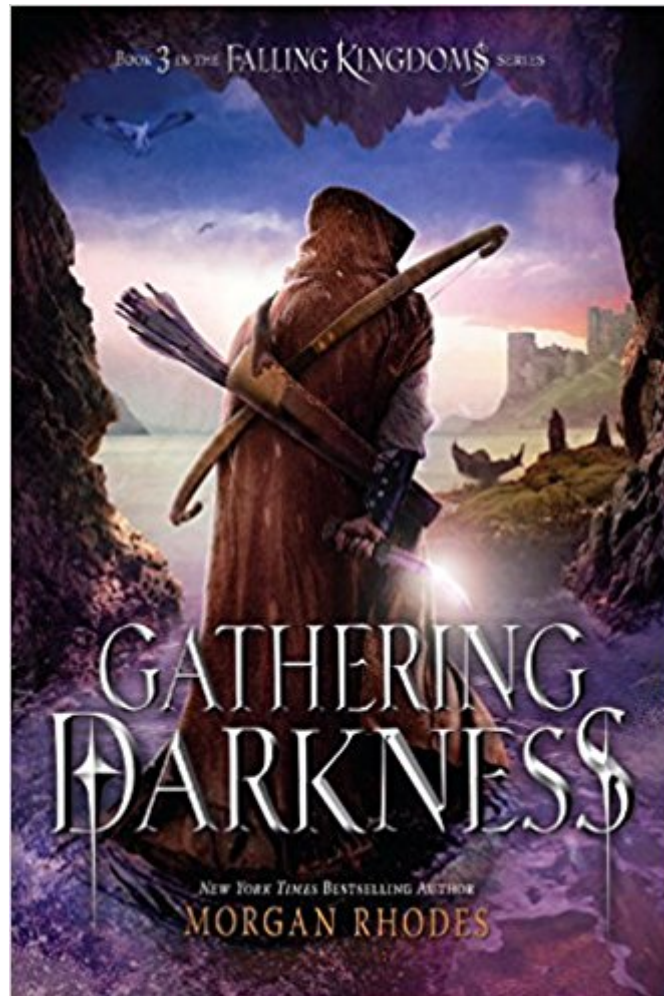




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Synopsis

War brought them together. Love will tear them apart. **THE ALLIANCES** form across Mytica and beyond as royals and rebels alike race to hunt down the Kindred—the four elemental crystals that give their owners god-like power. The stakes have never been higher for Magnus and Cleo, who are brought together by a life or death decision that will lock their fates and change the course of the kingdom forever. **THE REBELS** forge ahead. Princess Cleo slays with sweetness and a secret that might control Lucia's magic as she and vengeful Jonas lead the hunt for the all-powerful Kindred. **THE KRAESHIANS** join the fray. Ashur and Amara, the royal siblings from the vast kingdom across the Silver Sea, prove to be just as ruthless as they are charming as they manipulate their way to victory. **THE WATCHERS** follow Melenia out of the Sanctuary. They ally, in the flesh, with King Gaius, who vows to use Lucia's powers to unveil the Kindred. And which side will Prince Magnus choose, now that everyone he's been betrayed by everyone he's ever loved?

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PRAISE for the *FALLING KINGDOMS* series: "Morgan Rhodes has created a rich, living fantasy world and characters that immediately draw the reader in. This is one of those series you can't help but be obsessed with. I can't wait to see what happens next!" —Richelle Mead, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Vampire Academy* and *The Glittering Court* —"An otherworldly epic...evocative and intricate." —Publishers Weekly —"You must have this book on your shelves." —Bustle —"Falling Kingdoms is a superbly written and character-driven narrative." —Bookpage —"[A] YA *Game of Thrones* full of intrigue, betrayal, lies and love." —The Guardian —"Falling Kingdoms will gut you emotionally. It will make you ache, cry, and beg for the sequel as you turn the last page. I absolutely loved it." —Julie Kagawa, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Iron Queen* —"In this *Game of Thrones*-esque high fantasy, Rhodes has created a world that rages with war, deceit, spoiled royals, and a populous needing little to spark a revolution." —NPR/WAMC's The Roundtable "From an opening dripping with blood, magic, and betrayal through complex interweaving plots detailing treachery, deceit, and forbidden love, this novel is the first in a projected series that will immediately engage readers and keep them intrigued." —Booklist

Morgan Rhodes is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Falling Kingdoms* series. Under another pen name, she's an award winning author of more than two dozen novels. Morgan lives in Southern Ontario, where she's currently hard at work on the next *Falling Kingdoms* book.

The most intense book of this series so far which was just what I *needed* — I've come to expect and it didn't disappoint. In fact, it blew my expectations out of the water. Every character has something that they are fighting for in this series. I totally was thrilled to be immersed in this world again. It totally wasn't expected that no one is going to be untouched by the events of the last two books at all. Yet in this book, you see some characters take some big risks, actions, that you would never expect. I mean Cleo and Magnus, plus Jonas all have major decisions to make in their lives. Even Lucia seems to take more control of her life. You really can't stand the Blood King. Everyone is plotting he says to find the Kindred. He wants to be the first one to find them not realizing that by doing that, you can make things a lot

worse. Magnus fears what will happen if his father succeeds. His father shouldn't have more power than he already does because of Lucia's powers. Lucia really grows a lot in this book. She is aware that her powers are growing. Plus you get to see her fall in love for the first time. This can never be good when your father is the King of Blood or maniacal like hers is. The Watchers decide to take some risky business when it comes to her. One becomes her tutor at first. Yet he has developed a consuming passion for Lucia. I really found that this was one of the more interesting aspects of the book. The relationship between the former watcher and Lucia was so fast, unexpected, and so well done. Plus the twists and turns were not what anyone including myself thought was going to happen. Also you never thought that Cleo and Jonas would be working together. She gets a lot more clever and trickier in this book. I like how she gives Jonas information and he uses that information to get one of the crystals that they need to find the Kindred. The Kindred also might not want to be found. So many great unexpected twists to this book. I also found that Magnus tries to be something that he isn't and is finding himself wanting to get rid of his father more and more. Ashur and Amara are not likable to me at least as a reader, because each of them has their own agenda. Nothing is off limits to these two. I really did enjoy this book a lot and can't wait to see what happens next especially after the cliffhanger in this book. Rating: 4.5 Hearts

My Personal Rating- 4.5 Synopsis: (according to Goodreads.com)"The stakes have never been higher in Morgan Rhodes' third book in the Falling Kingdoms Series as three teams push forward on a race to find the Kindred, the four elemental crystals possessing ancient all-powerful magic..."Prince Magnus has just witnessed torture, death, and miracles during the bloody confrontation that decimated the rebel forces. Now he must choose between family and justice as his father, the cruel King Gaius, sets out to conquer all of Mytica. All Gaius needs now are the Kindred---the four elemental crystals that give godlike powers to their owner. But the King of Blood is not the only one hunting for this ancient, storied magic...THE KRAESHIANS join the hunt. Ashur and Amara, the royal siblings from the wealthy kingdom across the Silver Sea, charm and manipulate their way to the Kindred, proving to be more ruthless than perhaps even the King of Blood himself. THE REBELS forge ahead. Princess Cleo and vengeful Jonas lead them, slaying with sweetness, skill, and a secret that can control Lucia's overpowering magic - all so they can use the Kindred to win back their fallen kingdoms. THE WATCHERS follow Melenia out of the Sanctuary. They ally in the flesh with King Gaius, who vows to use Lucia's powers to unveil the Kindred. The only certainty in the dark times is that whoever finds the magic first will control the fate of Mytica...

but fate can be fickle when magic is involved." (Book Finished around January 2015)- - - - -
-WOW...^^^That's one way to describe this book after reading it, with excited squeals following shortly afterwards xD teeheeThis book was really good--and my views of some of the characters have changed GREATLY! xDD I've just abandoned my previous ship and swam to another and I'm having a BLAST!! XD (insert Death Glare Here

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