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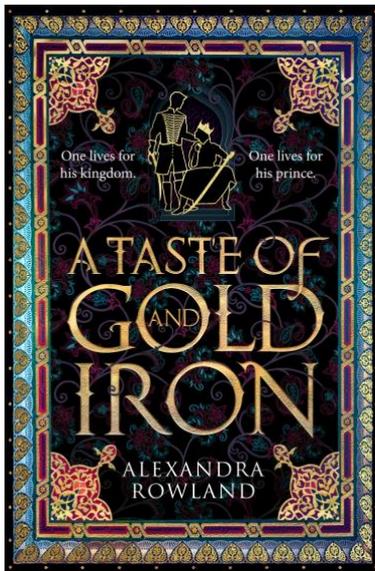
A TASTE OF GOLD AND IRON

By ALEXANDRA ROWLAND

A sweeping fantasy romance set against the backdrop of an Ottoman Empire-inspired world, perfect for fans of *A Marvellous Light* and *The Goblin Emperor*.

'A delicious tangle of romance, fealty and dangerous politics' – **Tasha Suri**

'As indulgent and satisfying as your favourite fanfiction' – **Tessa Gratton**



One false coin could topple an empire. Kadou, the shy prince of Arasht, has no intention of wrestling for imperial control with his sister, the queen. Yet he remains at odds with one of the most powerful ambassadors at court – the father of the queen's new child. Then a hunting party goes terribly awry, and Kadou finds himself under suspicion of attempted murder.

To prove his loyalty to his sister and salvage his reputation, Kadou takes responsibility for the investigation of a break-in at one of their guilds. He enlists the help of his newly appointed bodyguard, the coldly handsome Evemer, who seems to tolerate him at best. But what appears to be a straightforward crime spirals into a complex counterfeiting operation, with a powerful enemy at its heart. In Arasht, where princes can touch-taste precious metals with their fingers and myth runs side by side with history, counterfeiting is heresy. The conspiracy they discover could cripple the kingdom's financial standing – and bring about its ruin.

'Both soft and hard-edged, clever and kind. And sexy!' - **Jenn Lyons**

'This book gleams and sparkles with emotion and sensory detail, showcasing the richness of Rowland's created world. It's a hugely satisfying blend of economic intrigue, vivid characters, and slow-burn romance - and it's also, frequently, funny as hell' - **Freya Marske**

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