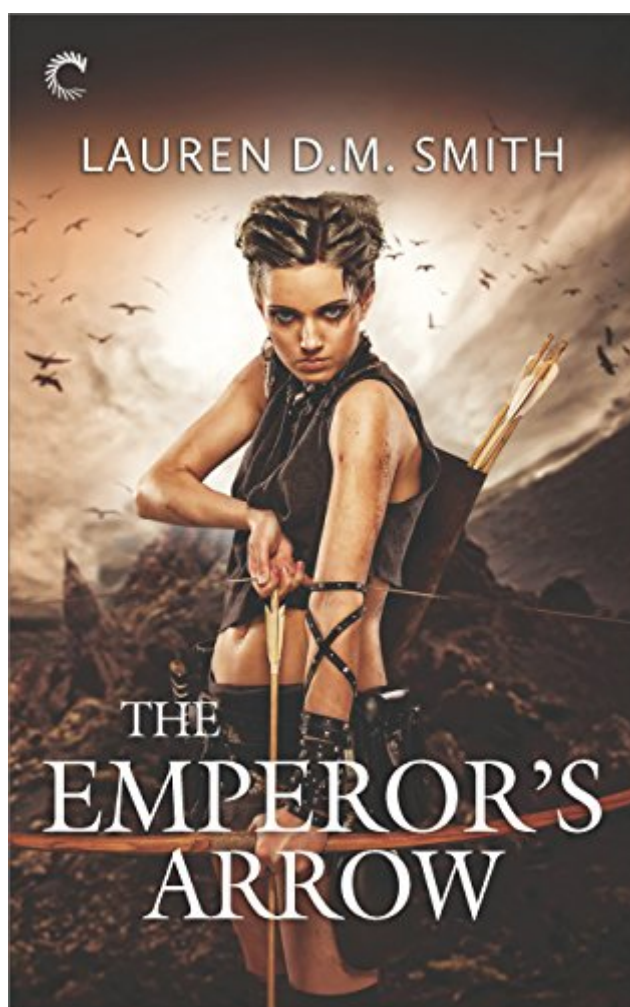


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# The Emperor's Arrow



## Synopsis

Grand Prize Winner of Harlequin's 2015 So You Think You Can Write contest Debut author Lauren D.M. Smith delivers an epic fantasy romance in this soaring tale of a kickass warrior and the emperor she's honor-bound to defend. The bride candidates have been summoned. Their numbers are many, yet only one is an Amazzi warrior. Only one would give her life to protect him. Evony of Aureline, warrior of her people, has no intention of becoming a hideous old man's bride. Though her people have sworn their loyalty to the legendary emperor Galen, Evony knows little of courts and intrigue. It's simply not her world. Yet it's on the palace training grounds where Evony's archery skills gain her the respect of soldiers and legates alike. The emperor himself takes notice of the beautiful, ruthless warrior. In turn, the young, steely eyed Galen is nothing at all what Evony expected. This man could very well conquer her heart. But does he feel the same? As the rivalry among the remaining bride candidates intensifies and the plot for the throne unfolds, Evony must make a grave choice: fulfill her destiny and protect her people or follow her heart and pursue true love. Either way, the honor of the Amazzi people and the future of the empire now rests with Evony of Aureline. For she is the Emperor's Arrow. This book is approximately 85,000 words. One-click with confidence. This title is part of the Carina Press Romance Promise: all the romance you're looking for with an HEA/HFN. It's a promise! Find out more at [CarinaPress.com/RomancePromise](http://CarinaPress.com/RomancePromise)

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## Customer Reviews

Evony comes from a matriarchal island society of female warriors. She's never before left the island but she's just been sent to the palace by her own people to compete against other women in a bizarre competition to become the Emperor's bride. She doesn't expect to win the competition; instead, her mission is to find a suitable man to impregnate her (or possibly a life mate if she's lucky) so she can go home and fulfill her duties to her clan. I was expecting this book to be YA but surprisingly, it doesn't seem to be. This is a fantasy romance with decent world-building but it's definitely a ROMANCE--if I had read this book expecting a fantasy I would've been really disappointed, just saying... While it could be compared to Kiera Cass' *The Selection* due to the premise, I think it's a lot better written (not a huge feat but worth mentioning). Evony is a great character; she's a good balance between a bad ass warrior and a sympathetic heroine. Everyone in the palace sees her as a barbarian but she doesn't give a crap (I really liked this about her). And can I just say how awesome it is to finally have a young heroine who is hunting for her own lover?! She's not waiting around for a prince to come and she could care less about the stupid competition; instead, she's literally making a list of acceptable men and trying to decide which one is the least stupid with the most promising genes. The only thing that bothered me was I wanted more world building and more intrigue (I was really interested in Evony's people and their history) and then there's the ending...

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