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Reychel thought she was finally free. She was wrong. Everyone saw her gift of prophecy as a blessing, but her gift is uncontrollable. No one alive can teach her to manipulate her unique gift and the answers she needs lie buried within a madman's journals. She's thrust in the midst of a brewing war and the only uniting factor for her people is their belief in the Prophet.

Will Reychel learn to control her gift or will she be forced to deliver a false prophecy that could lead her people into a violent war?

## **Oubliette Details**

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## From Reader Review Oublette for online ebook

### Emily says

#### 3.5 stars

I really enjoyed this one! Again I clicked my way through in one evening and I have to say that I was impressed with how the story developed. There was enough mystery and intrigue to keep me interested and we learnt more about the fantastic world that Megg Jenson has created.

Again, there were some editing issues. Grammatical errors, missing words, some weird sentence structure etc but it wasn't overly frequent and it didn't take away from my enjoyment of the story.

I loved the introduction of Ace and Krissin! They were both loud, bold and full of personality - basically everything that most of the characters in anathema lacked - and I couldn't help grinning to myself at some of the lines they came out with. I can see myself having a bit of crush on Ace if he remains prominent in the next book.. I just can't help myself. I love a bantering bad boy!

Mark was still as bland and useless as ever. He was still spouting his cliched, cheesy lines that made me roll my eyes pretty much every time he strolled into a scene so I pretty much just tried to push him to the back of my mind and pretend he wasn't there :)

I felt that Reychel's character was a lot stronger in this book. She lost the naive edge that she'd had in the first book (understandable after fifteen years of captivity) and she was able to be more independent in terms of thinking for herself and pushing her own beliefs and ideals, which I loved. Pretty much the only time that she annoyed me was when she was around Mark. I personally felt like he dragged her down and she seemed to lose her sense of self a little when they were together because he was so insistent on playing the protector and because she loved him she couldn't seem to help falling into his arms and being a bit useless whenever he appeared.

Overall, a really good follow up to the first book in the series and I can't wait to read the last and see how it all concludes!

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### Stephanie says

Honestly, I do not even know how to begin this . . .

To say I was excited about the release of this book would be a complete understatement.

Release day! Oh Happy Day!

Book is loaded and ready to go . . I find myself, taking in every word and just letting it linger in my mind a moment before moving on to the next. It isn't long tho . . before the book lets me know it has other ideas for my reading pleasure. It grabs hold of me and just RUNS! I tried to slow myself down reading it, but I just couldn't.

Just when I was thinking to myself, I got this! I have things sorted and figured out . . . yeah, I didn't. There was even a part (with the aid of my cat) that scared me!

I lifted up my eyes and in front of me shimmered a man, a tall, gaunt man with long black hair with a quill in his other hand. I let go of the book as it rotated around so that I was reading it upside down and he began to write.

(Now insert cat jumping on bed right beside you as a man is "shimmered" right in front of you!)

Reychel has some learning to do . . . and not really a whole lot of time to do it in. Right from the start Reychel seems to be the only person in her life that she can trust. She finds out for sure that looks can be deceiving and that not everyone presents as they should.

I can only say . . . that when the book ended . . . I was wondering if I could even trust the author. I mean REALLY!?!? Did she just do this to me? I was reading along, and then it was like . . . STOP! No, more. Here I was trying to figure out just who we could trust to help us out . . . and the book ended. I went back and forth through the pages, thinking for sure I had missed something somewhere . . . but nope, it really did just end on me. So, now I must wait until Fall 2011 to see how this all sorts out!

(It's gonna be a long summer, huh)

So, please if you haven't already . . . grab yourself a copy of Anathema and Oubliette, then get comfy and read. See for yourself how these books will work into your mind and not let go.

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### **Susan B. King says**

A good series for pre teens.

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### **Kyleigh says**

After the end of Anathema I was truly at a loss for where the story was going to go. I was expecting a lot of magical training sessions and discovering Reychel's gift. Boy was I in for a surprise. The plot just kept having twist after twist. Oubliette was definitely not a filler novel, like so many sequels are. Megg really keeps you on your toes with the unexpected.

At the end of Anathema things kind of ended in a shit storm. Mark ran off with the Sons, Ivy was being locked away, and Reychel was surrounded by hostile guards. Things don't get any better when Reychel is thrown into the Southern Kingdom via portal. She's greeted by a hostile teen princess with attitude. To make matters worse she's Nemison's daughter, who sacrificed himself to save Reychel. Things only get worse when Reychel finds out that the Southern kingdom is preparing to overtake the Melborn population, with the aid of the Sons of Silence. Reychel is being pressured into having a vision of victory, yet Reychel's gift has seemingly abandoned her. She struggles to discover the secrets to her gift of prophecy before it is too late.

I absolutely loved the major twist in the novel. Of course, I can't talk about it because that would completely spoil it, but it was epic. Trust me. Reychel doesn't let the prophecy control her life and makes her own

decisions. She strikes out and makes her own path, and it is truly the highlight of the book. There were so many great surprises throughout the story, yet there are still a few that are left open ended. The struggle for dominance between the two races, just got even more desperate. Reychel is definitely feeling the heat, but I'm glad she stuck with her convictions. She refuses to lie and give a false prophecy and I really admired her for that.

At the end of Anathema Reychel thinks that Mark betrayed her trust. At the time I was really glad that Megg threw in some conflict between them. Then I realized just how much I truly enjoyed Mark's character when he was gone from the story for a while. I just kept wishing for him to come back! In the end it all was just a lack of communication and I'm glad that it didn't get blown out of proportion. I really enjoy Mark and Reychel's relationship so I'm glad it wasn't drama filled.

As for the new cast of characters I was pretty pleased. You just never know who to trust! I thought I had certain people figured out, only to have them completely surprise me. And not in a good way either. In the end though, Reychel discovers new friends in the most unexpected of places.

My one criticism on the book is the fact that there were just a bit too many unexpected turns. There were so many betrayals and lies that it was just a bit too much. It was pretty minor though and didn't detract from the story. Overall Oubliette was a great continuation of the Cloud Prophet Trilogy and I cannot wait for Severed!

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## Smash says

Read this review at Smash Attack Reads! <http://www.smashattackreads.com/2011/...>

**Smashtastic Synopsis:** Reychel finds herself free of slavery, but freedom comes at a high price in this world. Reychel's special gift is causing her much stress as an entire kingdom is depending on her to be their savior. Unfortunately, no one alive or available is able to teach Reychel how to control her gift, and her visions are quite sporadic. However, Reychel has one resource available to her: ancient journals from the original prophet. Will his words lead Reychel down the path to prophet extraordinaire, or bring her kingdom to its end?

**Interest in the book:** I was so impressed with Anathema, and knew I would continue the trilogy. Severed is coming out soon, so I decided to get to it!

**Characters:** Reychel is a pretty great young lady. She is compassionate, smart, steadfast and brave. She is completely lost about how to use her power, but refuses to stand by while a kingdom dies. Mark remains an important person in Reychel's life, and I enjoyed his role in this book.

We are introduced to many new characters, and I must say that Krissin is the most interesting. She is equal parts intriguing and infuriating. I can't wait to figure her out in Severed. I can't forget our ancient but not forgotten prophet, Zelor, who lives on in his cryptic journals. He provides some nice drama to the story.

**Worldbuilding:** I enjoy how Oubliette begins immediately where Anathema left off. Reychel is running for her life, along with Nemison, the only person alive who can help Reychel learn how to control her gift. Or is it a curse? Unfortunately, Nemison is captured but not before he opens a portal and sends Reychel in to hiding. The world expands in this installment as Reychel is whisked off to another part of the kingdom and meets an entirely new set of faces of which she must decide are friend or foe. We are also introduced to the

use of portals, and they play a tricky role in this story.

**Lasting Impressions:** I will admit that I did not enjoy this book as much as the first, mainly due to the change in scenery and introduction of a new cast of characters. I was definitely looking forward to more character and relationship development with Reychel and Mark, and I just didn't get it. That being said, the story is still just as interesting, and I look forward to Severed. I said this in my review of Anathema, but I think lovers of Kristin Cashore's Seven Kingdoms books will enjoy this series.

**Smashtastic Entertainment Scale:** Great Potential

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## **Jessica (Goldenfurpro) says**

This and other reviews can be found on The Psychotic Nerd

**ACTUAL RATING: 3.5 Stars**

### **MY THOUGHTS**

This is a very interesting fantasy/dystopian series! I enjoyed the first book and I enjoyed this one as well.

Reychel has been a slave all her life and now she's finally free. But is she really? There's a prophecy about a prophet that will save all their people, and Reychel is believed to be that prophet. Except she doesn't know how she can help. Every time she looks at the clouds she doesn't get any visions at all. And now she'd being pressured to deliver a false prophecy. How can she lie to everyone?

I thought this was a very good sequel and I applaud the author at her world-building and character development. I really think that Reychel has grown a lot since the first book and I can tell that she will be growing more as the series continues.

What is most interesting is how surprising this book is. There are many plot twists throughout this book, none of them expected.

### **IN CONCLUSION**

Overall, I enjoyed this book as much as the first. It's a really quick read, under 200 pages. If you liked the first book, you should definitely pick this one up. As far as continuing the series, I hope to pick up the next book soon!

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## **Megan says**

I finished reading Anathema a few days ago and absolutely loved it so I wanted to start reading the second book in this trilogy right away. And let me tell you I was so NOT disappointed in Oubliette!

The book starts just a few weeks after where Anathema finished, and it doesn't just slowly get back into the book... it dives headfirst into it! I don't know how Megg Jensen does it but she has this ability with writing that just grabs a hold of you and wont let go!

In the first book the stage was set for this epic battle, and we got all the background information leading up to it. But in this book... we get to meet Krissin who by the way is totally amazing... and we also get to learn

more about Ace who we briefly met in the first book... and Ace is the complete opposite of Mark, everything that I thought Mark was missing in the first book... Ace brought to the table I just wish he had of been in the story a little bit more.

I also loved how in this book we got to see all of the characters grow, Reychel is starting to learn she has a bit more to offer than just her prophecies, I also thought that although Mark was still not quite boyfriend material (Ace totally is though) Mark wasn't too bad in this book, he is still a little soft but I could start to see the warrior in him, at least by the end of the book.

We also learned more about the prophecy that has made Reychel so famous, and it was totally NOT what I was expecting... actually it completely threw me off because up to that point, she everything wasn't all sunshine and rainbows... but it was pretty straight forward and I could always kind of see where the story was heading... but after learning the truth! I think I was just as surprised as Reychel was!

Oubliette was a great follow up book to the first book in the series, and when I finished this book I made the executive decision to put Severed right at the top of my TBR list!

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## **Maggie says**

this was a decent series. the end is kind of an end but not really. i was hoping for a happier ending although it could have been worse.

some swearing. some passionate kissing. possible sex outside of marriage from side characters but not specific.

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## **Between the Covers says**

REVIEWED by Chris for Between the Covers blog:

I read Anathema by Megg Jensen a few months ago, and upon finishing I couldn't wait to get to Oubliette, the second book in the trilogy. Megg had created such a fascinating world in Anathema that I couldn't wait to read more about it. I bought Oubliette right away, but had to find the time to fit it into my TBR pile. I am sorry I waited so long to get to it because it was just as fantastic as Anathema... and maybe a little more so.

Reychel had put all her faith in the council, believing that she was free. Unfortunately she was wrong. Reychel winds up in the Southern Kingdom alone, pushed through a portal. She is being used as a pawn and is not sure who she can trust. Everyone is telling her that her gift of prophecy is amazing, but she finds it uncontrollable. She longs to be able to control it, but the only person who could help her is a dead madman who left journals that may be able to guide her. Reychel is rushed to learn to control her gift so that she can live up to being the savior to her people in a war that is brewing amongst them.

It is a rare occurrence that the middle book in a trilogy be just as good as the first. It is even more unusual for it to be even better. Oubliette is one of those rare occurrences. Megg has taken this amazing world she created and given it more depth by taking us to a different region and introducing some brand new characters. I find Megg's characters fascinating because they are so well developed. Each character is identifiable and feels like a unique, real person. She writes them with an air of mystery and aura of uncertainty about their loyalty, and I cannot seem to get them out of my mind.

I loved that fact that this was a middle book yet it still was building a world that could pull me in from beginning to end. The world is still the same but the location has changed, giving a better grasp on the society and basic fundamentals which were introduced in book one. Oubliette ended with such a cliffhanger that I can not wait to pick up and start the final book in this amazing trilogy.

**Rating:** 5 stars

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## **A Book Vacation says**

To see my full review:

<http://bookvacations.wordpress.com/20...>

This second novel in the Cloud Prophet Trilogy is much more refined and solid than the first, Anathema. Jensen has slowed the story down, and the development of the characters takes the forefront, allowing the story to flow together more seamlessly while providing readers with an easily understandable story that is highly enjoyable.

Reychel, a former slave, is now free and in a rival nation, hiding her abilities until the “right time.” Believed to be the Cloud Prophet, though not entirely sure herself, Reychel must figure out the truth about the prophecy before she claims her heritage. The main problem is, nothing makes sense, and her abilities seem to be waning, thus, she may be forced to lie to the nation in order to set things in motion, and save those she holds dear, but Reychel struggles with the thought that her lies could end in bloodshed.

What I really enjoyed about this novel is the mystery surrounding the original Cloud Prophet. Jensen sheds light on his life and his truths as the story progresses, and as it turns out, nothing is as it seems. I was surprised on many an occasion as I read, and I really enjoyed learning the truth alongside Reychel, even though that truth isn’t necessarily a good one. And, of course, the mystery behind the betrayals within the castle also spurred me on as I read! Add in the magical aspects, such as invisible threads leading to portals (which I thought was ingenious), and this story really turns out to be a great read! This world Jensen has created holds many a mystery, and the magical realm really helped pull me into the story and connect to the characters, who are now very well fleshed out and much more likable.

I really enjoyed seeing Reychel grow into herself in this novel, especially with all the threats that crop up around her. In the first novel, she seems a bit more sporadic and easily led astray, whereas in this novel she has a much better head on her shoulders, taking matters into her own hands and selflessly attempting to save the world. She’s a great young heroine, and I’m excited to see where the rest of the story leads in the final novel of the trilogy. So, if you’ve read the first novel and weren’t sure whether to pick up the next installment for whatever reason, I believe you should definitely give it a go. The series definitely gets better!

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## **Madeleine Myers says**

I read the first two books of the trilogy. The author does some original world-building, but the main characters come across as not quite mature enough for the roles they are given to play. The best ones seem to



deal with more than the usual confusions and indecisions of leadership, and others are simply not appealing, or maybe just need to grow up. The story did keep me interested enough to make it through the second book, but I think this series is definitely intended for a teenage audience.

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### **Megan says**

I didn't enjoy this book as much as the first. Its a pretty decent book but I just don't love the story.

I can't think of a decent reason why I don't love it. Maybe because it feels disjointed. Like nothing 100% makes sense.

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### **Flora Smith says**

I received a free copy of this book for my honest review.

Obliette is the second book in the Cloud Prophet Trilogy and picks up right where Anathema leaves off. Reychel finds herself in the Southern Kingdom with Nemison's daughter Krissen. Nemison was left behind on the other side of the portal in the Northern Kingdom and Reychel is on her own and unsure who to trust.

I love the world that Jenson has created as well as the new characters that have been introduced. However, Krissen goes beyond getting on my nerves. She is the princess and prone to tantrums but her mood swings make me want to find her some medication. The other characters are much more interesting and the intrigue definitely adds to the story. Nothing is as it really seems and just when you think you have it figured out you find you have it all wrong.

Its true that Reychel is a bit naive and it seems like everyone, especially the headstrong princess, is taking advantage of her. But you must remember that she hasn't lived out in the world long and her knowledge and judge of human nature is limited. There was one thing about this part of her story that didn't seem right to me. She spent a good deal of her time pouring over the journals of the first prophet. However, she spent the biggest part of her life as a slave. Who taught her to read? What purpose would it have served to educate slaves? She wasn't born knowing how so how did she read all those journals?

Overall, I loved the book. If you enjoyed Anathema you should continue with Obliette. This is a fun series, if you like fantasy this is a good one to pick up.

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### **Kim says**

Oubliette is the second novel in the Cloud Prohecy trilogy, following Anathema. Every now and then you come across a book that just hooks you, that makes you obsess a little over it. When you are reading it, you are in the story, and when it is over, you almost feel as if something is missing from yourself. That is this series for me. I love everything about it! Oubliette continues the story of Reychel, a former slave girl who suddenly discovers that her destiny is nothing like she had believed. This story picks up where Anathema left off and Reychel must search for answers in order to use her gift and help save her people. This book, and the

series, has everything you could want in an epic fantasy tale. The intrigue and mystery keep you guessing throughout the story, with lots of twists and turns, many of which I had no inkling of until I turned the page and read. There were many times that you just weren't sure who was on what side and that definitely added to the suspense of the story.

One of the things I love most about this series is the development of the characters. The supporting characters are just as well developed as the main characters and I feel that lends to a much fuller book. Whether you liked them or not, as a reader you are completely involved with them. I think that is a big part of what pulls me into the author's books. It is definitely a character-driven story for me, but in no way were the other parts of the story diminished. The world the author created is easily visualized, which only adds to the fullness of the story. I like that she is able to do that without overloading the reader with descriptive passages, which can take away from the pace of a good story.

All in all, this is a **MUST READ!!** It is fantastically engaging book that I am positive you, my faithful readers, will absolutely adore as I do!

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### **Kimberly D. says**

This was better than the first. The switch in voice time frame was a bit frustrating. The development of the story was well do.

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