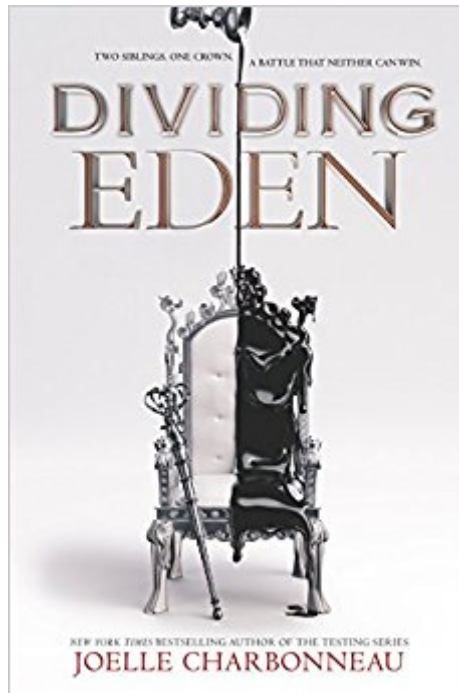




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# Dividing Eden



## Synopsis

From the author of the New York Times bestselling *The Testing* trilogy comes a sweeping new fantasy series, perfect for fans of Victoria Aveyard and Sarah J. Maas. Twins Carys and Andreus were never destined to rule Eden. With their older brother next in line to inherit the throne, the future of the kingdom was secure. But appearances and rivals can be deceiving. When Eden's king and crown prince are killed by assassins, Eden desperately needs a monarch, but the line of succession is no longer clear. With a ruling council scheming to gain power, Carys and Andreus are faced with only one option to take part in a Trial of Succession that will determine which one of them is worthy of ruling the kingdom. As sister and brother, Carys and Andreus have always kept each other safe from their secrets, from the court, and from the monsters lurking in the mountains beyond the kingdom's wall. But the Trial of Succession will test the bonds of trust and family. With their country and their hearts divided, Carys and Andreus will discover exactly what each will do to win the crown. How long before suspicion takes hold and the thirst for power leads to the ultimate betrayal?

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PRAISE FOR JOELLE CHARBONNEAU: "The rising tension, skillfully executed scenarios, and rich characterizations all contribute to an exciting story bound to capture readers' imaginations. . . . Charbonneau works action, romance, intrigue, and a plausible dystopian premise into a near-flawless narrative. (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) "Fast-paced and full of crosses and double-crosses, right to the cliffhanger ending. (Booklist) "Charbonneau has created an elegantly organized plot. . . The tension and conflict will have readers at the edge of their seats as the imagery and complexities of the characters and plot design are exposed. (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)) "Charbonneau delivers a tightly paced thriller packed with enough tension to keep teens hooked until the dramatic finale. (School Library Journal) "Joelle Charbonneau made test-taking terrifying in her best-selling trilogy, *The Testing*. Now, she turns her dystopian eye towards social networks and teens' wishes in *Need*. (EW.com) "A fast-paced read that teens antsy to untangle the mystery will devour...hand to teens looking for a thought-provoking, timely thriller. (Booklist)

Who better to find your weakness than the one who shares your blood. Twins Carys and Andreus were never destined to rule Eden. With their older brother next in line to inherit the crown, the future of the kingdom was secure. But appearances and rivals for the throne can be deceiving. When Eden's king and crown prince are killed by assassins, Eden desperately needs a monarch, but the line of succession is no longer clear. With a ruling council scheming to gain power, Carys and Andreus are faced with only one option to take part in a Trial of Succession that will determine which one of them is worthy of the crown. As sister and brother, Carys and Andreus have always kept each other safe from their secrets, from the court, and from the monsters lurking in the mountains. But the Trial of Succession will test the bonds of trust and family. How long before suspicion takes hold and the thirst for power leads to betrayal? With their country and their hearts divided, Carys and Andreus will discover exactly what each will do to win the crown.

Purchased for a high school library - I'm sure the kids will enjoy!

## Good book

Wow! Wow! Wow! I was so excited for this book to come out. So excited in fact that I pre ordered it in hard cover, audiobook and a digital copy. I wanted to be able to read this book whenever and wherever I wanted. I did exactly that. I started with the digital copy and switched it around to get the full effect. I loved the narrator that was chosen and she did a great job. I could have easily listened to the entire thing. Now look at this cover. Isn't it gorgeous? It is eye catching and easy to stare at it. I just want to put a huge poster of it on my wall because it is that gorgeous. I've been a huge fan of this author for quite awhile. I stumbled upon The Testing series and knew that I was going to be a fan for life. I adore fantasy and this is just well written. The character development was spot on and it was addicting. It is tense and pretty heavy. There are topics that are heavy and rarely touched on. It was refreshing to read but also hard to read at the same time. I look forward to reading the rest of the series. I'm chomping at the bit to find out what happens next.

## Great read

I loved being sucked into the world the writer created. I can't wait for news of the second book. Well worth the purchase.

Joelle created this magical world and I was completely swept up in it. The dynamics between Carys and Andreus felt so spot on for twins. I was so happy to read a twin book that got it right. I have only found one other so far that tapped into that bond but also how the bond can be cracked. In my experience as a twin we love each other more but we also hate each other more. It is like all feeling and emotions are stronger and Joelle shows that. The ending will leave you wanting more and needing to know what will happen next. This is a must read for fantasy fans.

Where do I even start with this book? The writing is very clunky and the pacing is very slow. I was confused through at least 50% of the novel because nothing was explained properly. There's lack of worldbuilding as well. I was hoping for some descriptions regarding the magic system and the world that our characters were involved in but I didn't get anything of the sort. With regards to history of the world, even that was lacking. My basic idea is that the world is based on the seven virtues and there's something about wind power. Secondly, the characters are so bland. It's like they are a mix of different characters from other books that I have read. Not one of them is unique or interesting.

While I enjoyed the fact that there was no romance and the book focused on sibling relationship along with rivalry. I couldn't relate to it. I mean their relationship was so weak. I get that the MC Carys seems more feisty than her brother Andreus. But I could see from a mile away what was going to happen to them. As I said, this story wasn't fresh or original. Even the minor characters are like cardboard cutouts. They add nothing to the overall storyline. Thirdly, the book deals with a lot of political deceit and court life, secrets, murder and such. However, all of this is relayed to the reader in the driest form imaginable. I think I tried DNfing this book twice. The only positives about this book were that it picked up in the last few chapters. There's a bit of action there. I wish the author had thought of adding more heart thumping and engaging chapters throughout the novel to make it more lively. Plus, we get some interesting reveals. This helped to bump up my rating to a 3 star. But, as I said, this book is just mediocre. I have come across way more captivating YA fantasy novels than this one for sure.

I have never been more frustrated with a character than I have with this book. Don't get me wrong, I loved this book. It had a slow go at first but it did pick up the pace. Throughout the second half of the book I wanted to jump in and shake some sense into them. I know I cannot be the only one that feels that way. He will probably be at the top of the list of most frustrating characters I've read. I love this writing style and just the general way this was written I suppose. I don't think I can call this an easy read, because it wasn't. Not in the sense that it was difficult or long winded. But that you really had to be on your toes the entire read. Really there was no way to predict what was going to happen. Which happens a lot in this genre anymore. I can safely say that this book really impressed me. I cannot wait for the next book to come out. So much DRAMA!

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