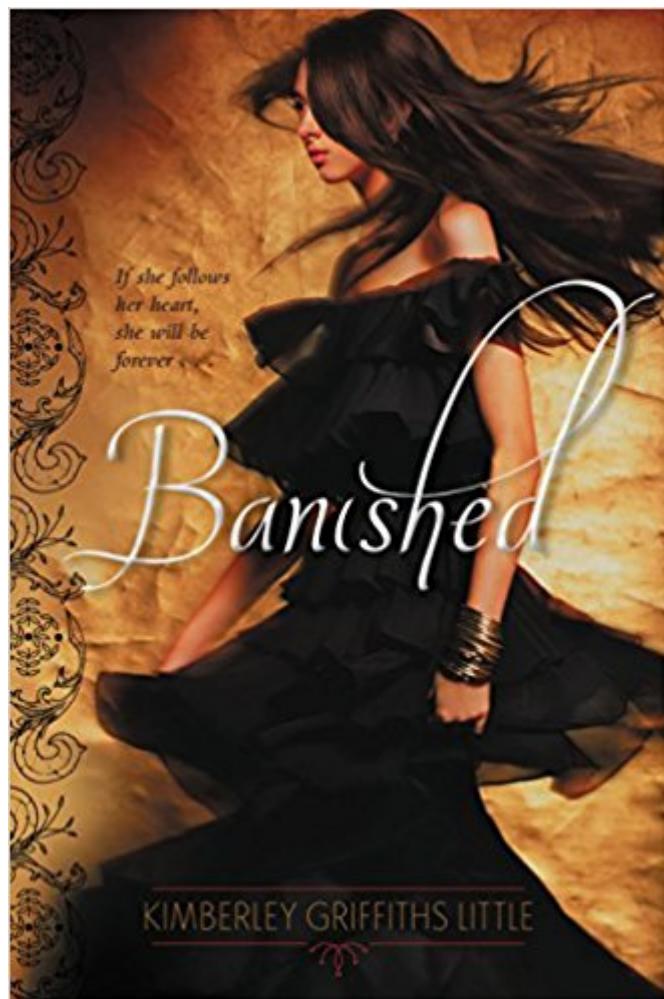


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Synopsis

Perfect for fans of Cleopatra's Moon and the adult bestseller The Red Tent, this is the epic sequel to *Forbidden*, set in the unforgiving deserts of ancient Mesopotamia. Jayden's courage will be put to the test as she fights for her survival and the one she loves. Jayden thought she had lost everything. After months of traveling in the desert, she discovers her beloved Kadesh is injured but still alive. However, the two must flee immediately, for the vengeful and jealous Horeb is on their trail, desperate to take Jayden back to be his bride. The trek to the southern lands comes with heartache and danger, and as Jayden and Kadesh draw closer to their destination, she realizes that even he has been keeping secrets from her . . . ones that will change everything. Kimberley Griffiths Little's riveting sequel to *Forbidden* will leave readers begging for the final installment.

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Gr 9 Up  As this sequel to *Forbidden* (HarperCollins, 2014) opens, teenage princess Jayden has left her tribe and is alone in the desert, seeking her beloved prince Kadesh and trying to evade her evil fiancé, Horeb. When she eventually finds Kadesh, he has been badly injured and scarred, but more ominously, he appears to be keeping secrets from her. Kadesh, Jayden, and the Edomites travel toward Jayden's home kingdom in the southern lands, but they face constant danger from Horeb's army and from the desert itself. They eventually reach the city of Sariba, where Kadesh and his family rule, but now they face even greater threats from power-hungry Aliyah, Kadesh's former fiancé and priestess of the Goddess of Sariba. Readers will need to be

familiar with the events of the previous volume in order to follow the plot here. There is a lot of action, but a number of the weaknesses of the first book are also present in this sequel. There are more historical inaccuracies and implausible plot devices, and the lead characters are not particularly compelling. VERDICT Purchase where the first installment was popular. Kathleen E. Gruver, Burlington County Library, Westampton, NJ

I absolutely LOVED, OBSESSED, DREAMED ABOUT, RAVED and DEVOURED this amazing book. WOW....I loved the first book in thisseries, *Forbidden*, and could not wait to read the sequel and it was even better than expected!!! -- Beth at "Curling Up With a Good Book" *BANISHED* is Book 2 of the *FORBIDDEN* trilogy by award-winning author, Kimberley Griffiths Little. Absolutely. LOVED. This sequel. Holy guacamole, I wasn't prepared for this book. For me, sequels are often not that great, just a necessary hump to cross before reaching the epic finale in book three. THIS sequel did not suffer any sequel slump! --Alyssa from "Eater of Books" Will leave readers eagerly anticipating the next installment. *Banished* will appeal to fans of Kristin Cashore and Morgan Rhodes. (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)) Little's descriptions of the landscape are evocative in both desolation and in beauty. Just as good is her pacing, which gets the blood pumping for both characters and readers. This will heighten anticipation for a no-doubt exciting conclusion. (Booklist) Praise for *Forbidden* (; At its core, this is a romance, with all the push and pull that goes along with impossible love, and Little elevates the story by creating a perilous landscape, both outward and inward, as Jayden must deal with the hardship of desert life as well as her own desires. (Booklist (starred review)) A fast-paced, entertaining choice which will appeal to fans of historical fiction and romance. (School Library Journal) Rich historical details are deftly woven into Jayden's narration, and the dynamics of Jayden's tribe are vividly drawn. Jayden's story becomes as much about finding herself as it is about finding love. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Banished picks up right after the end of *Forbidden*, with our heroine traversing the deserts in search of Kadesh, whom does (obviously) make it. We actually do not see any Horeb in this book. He's a distant figure, hunting them from great distances, talked about now and then, but he doesn't actually make an appearance. Instead we learn a lot more about Kadesh and learn that there's a great deal more to deal with than just Horeb trying to force Jayden to be his wife. In *Forbidden* the story seemed pretty straightforward, but now it's getting more and more complex, and leaves us at a

chilling cliffhanger that will launch us right into book 3. While I still get a sort of "filler" feel from book 2 paired with a cliffhanger, I also feel like there's enough accomplished in this book for it to be a worthwhile read and enjoyed as much as the others. Overall, I enjoyed this book very much. I think the writer has improved too; the words and story feel much more developed and strong. It's clear the author is more into her story and ready to bedazzle readers with intrigues and battles and all that good stuff. I really like the romance in this one, for once I feel like the couple is legitimately in love and standing on equal footing and have a healthy relationship based on mutual trust and devotion and affection. I also felt like the history became more exact/factual and got more in depth, though as the author notes some things were literary creations due to lack of certain historical record/evidence. I don't really have anything negative to say! I polished off this book in about six hours of reading (with a few short breaks in between to let the story sink in or get a bite to eat) and I was thoroughly engaged and interested the whole time. I pre-ordered this with the express idea of reading it on its release day (which I had off from school) and I was not at all disappointed! I can't wait for book three to come out!

Even better than the first book, *Forbidden*! I wished that the first book had included a map of the places Jayden traveled to. And even though this book doesn't have the map inside, Kimberley has included a website at the end where you can print out a map. Kimberley does a fantastic job of helping the reader visualize the landscapes of the Arabian desert and now with a map the vision is complete! It's great to have an author that thinks of her reader's wants and needs. I can't wait for the final book to come out! Kimberley leaves the reader waiting in anticipation and dread of what will happen to all of the beloved characters next!

I was looking forward to this next installment in the *Forbidden* series as soon as I finished the first and I did enjoy it. Another beautiful piece of work. However, for me, again it was emotionally draining, only more so this time and I found myself wishing Jayden and Kadesh could seriously have a break from the constant opposition. But I was still drawn in and I anxiously await the final installment so they can finally have their happily ever after.

Not quite as riveting as the first, it was none the less excellent. I can't wait to read the next.

This is book 2 of the *Forbidden* 3 book series. An absolute awesome read. Go back in time for a ride through the desert and the obstacles to find true love. Can't wait for book 3 to find out what

happens to our love birds!

Best book ever! I read it literally in 3 days because it was so addicting. Can't wait for the next one!!

This was Kimberly's 2nd novel in this trilogy. It is a love story full of action, suspense and drama. It is very clear that Kimberly has done her research and knows her stuff. I loved it!

Just as good as the first one!! Can't wait for the next book in the series!

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