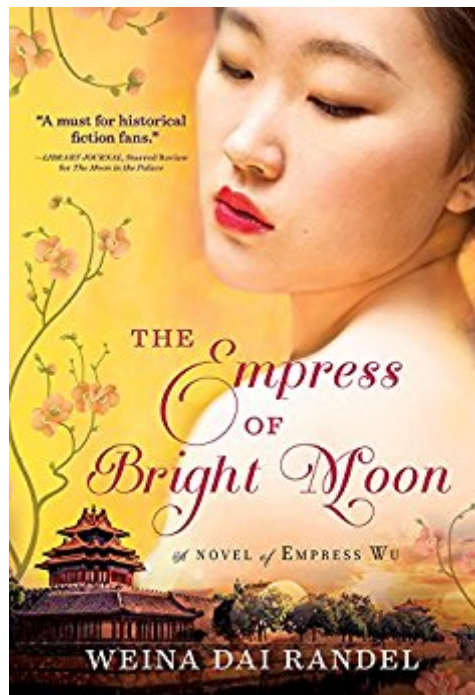


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The time for taking hold of her destiny is now. At the moment of the Emperor's death, everything changes in the palace. Mei, his former concubine, is free, and Pheasant, the heir and Mei's lover, is proclaimed as the new Emperor, heralding a new era in China. But just when Mei believes she's closer to her dream, Pheasant's chief wife, Lady Wang, powerful and unpredictable, turns against Mei and takes unthinkable measures to stop her. The power struggle that ensues will determine Mei's fate—and that of China. Surrounded by enemies within the palace that she calls home, Mei continues her journey to the throne in *The Empress of Bright Moon*, the second book in Weina Dai Randel's acclaimed duology. Only by fighting back against those who wish her harm will Mei be able to realize her destiny as the most powerful woman in China.

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The Empress of Bright Moon is the sequel to *The Moon in the Palace*. When Emperor Taizong dies, it seems like all will be well for a new era of the Tang dynasty. Her lover, Emperor Gaozong, is ready to be the good ruler that he has always dreamed. However, Emperor Taizong's brother-in-law becomes Regent, and Mei is forced to enter a Buddhist monastery. After years of loneliness and

separation, she is finally reunited with Emperor Gaozong, and she becomes the second highest lady in the court. However, she finds that she has made a deadly enemy in Empress Wang, and the two of them become rivals as they fight for the title of Empress and the Emperor's heart. In *The Moon in the Palace*, we see Mei as a naive girl who is thrust into the political intrigues of the court. In this novel, Mei is mature and she is more adept at politics. She becomes a close advisor to the Emperor. However, she finds that this court is more dangerous than during Emperor Taizong's reign. She realizes that finding happiness is not easy, and she realizes that she has to experience the loss of her dear ones. This makes her angry, sometimes ruthless, and vengeful. However, she soon learns to bestow acts of kindness, mercy, and forgiveness to her enemies. To forgive her enemies is something she struggles throughout this novel, yet it also demonstrates her strength. She is also very intelligent and strategic. She is very observant in how to defeat her enemies. Thus, I found Mei to be a very strong character. Overall, this novel is about loss, choices, forgiveness, and redemption. It is about a woman who is trying to cope with loss. The message of the book is that where there is darkness, there is hope. This novel is very heart-wrenching and is an emotional, poignant, and raw read.

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