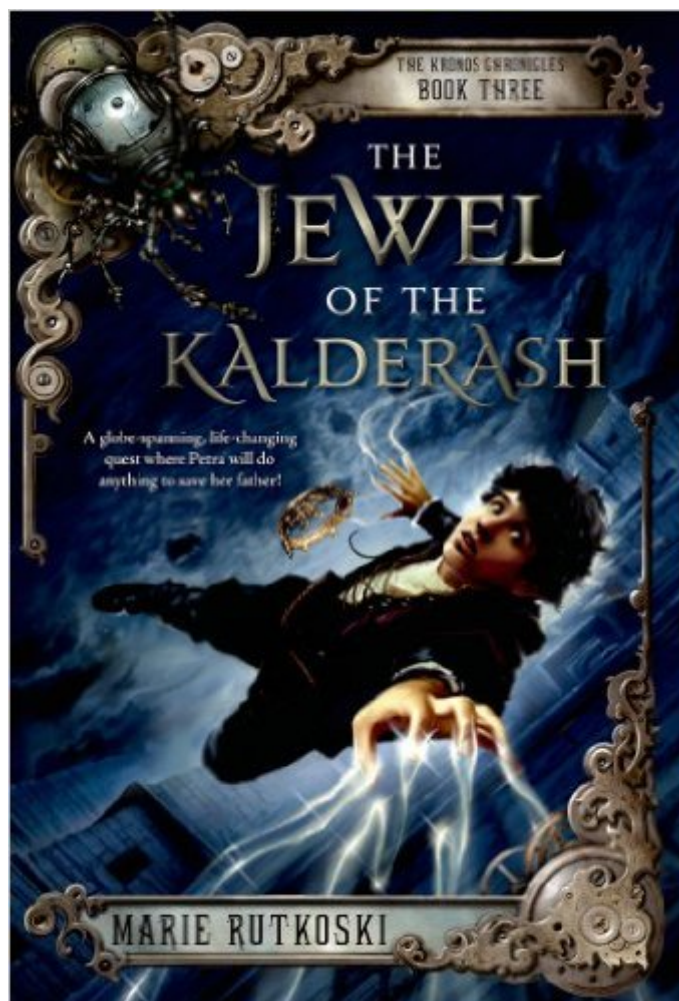


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Upon arriving in the Romany homeland to deliver the Mercator Globes, Petra Kronos, Tomik, and Neel formulate a plan to save Petra's father, who has been transformed into a Gray Man. But when a long-held secret is revealed, Neel finds himself bound to his country. The friends are quickly swept up in an epic battle for power. Thrones are at stake. Spies are afoot. Murder is common. Worst of all, Prince Rodolfo is close to becoming emperor, and ruling half of Europe. How much is Petra willing to sacrifice to defend the people she loves? In Marie Rutkoski's *The Jewel of the Kalderash*, her search for answers will take her to castles and cities, through mountains, and even underwater as she tests her strength and gambles her life.

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The Jewel of the Kalderash is the third and final book in the YA historical fantasy, the Kronos Chronicles by Marie Rutkoski. The first, *The Cabinet of Wonders*, was excellent (I gave it a strong 4 in my review) and while the second book, *The Celestial Globe*, wasn't quite as good, that was mostly due to *Cabinet* being so strong. *The Jewel of the Kalderash*, like its predecessor, doesn't quite reach the quality of *Cabinet of Wonders*, but it is quite good--certainly better than much of what I see--and makes for a wholly satisfactory close to the trilogy. In the final volume, the villain, Prince Rodolfo is quickly and seemingly inevitably moving toward becoming Emperor and cementing his rule over much of Europe, intimidating or killing those who would stand in his way. In preparation, he is also greatly expanding his army of horrific Grey Men--prisoners that he has

transformed into brutish four-legged, bloodthirsty monsters. One of these is Petra's father and along with trying to stop Rodolfo's move to consolidate power, she also is desperately seeking a cure to bring her father back. The tug between what is at times these two competing desires--one a purely personal and some might say selfish one, the other a more selfless global concern--is one of the more moving elements of the story. Connected to the same plot point is the tension that always arises when Petra or others face a group of Grey Men and invariably end up having to kill all or some in self-defense--the question of course always being "was one of those killed Petra's father"?The book begins with Petra, Astrophil (her mechanical intelligent spider), Tomik (her childhood best friend) and Neel (a recent friend who may become more) arriving at the secret home of Neel's people, the Roma.

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