutely loved this book, and all its characters. From the plot to that touch of romance, I was hooked on this book from the beginning. It was like *Throne of Glass* all over again. Starting off with Layla the female protagonist - I loved the way her thoughts and personality were portrayed in the novel (you might be hearing the words "I loved..." a lot). She was strong willed and everything a Vanguard should be, I would imagine. Again, this was a bit like welcoming home Calaena, they were both separate entities but had the same characteristics that I absolutely adore in female protagonists. Though Layla is a bit quieter than Calaena (in a good way!) and without the Assassin's title.

Some of my favorite characters were Layla, of course, Samson, Grant and Vespa. Again, they all had such distinct personalities, we don't see too much of Samson in the book, but I have a feeling that later in the series he will be more involved. But with such good characters in a novel, surely there must be evil ones to balance them out? Yes, most definitely. I don't want to spoil too much, but lets just say that there are a few evil people in here that you'll have death wishes for.

The build up of the world that the book was set in could have used a little more detail, but the introduction and use of the un-peaceful (maybe a bit of an understatement) atmosphere between Etherea and Vanguard was spot on and flowed well with the plot. It wasn't just background location, which I often loathe in a book. And everything had a point, nothing led to a dead end, or was 'excess baggage' in the novel. But it was not predictable either (except for the romance bit, but more on that later!) The powers that each kingdom had intrigued me to no end, the Ethereal's skill to create Alterations in people's minds, and the Vanguard's super strength.

On the first few pages I had to get used to the terminology, but once they were in my head it was so easy to follow and became a part of my general dialogue. The general description within the novel was just on par for my tastes. Sometimes there is too little or too much detail that it becomes boring. But I can say very audibly that there was never a dull moment in this book, even when not in an action-y scene.

Now, finally, onto the romance. Nash; we first meet him saving Layla, I mean, who doesn't love a guy who saves a girl? But really, he's sweet and mysterious, and we learn more about him throughout the book, I JUST LOVE HIM SO MUCH. Then Wil, the Prince of Etherea, might seem to cause some complications, if you're starting to think that there's a love triangle here, STOP, STOP, STOP - with Layla being the so called Fulfillment for a Prophecy, it is her duty, and Wil's, to marry (they're betrothed in the book) and make the prophecy come true, consequently bringing peace between Etherea and Vanguard. Okay, so maybe there's a little bit of a love triangle, but its not your stereotypical one. Again, I love Nash, but Wil... he's so sweet and wonderful and lovely, both guys are equally swoon-worthy. Time to pick a team ladies.

This book gave me so many feels that it was unreal, I even shouted out 'No!' once I'd finished the book, for two main reasons; 1) "IT CAN'T BE OVER, NOT YET" and 2) Erin left two main things happening at the end and I'm still thinking how it effects all the characters and what might happen in the next book. Also... MAJOR cliffhanger, which I hated... and loved. Ugh, I want the next book now, but the ending was great as well... I was emotionally unstable throughout this entire novel, laughing, crying, flailing, you name it, I was doing it.

I definitely recommend this if you are a fan of YA Fantasy, actually, even if you aren't, go read this book, its so awesome that everyone should read it. NOW. GO READ IT. Please. This is without a doubt one of my favorite debut reads of 2013!Erin AlbertThe Prophecy

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## Danielle says

The Prophecy is an amazing debut novel for Erin Albert. The author gives life to a world rich in tradition, with warring kingdoms, deeply hidden secrets and incredible loyalty and valor. The characters have such tremendous depth and strong male and female leads, making it difficult to select a favorite.

The story begins with Layla Givens and her brother Samson Mantar at the Day of Dawning Festival in town near her family's farm in Vanguard. The festival is the event of the year in which there are colorful ribbon decorations, delicious cinnamon bread (which the description alone will make your mouth water), games and hair braiding for the children, and of course, the reading of the ancient peace prophecy. This year, Layla's town has been selected to have the ceremonial reading done by the reverential Ecclesiastics, the religious group that lives in the Borderlands and sole purpose is to dedicate their lives to The First Ones and the pursuit of the fulfillment of the ancient peace prophecy. This prophecy is believed to end the centuries long war between the Vanguards and the Ethereals. Excitement and curiosity drive Layla and Samson to attend the festival, against their parents wishes and despite their years of hiding Layla's secret. Before the reading of the Prophecy, Elder Werrick, leader of the Ecclesiastics, notices Layla and is immediately convinced she is the long-awaited Fulfillment.

Layla is now whisked away from her family, her home, and her life to become this Fulfillment of a prophecy she's not even sure she believes. By being the fulfillment, she will be forced to marry the Prince the Ethereals, her sworn enemy. Terrified, Samson tries and fails to stop the abduction and is captured, to be taken to the Ecclesiastical compound. Their older brother and Vanguard soldier Grant tries and also fails to stop Elder Werrick. Even the King Rex of Vanguard allows Layla to be taken to Etherea despite heated opposition from his son, Prince Vance and Queen Montessa.

On the way to Etherea, the Ecclesiastic carriage is attacked and Layla is taken from the Elder's clutches. Fighting her way out, Layla frees herself only to accidentally run into Nash, a stranger with no apparent allegiances. Nash also carries a big secret which has pushed him to the shadows his whole life. Now that he has met Layla, he no longer wants to live in those shadows. When it is discovered that the Elder's proclaimed her the Fulfillment, he must resist his growing attraction for her safety and the promise of peace.

Word has gotten out to the Ethereals that the Fulfillment has been found. Prince Wilhelm is reluctant to meet this Vanguard girl who is to become his wife. He has been brought up to believe that Vanguards are ruthless and evil and desire to slaughter his people. How can he grow to love his enemy? He wonders how it is possible that he is a part in this ancient prophecy and how can he protect his kingdom with a Vanguard at his side, despite his desire for this promised peace.

In a twist of fate, Layla awakens in a beautiful room with intricately braided, colorful ribbons and a younger girl sitting across the room from her. She is now in the palace of her enemy...

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