



### BOOK SUMMARY:

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### MEMORABLE LINE FROM THE BOOK:

“His body seemed to shine with internal light, and great tongues of fire leapt from his fingers into the air. Spellbound, he raised his hands and watched the flames surge and rage with every beat of his heart.”

### REVIEW:

*“The courageous protagonist at the center of this gritty adventure is Áed, a young man with a mysterious past and a dangerous secret: the ability to generate fire. He lives in the Maze, the dismal city rife with violence and poverty, with his partner, Ninian, and Ronan, the orphaned boy they had taken in. Following a devastating tragedy, Áed breaks out of the Maze and looks for a better life in the legendary White City. Nothing goes according to plan, and Áed finds himself in danger, especially when he starts to understand his powers and identity. The title says it all, really. It doesn’t take Holmes’ deduction skills to guess who Áed really is. While the secret heir journey to discovering his legacy may not be new ground in fantasy fiction, the execution of Radcliff’s story sets it apart from others in the genre. It blends LGBT themes, chosen family dynamics, and darker moments (including torture) into an exciting and wholesome tale. The characters care for one another, making it hard for readers not to fall in step with them. Radcliff doesn’t shy away from showing grittier realities of combat and hero’s journey and there are moments of darkness and loss, suggestive descriptions, and intense twists.”*