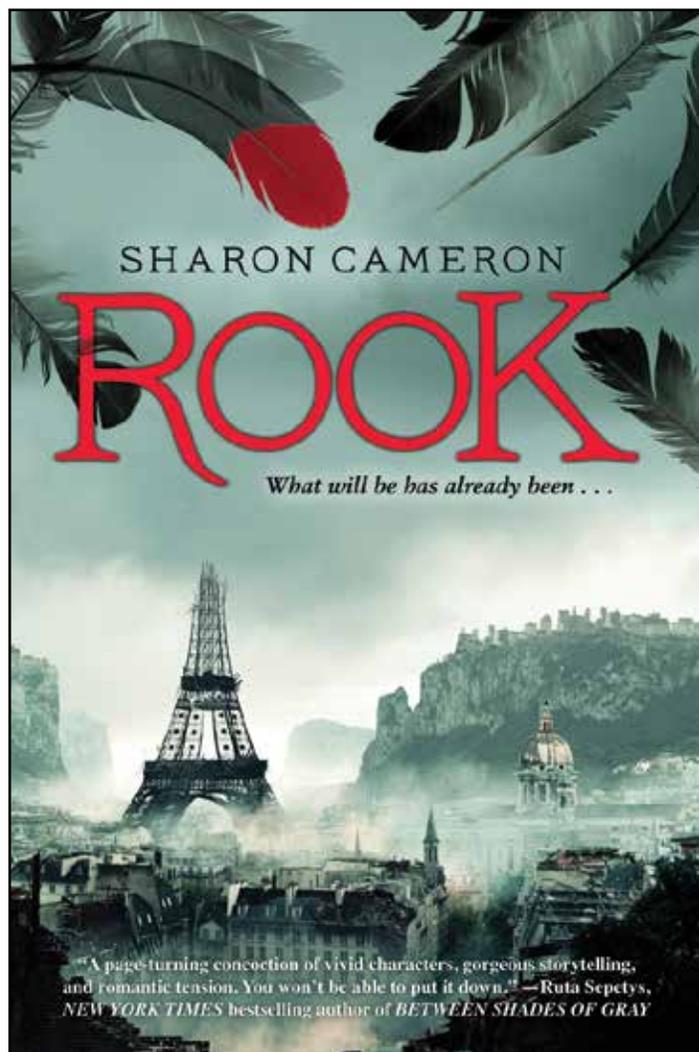


Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



978-0-545-67599-4 HC

A good choice for people who loved Sharon Cameron's earlier work and are excited to try something completely different.

Rook

By Sharon Cameron

Centuries after the Earth's poles shifted, devastating the planet, humanity has rebuilt, and civilization has begun anew. Now, the Sunken City of Paris is gripped by a terrible revolution, and no one is safe.

Seventeen-year-old Sophia Bellamy is the daughter of an impoverished old family of the Commonwealth whose hand in marriage is the bargaining chip in an impending alliance between the Bellamys and the wealthy Parisian Rene Hasard. But Sophia is also the Rook, trained in swordplay and practiced in disguise and deception, using her gifts of strategy, wit, and a band of loyal followers to secretly save the lives of the Sunken City's doomed innocent. All is not what it seems, however — in particular, Sophia's fiance, Rene.

When she finds herself caught up in an unexpected game of cat and mouse, Sophia is astonished by her betrothed's secrets. Will she be able to trust him enough to call on his help? Will she be able to trust him not to break her heart?

Ages 12 & up

"I love this book! It's the book that could have been if Daphne DuMaurier had written *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and filled it with lush descriptions, unexpected romance, and galloping across green fields in the moonlight. It is gothic and gorgeous, and perfect for young adults and adult readers alike." — Janet