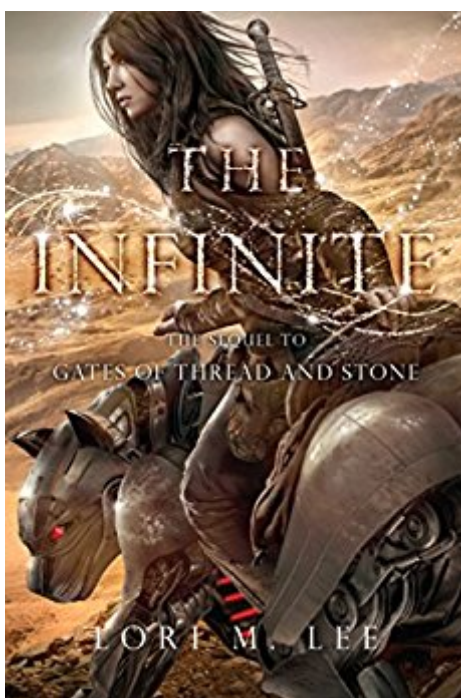


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The Infinite (Gates Of Thread And Stone Series Book 2)



Synopsis

The walls of Ninurta keep its citizens safe. Kai always believed the only danger to the city came from within. Now, with a rebel force threatening the fragile government, the walls have become more of a prison than ever. To make matters worse, as Avan explores his new identity as an Infinite, Kai struggles to remind him what it means to be human. And she fears her brother, Reev, is involved with the rebels. With the two people she cares about most on opposite sides of a brewing war, Kai will do whatever it takes to bring peace. But she's lost her power to manipulate the threads of time, and she learns that a civil war might be the beginning of something far worse that will crumble not only Ninurta's walls but also the entire city. In this thrilling sequel to *Gates of Thread and Stone*, Kai must decide how much of her humanity she's willing to lose to protect the only family she's ever known.

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Customer Reviews

This book starts off a few months after the end of *Gates of Thread and Stone*. We have Kai, Reev,

and Avan dealing with the aftermath of what happened. Kai is dealing with finding out just who she is and what her powers mean. The end of Gates of Thread and Stone left me with a lot of questions and while some of those were answered, I feel like I have even more after finishing the Infinite!! absolutely love Lori M. Lee's writing. There is just something about it that immediately draws me in and keeps me entertained and desperate to find out what happens. This book starts out with an amazing line just like the first book did. I love the descriptions in this book. I am always vividly aware of what is around Kai. Kai continues to impress me as a strong character. Her development and characterization in this novel is amazing and in some ways even better than in the first book. I really loved how Kai dealt with the events of both the first book and this book. This book takes us even further outside of Ninurta into a new land called Lanathrill. I loved how Lee expanded the world in this book. We realize that other people exist outside the walls of Ninurta and Etu Gahl. I also loved the new characters we are introduced to. They were a great contrast to Kai especially because they grew up in a different "world". My only real complaint with this book is the lack of Reev and Avan for a lot of it. Yes, they are in the beginning and end but the middle part of this book is lacking. I came to really love those two and we do not get very much of them in this book. Especially Reev, the first book was all about finding him and in this book we continue to be with Kai who is not with him. Not having Avan for most of this book was sad because I love Kai and his interactions and those were lacking. However, we did get to spend more time with Mason which was nice. This was another great installment in this series and I cannot wait to see what happens next! The ending especially left us hanging now that we know who and what was behind the events of The Infinite.*I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review*

Having read Gates of Thread and Stone and the intense ending Lori M. Lee left us at, I was eager to be able to dive into the next book in that what now seems to be a series, not a sequel! (At least I truly hope there is a next book!) I continue to adore Kai as a protagonist. She's smart and savvy and still has that touch of hope about her. She lets her guard down and she's worried and still in love and I think that is amazing. Too many authors shy away from their kicking female protagonist to be head over heels at times and sometimes make questionable choices. She's also not all knowing-- she trusts and while her instincts sort of tug at her, she still wants to believe the best. We start off a bit after the first book ended, with things still in unrest and turmoil and Kai reacting in a way that is something you can truly relate to. Soon, things speed up a bit when a messenger comes from across the Wastelands--shocking everyone and made me pleased as punch to have it said out that

yes, there are other people out there. The messenger is there because of danger to their community and they ask for help. Kai is sent with a contingent of sentinels to assess the threat.(Forgive me, I should have re-read GoTaS before reading this one and can't recall if Lori said there were other settlements.)She brings us this other community, like and very much unlike her city.So I won't spell out the entire book, I'll say that I adore the details of the city of Lanathrill, the bits and pieces put together and then talk of /more/ people and how much the world had changed. You get beautiful glimpses of the society that was there before and it paints a vivid image.The twists and turns do keep you on your toes (I suspected one, but not another) and keeps you turning the pages for more of what is going to happen.

You know you're reading a good book when you're relaxing back against your pillows in bed reading happily when suddenly you sit straight up, grip the book tightly and place it just inches from your face with your heart pounding in your ears all because of an intense scene. That's what kind of book this is, it is so intense and action packed which I loved! The beginning is the only part that starts out a little slow but it's necessary so that we can see Kai adjust to her new life. The only thing that bugged me in this book is Avan (the main love interest) just when I had started to really like him in the last book he had to go and change into an infinite. That happened at the very end of book one so I don't think that's a spoiler for this one. As an infinite I just didn't really like him, he was weird and unemotional and I didn't feel any connection to him that Kai felt. I understand she misses the old Avan but this is not him, move on! I would love her with Mason because I freaking looove him but I'm pretty sure that won't happen. So besides the whole Avan thing I thoroughly enjoyed this book and thought it was a great sequel. I unfortunately tend to love authors who don't mind ripping your heart out only to put it back in again and who are not afraid of putting their characters through tough crap which in turns puts us readers through tough crap, but I love it. This is one of those authors, she isn't afraid to get a little dark and I love that! This is definitely turning into one of my favorite series and I cannot wait for the next!

This second book in the series is entertaining and changes the scope of this world, as well as changing the direction of the main characters. The heroine, Kai, is determined to prevent the Infinite from gaining too much power at the expense of everyone else. I am looking forward to reading about her journey in book three.

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