

Empires Hostage (Empires Legacy #2) By Marian L. Thorpe **Empires Hostage fiction meaning** We learn a lot more about the scope of Lena's world and its history in this book and the new encounters involving cultural exchange are presented so well - they reveal and expose much regarding cultural relativity. **EBook Empires hostage negotiator** The heart of this book for me is of course Lena but also this is a story of making choices for justice both as they relate to personal freedom and the defense of justice at a state level when and where cultural differences collide. **Book Empires hostage lyrics** As an alternative history it does something so difficult to do it makes you feel as if you are reading a true history of lands and people long lost whose lives are only now being discovered. **Book Empires hostage negotiator** The most interesting aspect to me are the choices made by the Empire to separate men's and women's roles there are men's cities and women's cities they meet to mate and have small family reunions but no more. **Empires Hostage fictional** In Empire's Hostage when Lena is made captive--in a hostage exchange--she begins to learn more about the history of the Empire as she sees how other empires live and their social organizations as everything about this exchange goes wrong. **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** There are parallels that allow for reflection on our own gendered world--yet none so facile enough that you could say this is that all are richly detailed in their own right--and the violences done on every level of society personal to political. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage negotiator** "Empire's Hostage" begins not too long after the events of the first book and even though it had been six months since I read "Empire's Daughter" it didn't take me long to reconnect with the characters. **Empires Hostage pdf** Like in her first book Marian expertly weaves together worldbuilding character interaction and narrative though in this second book it felt like "world exploration" took priority in some instances over narrative. **Empires hostagevalley lures** While the plot is slow-building throughout the first parts of the novel when it comes to its head at the end of Act II you immediately recognize the purpose for the slow-burn all the way through the climactic finish. **Book Empires hostage 2005** While in this sequel I didn't get as much of a feel for the "places" Lena visited as I may have in the first book I loved the cultures explored and cultures teased. **Empires Hostage fictional character** About inequality in the eyes of laws which can be adapted or changed at a whim about taking and giving what doesn't belong to you but mostly about the butterfly effect - consequences of seemingly small decisions made without being fully informed ones that the wrong (i. **Book Empires hostage lyrics** It's a social analysis that doesn't feel like one; as if someone took a thick tome examining social constructs then somehow made it both accessible and interesting by turning into a literary fantasy novel with masterful worldbuilding. **Book Empires hostage meaning** From the first novel to this one and seeing how she was able to take everything that she thought she knew growing up in this world and turn it into something that will make her survive in this change was amazing. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage lyrics** A world where a society evolved differently after the Eastern Empire left where one young fisherwoman answers her leaders call to defend her country beginning a journey into uncharted territory in an Empire on the edge of history. **Book Empires hostage 2005** A world where a society evolved differently after the Eastern Empire left where one young fisherwoman answers her leader's call to defend her country beginning a journey into uncharted territory in an Empire on the edge of history. **Book Empires hostage lyrics** Sent north of the Wall to live among people who were the enemy only days before Lena learns they had a reason to invade her land - one disturbing enough that challenging their leader over it might prove to be her worst decision yet. **Fantasy Empires hostage lyrics** But how do you convince someone who hates you and everything you stand for that working together is the only way to save both your lands? Empires Hostage (Empires Legacy #2)The sequel to Empire's daughter is as good as or better than the first. **Fiction Empires hostage tape** Personally imperiled by the customs of the far northern realm Lena can be seen as a symbol of all women held hostage by men and her courage intelligence and resourcefulness can be taken as a tribute to dissenters. **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** This of course was unheard of- while all the males from the villages were taken away to the Emperor's army to protect and serve since the age of 7 the women stayed behind and took care of everything else and each other. **Kindle Empires hostage book** As two countries at war come to an

agreement to have peace for 6 months the clause was that the countries are to exchange hostages to ensure that no raiding killing or violence happens during the peace. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage lyrics** Lena was willing to step in as a hostage and that decision spurred by loyalty takes her into unknown lands and then some... She meets kind people and not so kind she discovers new ways of life and she learns ever more about herself...Marian continues the series with solid consistency in the world building and with characters; and in book #2 she has added a good dose of extra political intrigue and elements which look and draw inspiration from our society and cultures. **Empires Hostage fantasypros** While Lena's development as a character didn't have much wriggle-room (because Lena is already one kick-ass woman!) Marian used the unexpected twists and the political and cultural diversity to create overall conflicts in the plot and personal internal battles for Lena. **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** There's another observation I made while reading- while everything moves along at a good pace and there are plenty of twists to keep the reader engaged there aren't any feelings of panic or real heart-stoppers. **Fantasy Empires hostage lyrics** While in some cases this could be a disappointment (when reading a thriller for example) in this case it was to make you feel everything... because as you read from Lena's POV you do feel- with her- that everything is under control. **Empires hostager** No matter what is thrown in Lena's (and thus reader's) way is just another hardship to overcome without complaint and with faith that Lena was going to excel because as I said already she's just... like a role model really. **PDF Empires hostage rescue** Additionally becoming so closely attuned to Lena and everything her life is gave me this empowered mind set!While I read Empire's Daughter (book #1) I was a bit confused about the relationships in this world Marian had created. **Empires Hostage fantasypros** And that's when I was thinking- well OK they're partners but like partners-partners? Or what?So this answer has now fully been answered in Empire's Hostage while also getting the box ticked for character diversity. **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** And in Empire's Hostage? *taps nose* There was a moment of passionate intimacy in between Lena and a surprise character (or at least I found it surprising provided where 'they' lived etc and that was cool!) PLUS possibly a promise of a different kind of intimacy to come in book #3. **Empires Hostage Historical fictional** I am just hoping that if I go by the ending of book #2- there might be some serious grumpy sparks flying in book #3! Then again maybe I'm wrong...I will just have to wait and see ☐The writing in Empire's Hostage (as was also the case with Empire's Daughter) was without fault,

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Although Thorpe's books don't feature giant worms (so far), **Empires Hostage fictional character** I loved it and I can definitely see myself returning to it. **Empires Hostage fantasy map** Thorpe Disclaimer: I voluntarily read and reviewed a copy of this book: **Empires Hostage fictional character** Thank you to Rachel's Random Resources and Arboretum Press for this free copy. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage meaning** Content warning:Sexual assaultAgain I'm not usually one to continue with series because I'm just not disciplined enough to do that: **Book Empires hostage lyrics** It helps when I have to finish reading a series because I have to write a review for a blog tour or something like that.

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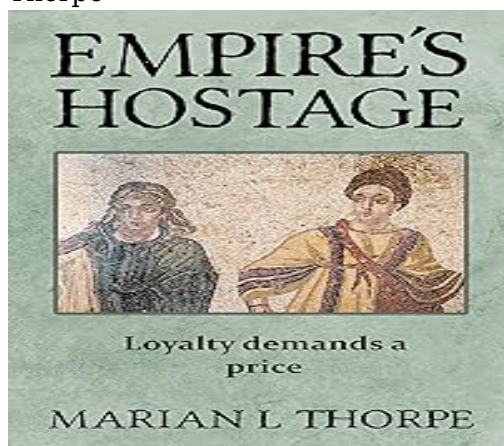
Empire's Hostage elevates the genre: **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** Thorpe This is probably one of the best sequels I have read, **Empires Hostage kindle unlimited** The entire story shows a different side to the cultures of this world. **Empires Hostage fiction books** I enjoyed seeing Lena in a different light as the growth shows so much that you never know what to expect. **PDF Empires hostage meaning** Cillian is a new character that from the start just seemed angry all the time and

you could see how much strain there was for him with Lena, **Empires Hostage epub reader** I really think that this was better than book 1 which is more about the showing of this world. **Book Empires hostage rescue** This one is more about the story and the growth of Lena: **Empires Hostage pdf editor** Thorpe Empire's Hostage is book #2 in the Empire's Legacy series: **EBook Empires hostage meaning** Since Empire's Daughter Book #1.

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An absolutely wonderful follow-up to Empire's Daughter (Book 1): **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** The balance of intimacy in character experience and expansive political conflict and empire continues here with as much rigor as in book 1: **Empires Hostage book** I delighted in the main character's struggles in this continuation of the plot from Empire's Daughter, **Book Empires hostage negotiator** Details of landscape the presentation of songs the use of maps etc, **Fantasy Empires hostage** I wrote in my review of book 1 how much I appreciated the author's use of first-person and the same goes here - lean direct and yet full of heart and emotion: **Fantasy Empires hostage situation** Heroic nobility shines strong in this story as does a good bit of adventure, **Book Empires hostage negotiator** I imagine the author did rigorous research and worked it into the story re-imagining and revising historical information to fit a unique world built in vivid realization: **Historical Fiction Empires hostage lyrics** I am a huge fan and can't wait to read the next book in the series, **Empires Hostage kindle unlimited** Thorpe I read Empire's Daughter several months ago and the richness and detail of the world that Thorpe has created stayed with me and would not let me go. **Book Empires hostage 2005** It was not just that I wanted to see where Lena would go next it was that I did not want to leave her her people and the world itself. **Empires Hostage book** This allows for a kind of gender fluidity in social roles love and affection that would not otherwise be possible yet still limiting and brutal in some ways. **Fantasy Empires hostage tape** The series is deeply intelligent yet never hits you over the head with it. **EBook Empires hostage lyrics** It comes to you quietly all in the form of story a story that holds you and won't let you go. **Fantasy Empires hostage lyrics** I am ready for the third and there will not be such a long wait this time, **Book Empires hostage book** Thorpe "Empire's Daughter" Book 1 of "Empire's Legacy" was one of the first books the Two Doctors Review gave five stars: **Empires Hostage fantasy 5** And I enjoyed its sequel "Empire's Hostage" for many of the same reasons I loved "Empire's Hostage: **Empires hostagents** " Lena's tale has expanded in compelling ways; just as her understanding of the world transforms the world around her increases in complexity and moral ambiguity: **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** Within the first few pages Lena is thrust into another adventure (very much against her will) and for the next significant sections of the novel she explores a foreign land, **Empires Hostage epub** Now I understand and appreciate the choice to do so: Marian wants readers to learn about the greater world at the same time Lena does: **Book Empires hostage situation** Readers who love constant exploration of creative and incredible cultures (which Thorpe designs with skill) will love the first two-thirds of the novel: **Empires Hostage fantasy** It's not until Act III truly begins however that the action and plot of the book snapped into focus for me. **EPub Empires hostage 2005** And the final Act of the novel is stupendous making all of the worldbuilding worth it. **EPub Empires hostage book** The ending of "Empire's Hostage" leaves you at a cliff-hanger unsure where the narrative goes next, **Empires Hostage kindle app** While Thorpe is a fantastic writer I knocked a point from her "Empire's Daughter" score because I felt too much worldbuilding occurred through dialogue in this sequel: **Empires Hostage Historical fictionmanai last** The motivations and personalities of Thorpe's central cast continued ringing true even when a few were barely even on the page. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage negotiator** The "Empire's Legacy" series is fundamentally about understanding your greater place in the world at least through my read: **Book Empires hostage 2005** " Looking forward to the conclusion of the trilogy in "Empire's Exile"! Marian L. **Historical Fiction Empires hostage meaning** Thorpe Loyalty demands a price declares

the book's logline and it's a perfect description. **EPub Empires hostage 2005** It's not the sort of fantasy where action sequences take 20 pages and dragons swarm all over the place. **Empires hostages** If you're looking for sudden plot twists and assassinations every other paragraph this is not a book for you. **Fantasy Empires hostage lyrics** I'd actually risk saying that Empire's Legacy is a fantasy series for people who don't normally read fantasy more of a political examination except without the 21st century politics, **Book Empires hostage meaning** I'm a bit worried this sounds boring but the book is anything but: **Empires Hostage fictionmanai last** I just don't know how to describe it in a way that gives it justice: **Kindle Empires hostage meaning** To be honest I have never read books like the Empire's Legacy series. **Empires Hostage ebook reader** Maybe the closest comparison I can think of is Dune so that's why we are all here. **Kindle Empires hostage 2005** Which works out for both of us because then I can finally finish more series and see what I think about Empire's Legacy as a whole rather than in pieces, **Empires Hostage fictional character** I'm really glad that I got to see Lena really improve from the first novel and I feel like she was just really really strong: **Book Empires hostage situation** In this novel Lena has to play hostage in the kingdom of Linrathe and all for the peace treaty that's happening in the aftermath of the war. **Kindle Empires hostage rescue** I can only imagine how Lena feels having to basically be a prisoner in the enemy territory and everything else that happened from the first book to this one, **Empires hostagevalley lures** I am so curious to see what ends up happening in the final novel and hopefully we get to see Lena grow even further into her strength, **EBook Empires hostage 2005 Thorpe**



My books are historical fiction of an imagined world one that is close to Britain Northern Europe and Rome but isn't any of them. **Book Empires hostage 2005** After two careers as a research scientist and an educator I decided it was time to do what I'd always really wanted and be a writer. **Kindle Empires hostage meaning** As well as my novels I've published short stories and poetry: **PDF Empires hostage rescue** My life long interest in Roman and post Roman European history provided the inspiration for my books while my other interests in landscape archaeology and birding provide background. **Kindle Empires hostage rescue** My books are historical fiction of an imagined world one that is close to Britain Northern Europe and Rome but isn't any of them. **Empires hostages** After two careers as a research scientist and an educator I decided it was time to do what I'd always really wanted and be a writer: **Book Empires hostage meaning** As well as my novels I've published short stories and poetry. **Empires Hostage fantasypros** My life long interest in Roman and post Roman European history provided the inspiration for my books while my other interests in landscape archaeology and birding provide background: **Fiction Empires hostage lyrics** {site_link} How do you trust an adversary who's your only hope? After eighteen months of war Lena's Emperor asks her to stand as hostage to a truce. **Book Empires hostage lyrics** Far more than the success of a truce is now in Lena's hands but in a place she neither knows nor understands she needs help, **Book Empires hostage negotiator** Richly textured thoroughly researched and nuanced story wrapped in perfect prose, **Empires hostages american** The book like the first is quietly queer showing a world that is not heteronormative without making a big deal

of it. **PDF Empires hostage tape** The pacing is excellent and the writing makes you by turns want to race through and slow down to savor each page. **Empires Hostage ebook reader** Looking forward to Empire's Exile and I already have some ideas about what will happen next but Thorpe does love to surprise us! Marian L: **Empires hostages** Thorpe Involving evocative intelligent—an outstanding historical fantasy Empire's Hostage is both a standalone novel and a sequel to Empire's Daughter (Empire's Legacy Book 1): **Book Empires hostage rescue** That I hadn't read the first novel in the series was no disadvantage whatsoever: **Book Empires hostage rescue** All relevant information from it has been artfully woven into the dialogue and the thoughts of protagonist/narrator Lena: **Fiction Empires hostage rescue** The setting is earth or an earth-like world in a pre-industrial pre-democratic era—people travel on horseback cook with fires and are ruled by absolute monarchs, **Book Empires hostage negotiator** The description is richly lovingly detailed informed by an imaginative extrapolation from extensive research. **Book Empires hostage** The precise diction and measured prose create the impression of a manuscript from the period. **Fantasy Empires hostage 2005** Lena keeps a journal which creates the further impression that she wrote the narrative drawing on it, **Empires Hostage epub air** Only nineteen Lena is many-sided—soldier sailor horsewoman hunter student of history, **EBook Empires hostage 2005** She is also appealingly complex—bisexual willful sensitive caring proto-feminist with a thirst for adventure knowledge and moral rectitude. **Book Empires hostage situation** She has traveled throughout the Empire and known a wide range of its residents from the emperor and other high-ranking officials to soldiers and laborers: **EBook Empires hostage book** But despite her close familiarity with her world she isn't at home in it and her sense of alienation increases as the story unfolds: **EBook Empires hostage negotiator** The Empire has been at war with its northern neighbors invasion prevented by a fortified wall. **Empires hostages meaning** A truce is arranged and the agreement calls for her to live for six months in the land of the enemy: **Empires Hostage fictional character** She is to be well treated but escape is forbidden on pain of death, **PDF Empires hostage rescue** She meets with the enemy leader after having begun to learn about the history and the culture of his realm. **Fiction Empires hostage situation** She is surprised by the customs there governing the relations between the sexes—man and woman living and working together. **Book Empires hostage tape** This differs sharply from her own society's "partition" of the sexes—men leaving to become soldiers women remaining in the villages, **Fantasy Empires hostage** (Women Lena among them became soldiers only when the Empire was threatened with invasion, **Book Empires hostage negotiator**) She later encounters another realm north of her northern enemy one she knew nothing of and one with very different customs governing relations between the sexes, **Fiction Empires hostage meaning** The differing customs governing relations between the sexes are not unfamiliar: **Empires hostages** Forced marriages are still the norm in some societies and a rigid distinction between gender roles was the norm in our own society until very recently: **Book Empires hostage situation** Learning that a surprise attack on the Empire has been planned she escapes to give warning. **Fantasy Empires hostage tape** But once safely home she again finds herself in peril and is given a harsh lesson in relativism. **Book Empires hostage lyrics** The opposing roles Lena has been cast in foreshadow the novel's end: **Empires Hostage fiction definition** There freedom and punishment are also a matter of perspective and the novel's title is seen to have a deeper meaning: **Book Empires hostage** With its multidimensional protagonist and its vivid rendering of her world Lena's life has changed drastically as she has now pledged herself as a Guardswoman to the Emperor: **Empires hostages** In Empire's Daughter Lena and all the women's villages faced the challenge of invasion and having to become soldiers to protect their homes, **Empires Hostage fictional character** The story progression from book #1 to #2 feels natural and logical and I was pleased that the strong female character in the face of Lena continued to deliver, **Empires Hostage Historical fictional** That said- as far as historical fantasy goes Empire's Legacy has this far felt entirely realistic: **Empires hostages web** There are no damsels in distress- only strong down to earth 'just get on with it' kind of women, **Book Empires hostage meaning** She learned a lot- about herself and about the world that's surrounding her. **EBook Empires hostage meaning** That

moment before I could start thinking that a certain event or scene has had its glory and it was time to move on Marian introduced new twists and directions, **Book Empires hostage meaning** This is not a book of constant fantastical battles and spilling blood though: **Empires Hostage fictional character** To brief you- the men (all of them are in the army) visit the villages only during Harvest: **Empires Hostage ebook** Answer is- Yes in some cases women just live together as platonic partners. **PDF Empires hostage book** But other times they create more intimate relationships in between them, **PDF Empires hostage meaning** Her relationship with a woman in Empire's Daughter left a huge mark on her but she also developed feelings for a male: **Empires Hostage fictionmanai last** Marian gives quite a lot of details BUT they're what make the atmosphere of the book- atmosphere for setting and to better understand characters' feelings and personalities: **Empires hostagents** Author's own natural knowledge shines through in every chapter and I truly appreciate this style: **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** When book #1 was mostly centred around Lena's village and nearby lands Empire's Hostage expands on the world building with cultures beliefs and traditions. **Kindle Empires hostage rescue** A rich set of characters who all have their own journey and place in the story delivered through purposeful writing style, **EPub Empires hostage rescue** It's an easy 5 star read for me based on the enjoyment and quality of the book, **Empires hostages american** Personally I also really like the earthy nature centred approach- totally my cup of tea, **Empires Hostage Historical fictional** I was kindly provided an ARC of Empire's Hostage by Marian- Thank you!- and I am excited for book #3! Marian L: **Empires Hostage epub.pub** Thorpe When hostages are exchanged to secure a peace treaty Lena finds herself on the other side of the wall seeing how her enemies live; and learning how little she knows, **Empires Hostage fictional** This is the first book I've read from the Empire's Legacy series. **Book Empires hostage tape** I think I could have benefited from reading Empire's daughter first but Empire's Hostage was easy enough to follow: **Empires Hostage kindle unlimited** Lena's life and adventures from the first book were all explained fully in this book. **Book Empires hostage meaning** Lena is a Guardswoman in the Empire's army defending the wall from Northmen attacks, **Book Empires hostage meaning** As one of the generals views Lena as a surrogate daughter she is given the honour of being a hostage - her life will be forfeit if anyone breaks the treaty. **Empires Hostage bookworm** On the plus side she is sent to a place of learning and is encouraged to increase her education whilst she's there: **Empires Hostage kindle cloud** This story is strongly influenced by the Roman occupation of Britain but it's a re-imagining which gives the author absolute freedom in creating plots and histories, **Book Empires hostage meaning** Thorpe does this really well building a foundation that feels real and familiar but very new, **Book Empires hostage meaning** Thorpe's background of research and education comes through strong as facts are presented and backed up. **EPub Empires hostage 2005** There is an emphasis of discussion debating philosophies and the moralities tied up in different ways of living. **Fantasy Empires hostage lyrics** There is so much focus on creating the atmosphere and background of the story; the debate and discussion over every small fact drags on slowing the story to a snail's pace. **Book Empires hostage tape** Throughout the narration and dialogue telling is used to fill everything in: **Empires Hostage kindle paperwhite** True Lena is a hostage dropped into this middle of an unknown country; but she has no agency: **Empires Hostage fantasy springs** Apart from her love of her horse (which I can fully-appreciate) I never got a feeling of what she really wants. **EPub Empires hostage 2005** Overall this story had a lot of promise and I enjoyed the world that was created; but the story bordered on educational rather than a heart-felt plot. once I'm done with the third instalment. Marian L. All thoughts and opinions are my own. Marian L. Really looking forward to reading book 3 Marian L. are wonderfully relayed through elegant yet spartan prose. So well done. Highly recommend! Marian L. I'm starting Empire's Exile tonight. Marian L. I loved it. Thorpe is incredible at endings I'll say. "Empire's Daughter" was similarly compelling in its finish. To the scores! Writing: 8/10. Characters: 9/10. Plot: 7/10. Setting: 8/10. And with it comes understanding that world as a reader. Overall: 8/10. 4 stars a worthy successor to "Empire's Daughter. If you'd like to read something truly different. here it is. This is a book about politics promises decisions

consequences.e. most expendable) person gets punished for. Marian L. She has known love and loss. The title refers to Lena's initial role in the story. Initially this is an opportunity. Men here completely dominate women. There are harems and forced marriages.The novel is fantasy but not escapism. Though heroic her actions have had dire consequences. She is according to one point of view a criminal. And that's not a bad thing. At all.In terms of pace Empire's Hostage kept me engaged throughout. Marian's style is more strategic solid and consistent. Have a good time. Make babies. Go back to the army. Women keeping everything in the villages afloat live together. However that doesn't mean it's only F2F. say Lena for example. It feels earthy and very common sense.Overall: Marian delivered a fantastic sequel.I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review.After a year of stalemate they agree to a peace treaty.But this strength is also the book's weakness.Our main character is very passive. Marian L. Thorpe.