

STARS, HIDE YOUR FIRES

by Jessica Best

Specs:

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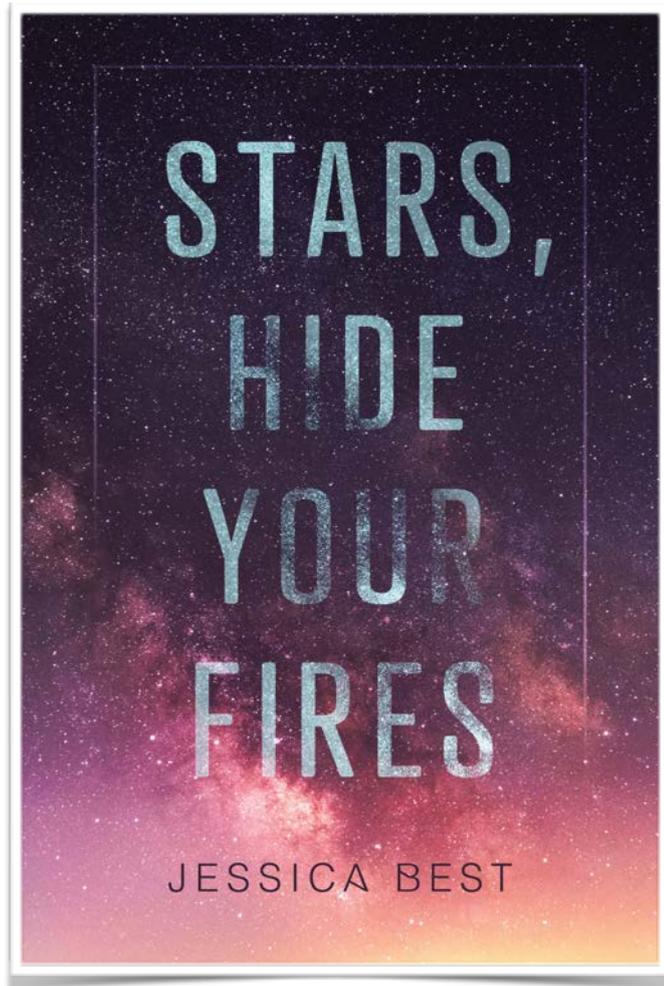
Teen readers of YA science fiction and fantasy, such as *The Darkness Outside Us* and *Iron Widow*

Readers of LGBTQ science fiction and fantasy, such as *Gideon the Ninth* and the *Wayfarers* series

Rights:

Rights Available: Translation, Film/TV/Dramatic, Merch & Ancillary, UK

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A thief is framed for the emperor's murder in this thrilling YA mystery set in space, perfect for fans of Marie Lu and Rae Carson.

Key Selling Points

- A GENRE-BENDING YA SFF READ WITH CROSSOVER APPEAL: Fans of YA science fiction and fantasy, such as *The Darkness Outside Us* and *Iron Widow*, will love this murder mystery set in space. It also holds crossover appeal for the newest generation of SFF readers, a diverse and socially conscious readership that enjoys books like *Gideon the Ninth* and the *Wayfarers* series.
- KNIVES OUT-STYLE INTRIGUE ON A SPACE PALACE: Shocking plot twists, vividly written worldbuilding, and deadly court intrigue make for a thrilling and delightfully fun whodunnit.
- RELATABLE NARRATOR WITH A SLOW BURN ROMANCE: Funny, voice-driven writing introduces readers to the science fiction setting and the romance that sparks as the plot thickens.
- QUEER CHARACTERS AND CURRENT SOCIAL THEMES: In an LGBTQ science fiction world, the queer main characters navigate an empire built upon colonialism and wealth inequality.
- AWARD-WINNING AUDIO DRAMA WRITER: Jessica Best is the writer behind the award-winning science fiction audio drama *The Strange Case of Starship Iris*.

About the Book:

As an expert thief from a minor moon, Cass knows a good mark when she sees one. The emperor's ball is her chance to steal a fortune for herself, her ailing father, and her scrappy crew of thieves and market vendors.

Her plan is simple:

- Hitch a ride to the planet of Ouris, the dazzling heart of the empire.
- Sneak onto the royal palace station to attend the emperor's ball.
- Steal from the rich, the royal, and the insufferable.

But when the emperor is found dead, everyone in the palace is a suspect – and someone is setting Cass up to take the fall. To clear her name, Cass must work with an unlikely ally: a gorgeous and mysterious rebel with her own reasons for being on the station. Together, they unravel a secret that could change the fate of the empire.

About the Author:



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