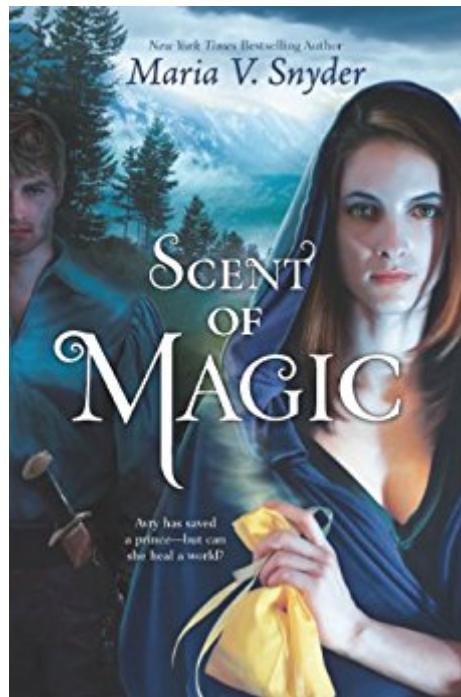


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# Scent Of Magic (Healer Book 2)



## Synopsis

As the last Healer in the Fifteen Realms, Avry of Kazan is in a unique position: in the minds of friends and foes alike, she no longer exists. Despite her need to prevent the megalomaniacal King Tohon from winning control of the Realms, Avry is also determined to find her sister and repair their estrangement. And she must do it alone, as Kerrick, her partner and sole confidant, returns to Alga to summon his country into battle. Though she should be in hiding, Avry will do whatever she can to support Tohon's opponents. Including infiltrating a holy army, evading magic sniffers, teaching forest skills to soldiers and figuring out how to stop Tohon's most horrible creations yet: an army of the walking dead—human and animal alike and nearly impossible to defeat. War is coming and Avry is alone. Unless she figures out how to do the impossible...again.

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## Customer Reviews

I liked Maria V Snyder's 'Poison' series (though it too lagged in the middle) so I rushed out to buy the 'Glass' series only to be very disappointed (in fact I didn't even finish the third). I thought she had redeemed herself with the new 'Healers' series as I really liked the first one (Touch of Magic) but then along came number 2. It wasn't awful (I still like the main characters) but nothing really

happened. The main problem is that Kerrick and Avry spend almost the entire book apart, have fairly mundane adventure and don't even develop as characters. In fact the whole plot stalls and very little is added to what we already knew about the world and those who live there. The few new characters introduced end up being pretty inconsequential and most of new development could have been covered in a chapter or two and the rest is just filler! Note to authors - all series don't have to trilogies! Two good books are better than 3 dragged out ones. Even financially in the long run .. I'm not sure I'll other with number 3 in this series either!

After an amazing start in "Touch of Power", where we quickly grew to love Avry, Kerrick and their co-horts, this, the second book in the series, took a very frustrating turn. Rather than allow the reader to discover the deepening relationships, she separated the main characters throughout the entire book. We see Avery's journey and Kerrick's journey but as completely separate stories. Why develop a relationship with such great chemistry as these characters have, just to quit and continue their stories separately? And, so soon! Their story was just beginning! This odd twist is also found in the secondary characters. All the relationships first built are now separate. Avry ends up with a whole new set of people to interact with. While the story is still a good one, the characters needed to have a chance to develop together before pulling them apart. Even so, this book would have rated 4 stars if not for the ending. Really? REALLY? We are FINALLY allowed the reunion only to have it ripped from us... And, the cliffhanger reeks of manipulation. After over 400 pages the reader is not allowed any closure but teased with a taste then thrown right off that jagged cliff. Seriously, if the writing weren't so well done, three stars would have been a dream.

SCENT OF MAGIC by Maria V. Snyder's is the second instalment of the Healer series. This author has once again put forth such vivid descriptions, beautiful and captivating words that will not only draw you into the pages but also give us some wonderful characters that you will easily enjoy. Maria creates sassy characters - strong main leads, and an array of wonderful supporting characters to blend throughout this story. Her characters are always filled with such depth; you cannot help but like them. More so in this instalment as we see into Kerricks thoughts. In Scent of magic we see Kerrick's pov and also Avry's which was nice to see. The perspective of characters changed but also turned the read into an interesting change for me the reader. We see both sides, and loving Kerrick's character this was an added bonus for me. The only thing I would have enjoyed more of is more time with Avry and Kerrick, I found it was a little short on the romance and page time - but none the less still enjoyed this story. This story is jam packed with action, friendship and love,

suspense, dangerous liaisons, a little bit of romance for all the readers whom enjoy a little heart flutter, and many emotions entwined within this captivating world that Ms Synder has created. The ending will leave you gasping for more with its shocking cliff-hanger and have you eagerly flying to the net to find out when the next instalment is due out lol. A great second instalment into this series I can't wait for the next!!!!!!A big thanks to Harlequin Teen Australia for sending me an ARC copy of this book. This review is copyrighted, owned by me and cannot be copied or shared without my permission except by the author or publisher for promotion purpose

It's been 5 years since I first read Maria Snyder's Poison Study series and I still count that as one of my favorite series ever. I've read some of her other books but none of them lived up to my expectations until this series. I have loved the Healer series. Scent of Magic was not a one sitting read. In fact I think it took me a couple weeks to get through this one. Odd because I loved it but it was one I could put down and come back to. Perhaps because there were parts of the story that were a little slow so I could set it aside during those times and wasn't rushing to get back to find out what happened next. Ultimately this did not detract from my love of the story. There is so much to love about this series. The characters, the story line, the setting, the humor, the romance, the bad guys... They are such great books. Scent of Magic is book 2 and picks up right after the first book ends. I love this magical world that Maria created. I adore Avry and Kerrick as well as their sidekicks Flea, Belen, Quain & Loren. I would classify these books as adult instead of young adult. I've seen it shelved as young adult on Goodreads but that doesn't seem like a good fit. I was completely drawn into the story but am not sure young teen readers would appreciate the characters and plot as much as I did. The writing is well done and has lot of depth to it. Poison Study is still my favorite series by Maria but this is a close second. Rating: 5 Stars I loved it Content: Some language and implied sex Source: Audible.com download

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