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Synopsis

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Wrath and the Dawn, comes a sweeping, action-packed YA adventure set against the backdrop of Feudal Japan where Mulan meets Throne of Glass. Ã Â The daughter of a prominent samurai, Mariko has long known her placeÃ¢â ¬â •she may be an accomplished alchemist, whose cunning rivals that of her brother Kenshin, but because she is not a boy, her future has always been out of her hands. At just seventeen years old, Mariko is promised to Minamoto Raiden, the son of the emperor's favorite consortÃ¢â ¬â •a political marriage that will elevate her family's standing. But en route to the imperial city of Inako, Mariko narrowly escapes a bloody ambush by a dangerous gang of bandits known as the Black Clan, who she learns has been hired to kill her before she reaches the palace. Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Dressed as a peasant boy, Mariko sets out to infiltrate the Black Clan and track down those responsible for the target on her back. Once she's within their ranks, though, Mariko finds for the first time she's appreciated for her intellect and abilities. She even finds herself falling in loveÃ¢â ¬â •a love that will force her to question everything she's ever known about her family, her purpose, and her deepest desires.

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and racing hearts.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •VOYA

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For me, Flame in the Mist is the epitome of YA fantasy. It has all the elements that I look for in a book, and it executes on each of those elements so exquisitely. Getting to read an ARC copy of this book was truly an honor.Thank you to Penguin Teen for granting me an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!The first thing I have to say is just WOW! This is one of those book reviews that is difficult to write, because finding the words to adequately describe a book that is this well-written, beautifully-developed, and perfectly executed is a near impossible task.I loved everything about this story from the world-building, to the characters, to the magic, to the incredibly swoony romance. This book is everything I hoped it would be and so much more.The various settings in Flame in the Mist are told with such vivid detail, I felt like I was there inside the story. The details of the forest particularly captured my attention. It is haunting, captivating, and a lovely all at the same time. There is also a bit of magic to the forest that made me fall in love with it, in spite of (or maybe because of) its darkness and secrets.There are so many incredible characters in this book, and Ahdieh expertly handled the switching of POVs, and Mariko was an ideal protagonist for me. She is a strong female character, and by "strong" I mean that she is strong in spirit, mind, and heart. She is intelligent. Getting to watch her think through situations and finding effective solutions to those situations was fascinating. She has a wonderful character arc, and I adored her for her love and loyalty to both her friends and family in spite of the fact that they weren't all on the same side of the major conflict that runs throughout this book. Mariko is passionate, caring, smart, and everything that I look for in a main character.There is an incredible cast of characters surrounding Mariko, who I also fell in love with. They all have hidden depths and motivations and getting to see more and more of each their characters unfolding as the story progressed was just so much fun.I love books that include secret societies in their stories, and the Black Clan is a secret society that is captivating on so many levels. I can't say anything more about them without including spoilers, but I am certainly excited for this book to be out in the world so I can discuss them ad nauseum with my fellow voracious readers.From reading the description of this book, I expected to enjoy the plot, the

characters, and the world. I did not see expect for there to be such an incredible and intense romance though, and that unexpected element of this story in combination with everything else that I loved about it, is what propelled Flame in the Mist from being a great book to being the best book I've read so far this year.There are some books coming out this year that sound like they are just going to knock our socks off, but it will be amazing difficult for any of them to top Flame in the Mist for being the best YA fantasy novel this year.This book is a masterpiece in storytelling. I cannot think of a single way in which it could be improved, or that would have made me enjoy it more. This is pure perfection on a page, and I will be enjoying every second of anticipating the next book's release.

Beautiful writing! All the characters are multifaceted and well-developed; no one is pure evil and everyone has their motivations. The heroine Mariko was smart and inspiring to read. The romance between Mariko and Okami was gradual and burning; it was well-developed and the moment that they had were very passionate and exciting. It was also nice to see Okami challenge her perception of what she's allowed to do as a girl. As a nobleman's daughter, she was very limited in what she was allowed to do, so it's nice to see her perceptions change as she grew stronger."The only power any man has over you is the power you give him." -OkamiKenshin is also an interesting character, in that he'll do anything to help save Mariko, but he is blinded by the need for revenge and control and harms innocent people unnecessarily.My only complaint is the book ended in a cliffhanger.Summary:Great proseGood romance developmentMultifaceted characters

All of my favorite books have strong female leads. I liked Flame in the Mist a lot and I'm glad for more SFPs (I just made up that acronym), but considering her setting Mariko felt a little unbelievable. *minor spoilers inc*Now considering the story has spirits and magical elements, realism shouldn't be something I complain about. But this story is set in feudal Japan and feminism didn't even exist as a concept yet. Even so, Mariko is apparently born woke feminist as she complains often about being treated differently because she's a girl. In a time when female oppression was so bad that women must be meek and servile, a young girl who is smart and adventurous and inventive would more likely feel like an outcast without outright understanding why. She would likely feel wrong and guilty rather than annoyed at society. I would have liked to see her grow emotionally that way, going from seeing herself as wrong to realizing it's society that's wrong. It would also complicate the relationship with her brother better. Toward the end, he's given up everything to rescue Mariko but finds she's changed. Really, Mariko never changed at her core; she

just became a bit more open about her true self, something you would think a twin would already know. If she had gone through that evolution of oppressed girl to feminist woman, Kenshin’s confusion at her transformation would have been more believable.Still, it was a very enjoyable read and I’m looking forward to the next one.

4.5 wonderful stars... Yes, I am a fan of Renee Ahdieh. Anyone who loves beautiful imagery, amazing new worlds, enigmatic characters, mystery, magic, romance...(do I go on?)....would surely LOVE Ahdieh’s novels. Flame in the Mist has it all. Her characters are cloaked in mystery but do not lack honor, and nothing is as it seems.I am always mesmerized by her writing and the dialogue in this book is perfect."Be as swift as the wind. As silent as the forest.As fierce as the fire. As unshakable as the mountain."No, Flame in the Mist does not disappoint. To give it 5 stars, at least in my head, would put it on the same level as The Wrath and the Dawn, and I just can’t make myself go that far. But I loved every minute and cannot wait until book two is out!

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