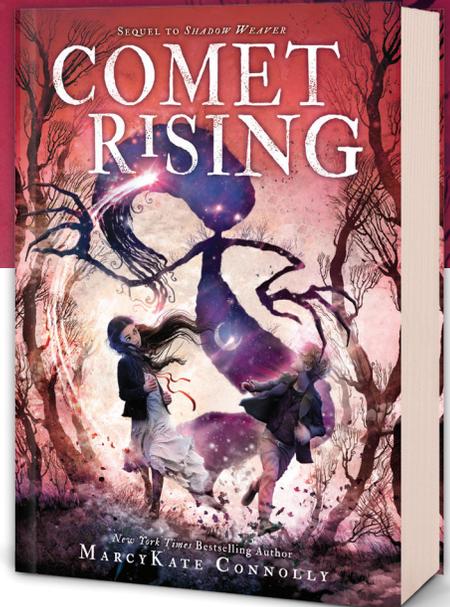


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In the epic conclusion to the critically acclaimed *Shadow Weaver* duology, can Emmeline and Lucas use their powers to defeat evil once and for all?

Emmeline and Lucas are convinced they are safe from Lady Aisling and her soldiers...for now. But one night, Emmeline's imprisoned shadow, Dar, warns them that they will soon be apprehended. They try to ignore her, but the next night, Lucas's parents are captured, and Lucas, Emmeline, and Dar barely escape.

With nothing left to lose, Emmeline and Lucas recruit other children with magical abilities to march against Lady Aisling and free those she has taken captive. But then Dar escapes, and they find themselves watching their backs as they plan their attack.



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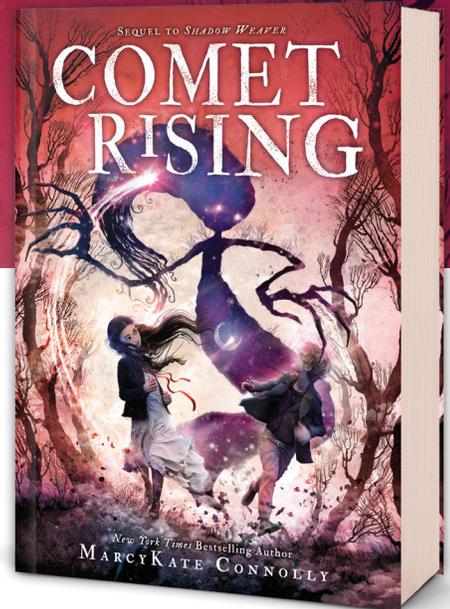
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1. At the beginning of the story, Emmeline is keeping Dar, her former shadow, trapped in a cage. When Lady Aisling returns, it becomes clear that Dar has information that might help—but her price is to be free of her cage. Emmeline refuses since she doesn't trust Dar yet. Do you think that was the right decision? Why or why not?
2. How does Emmeline's relationship with Dar change throughout the book? What do you think of where they stood at the end?
3. Lady Aisling and Dar may be sisters, but they are very different. However, in one way, they are the same: when they have a goal, they single-mindedly pursue it. Compare and contrast how they each go about achieving their goals. What does that reveal about their characters?
4. Emmeline and Lucas make several new friends along the way, such as Cary, Noah, and Pearl. Which supporting character do you think plays the most important role and why?
5. Despite Emmeline's mistrust of Dar, she has conflicted emotions for her former best friend. Over the course of the book, Dar eventually wins back Emmeline's affection and trust. If you were in Emmeline's shoes, would you ever trust Dar again? Why or why not?
6. On their journey, Emmeline and Lucas encounter several families whose children have been taken, but because their memories were altered by Lady Aisling's memory stealer, they believe their children are at a school for special children. What did you think of how Emmeline and Lucas dealt with that? How would you have handled it if you were in their shoes?
7. What do you think about Lady Aisling's fate?
8. What was your favorite part of the book and why?
9. What did you think about how the story concluded?