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An unlikely princess . . .

Kayla is determined to master her new-found abilities as a wild magic witch. She's learning everything she can so she and her betrothed, Rane, can put a stop to the sorcerers who are recklessly gathering their power, building up their magic to take each other on in a war that will destroy the countries of Middleland.

An even more unlikely sorcerer . . .

Mirabelle's father was one of the greatest sorcerers in Middleland, but when he used the magic in the silver pear to bespell his pregnant wife to give birth to the greatest sorcerer who would ever live, he never thought that child would be a girl. Mirabelle is nothing like a usual sorcerer, confounding every expectation, and when she comes to the rescue of Rane's brother, Soren, she makes a decision few sorcerers would. She saves him, rather than herself, losing the silver pear in the process.

And using magic always exacts a price . . .

With war not just a possibility but simply a matter of time, there are no neutral parties and no fence-sitters in Kayla and Mirabelle's new world. Everyone is either an ally or an enemy and there is a price to pay for everything. The question is, how high will it be?

The Silver Pear Details

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Carrie says

Rane still on the search for his brother, Kayla the knowledge of her wild magic and how she can use it to stop the war that is brewing. A battle that will be epic among the sorcerers. She holds the power to end it all.

We meet a new magic welder in this story, Mirabelle, and like Kayla her powers are different, because she is the only female sorcerer. Which might not end so well for her, but all four of them, both couples share a common goal, the ending of the sorcerers battle.

The Silver Pearl takes up exactly where The Golden Apple leaves off. And for those who don't get the chance to read book one the author brings the reader up to speed in the beginning of the story.

I found this book to be more suited for the YA or lighter fantasy fans, or the fantasy romance reader. It holds your attention without going too complex as some other fantasy books may.

I enjoyed both books and am looking forward to reading other works by Michelle Diener.

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Blodeuedd Finland says

In this book we have two couples and their POVS.

First there is Kayla (the heroine of book 1) and Rane. And they are on to the sorcerers that are trying to take over the land(s). Kayla is a princess, a witch, and very much in love with her not so noble fiancé.

Rane collects and sells magic objects. And feels he is not worthy his princess (why the two are together you have to read book 1 to see.)

We also meet the only female sorceress in the world, Mirabelle (magic made her) and she is going to meet Rane's brother Soren. Soren who HATES magic, lucky for Mira she is pretty and might sway him. Oh and she is nice, something not said about the rest.

Right. So we have couple nr 1 learning about magic and wanting to take down baddies.

While couple nr 2 will meet, and flee baddies while looking for a magical object.

Which means we have a bit of suspense, fantasy (since this is fantasy, duh), and romance with the old and new couple. And then they will all live happily ever after. Because that is all we want in the end after all :)

Magic, romance and danger.

Suz says

3+

I liked this one better than the first.

Dianne says

An epic battle is coming, magic versus magic, good versus evil, is there still time for romance? A tale that began with **The Golden Apple** is continued in Michelle Diener's **The Silver Pear** with all of the tension, the suspense and magic created that Ms. Diener's gift with words can create.

Kayla and Rane travel in search of Rane's brother, Soren. Kayla has new powers to train, to control and there is a time limit, the war is coming, the pressure is on.

Mirabelle, a young sorceress is in possession of the Silver Pear and now holds the power of Wild Magic from the Great Forest, making her one of the most powerful magic users. Soren is by her side, a protector, a companion and sometimes a distraction. As the two couples finally unite, Kayla and Mirabelle must learn to trust each other and share their magic, but will it be enough to conquer evil?

Michelle Diener truly writes for her readers, from the first page, where she runs through the story from **The Golden Apple** to the last page of **The Silver Pear**, there is magic in her words. She has built a world that comes to life from the darkness of the forest to the cold, dampness of a prison cell; I felt was there, in the story, in her world, a part of everything that was going on. From moments of quiet to moments of magic sizzling through the air, this tale is alive and breathing! Carefully weaving two tales together into one great tale, she brings her characters together perfectly and ties of each separate strand into one amazing tale.

I received this copy from Michelle Diener in exchange for my honest review.

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Dan says

Very good, better, I think, than the first one.

eyes.2c says

...magic abilities and 'the dragon's advantage!'

The Silver Pear leads on from The Golden Apple, taking us down new paths and experiences of the Great Forest and Wild Magic. Here we become more intimately involved with Rane's brother Soren and a delightful new sorcerer Mirabelle. Like the golden apple, the silver pear is a magical talisman given to Mirabelle by her sorcerer father.

It is stolen after a battle with a sorcerer her lord, William of Nesta. had illegally employed after Mirabelle had refused to 'question' men who kept suddenly appearing in the courtyard of his keep. Mirabelle and Soren join forces to search for the silver pear and Rane.

Meanwhile Kayla and Rane traverse the Great Forest. Kayla to search for training in the use of her witchly gift with wild magic, Rane searching for Soren.

The Middleland sorcerers are vying for supremacy, focused on taking over the various kingdoms. All four, Rane and Kayla, Soren and Mirabelle are caught up in a battle that will determine Middleland's future.

The Great Forest, as always, is a place of unpredictability, both a refuge and a danger, both friend and foe. As with the cover of the Golden Apple, the cover of The Silver Pear is delightful, showcasing the beauty and mystery of Mirabelle. At one stage, within the safety of the Great Forest, Soren reflects on the feeling of sunlight as compared to Jasper's cold dungeon. He looks back and catches Mirabelle bathed in the sunlight, 'It streamed in through the trees, illuminating Mirabelle in a diffused golden light. ... his eyes kept catching on the way her pale hair seemed to absorb the sunshine, reflecting it back so it glowed.'

We see Soren seeing Mirabelle. A precious moment that this charming cover by Laura Morrigan captures perfectly.

Another beguiling fantasy from Diener.

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Kati says

I liked this book even better than The Golden Apple! We are introduced to another heroine and get the conclusion of the adventure. I hope some day we get to see more of this interesting world filled with magic and wonderful heroines who sometimes get to be the ones to save the hero.

Allison says

More like 3.5 stars. For some reason, I liked this a little less than the first one. I think I missed the time spent in the forest (sucker for magical forests here). Also, I was a bit let down by the final confrontations with the sorcerers. I expected them to be more difficult. I do like that the girls are the ones that keep rescuing the guys and have all the power (but that the guys are needed, too).

I did like it, and found it very readable, and still light and fun. I'll be reading more from this author.

Susan says

Wow! This was a great book and seemed like a really fast read to me. Even though I've never read the first book in this series, I did not feel too lost, and I was captivated by Soren and Mirabelle's story. That being said, if I had my choice, I would want to read the first book before jumping into this one.

"The Silver Pear" is appropriate for young adults, but it is very sophisticated. Based in mythology, the novel

reaches a high level in terms of plot and symbolism. And there is enough adventure and romance to entertain. I also love the strong female characters! Well done! I really enjoyed it and highly recommend it!

Melindeeloo says

I really enjoyed this sequel to Golden Apple. The Silver Pear starts out with a summary of what has gone before and picks up just after our previous hero's brother disappears after touching a magical gem near the end of the previous book. Poor Soren, after finally being freed from captivity he once again find himself in a dungeon.

This story is split half and half between the continuation of Kayla and Rane's quest from the Golden Apple - though now they are working to recover the Golden Apple and to stop a plot by more than just one mage to take over the world - and Soren's story- where he and mage Miri work to retrieve an second magical artifact which acts as a magical battery and could get the big bass the edge they need.

I like the fairy tale feel of this fantasy romance and I really liked how the characters evolve as Kayla masters her wild magic gift and Soren overcomes his brash streak and becomes an excellent leading man - he and Miri are quite sweet together.

So, I really liked The Silver Pear which feels like it wraps up the story begun in The Golden Apple, I do think that this story would work best after reading the previous one, even with the little summary at the start, because I was much more invested in Kayla and Rane knowing what they'd gone through and could appreciate Soren more as well.

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Raina Collins says

Reviewer for Paranormal Romance and Authors that Rock

I give it 5 fangs.

The Silver Pear is the second book in the series by Michelle Diener. I have not read the first book of the series, but I would suggest doing so before reading this one. This book is good for young adults.

The book starts off explaining some of what happened in the first book and brings you up to date. So there is a spoiler for what happened in the first book.

This story is about two young couples. The first couple is introduced in the first book, they are Rane and Kayla. The second couple comes together in this book, they are Soren and Mirabelle.

Rane and Soren are brothers. Kayla and Mirabelle are both magic users, but in different ways. The couples are fighting the sorcerers who are trying to take over all power and are bent on destroying each other.

The story was a fast read. If you like magic and fantast, then you will like this book. I will be going back and reading the first book of the series.

Minna says

A light, fluffy fantasy, certainly suitable for young adult readers. It was a little thin on the plot and I found the use of titles in names - Eric the Bold, Vik the Steady - odd when used conversationally, but I did appreciate that the women did as much (if not more) rescuing/problem-solving/taking care of business as the men. I think I preferred it over the first one very slightly since the dual storyline helped soften the light plot. On the other hand, Miri and Soren didn't receive the benefit of as much characterization as Rane and Kayla. At any rate, a nice, palate-cleansing light fantasy that is easy enough for younger readers. Solid 3 1/2 stars.

Tammie says

The Silver Pear was a good conclusion to this duology. I really like Michelle Deiner's writing style. On a side note, my husband found it funny that I was reading books about fruit wielding mages.

Kara-karina says

3.5/5

This was a pleasant fantasy, ladies and gents, even if a little bit dull until the events sped up in the last third of the book. Personally, I loved the first book in the series more. It was also a perfect clean romance - no swearing, no explicit lovemaking, safe to read for teens or even middle graders (just a note, if any of you are on the lookout for one).

The plot is split between two narratives happening at the same time. On one side there are Kayla and Rane - the protagonists from the first book searching for Soren, Rane's disappeared brother, and plotting to overthrow the quartet of power-greedy sorcerers with the help of Kayla's new abilities.

On the other hand, there are Soren and Miri, the latter is the only female sorceress in the land, trying to find a magical silver pear belonging to Miri and reunite with Rane and Kayla. While first couple is comfortable with each other and in love, the second one is a tentative alliance of need turning into friendship and love over the course of the book.

There are plenty of adventures and magical battles in The Silver Pear, and what I loved about it the most was that the main protagonists were nice people. Strong, sensible men and practical, determined and powerful women who more often than not ended up saving their other halves.*grinning* I do love kick butt heroines, and while there is no showing off here, there is a quiet, matter-of-fact strength which I found really enjoyable.

Overall, a nice read if you are not expecting it to blow your socks off. Instead you'll have a pleasant

afternoon.

Stephanie (Bookfever) says

So, The Silver Pear was a fantastic book. I really liked the previous book, The Golden Apple, but felt something was missing and I guess I found it in this one. The start was a little slow for me but in the end I couldn't stop reading and was kinda sad when I had finished it - Now that's a good read!

This book was a little different from the previous one since there were two points of view added - Soren and Mirabelle (a.k.a Miri.) We already met Soren in the previous book but Miri was a whole new character. I loved her right away. She was a really interesting character because she's the only female sorcerer in the world. Cool, right?

I loved the story because it had a lot of action, magical creatures, a bit of romance and read really fast. I loved Soren and Miri's journey and how they got to know each other but I also enjoyed reading how Kayla and Rane continued their journey.

As for the romance - I loved it. Even though Miri and Soren didn't know each other for that long, they had an intense connection and I felt like cheering when they kissed for the first time. Really made me happy. It wasn't hurried, but also not slow - It was simply perfection in my eyes!

Also, the author always creates strong and amazing female characters who people can look up to. That's one element I love about her books for sure!

Overall, I couldn't have asked for a better book. The writing together with the action-packing and magical story made for one hell of a book. Michelle Diener has definitely proven that she can not only write amazing historical books but also books that involve fantasy, magic, sorcerer's and witches. I loved it!
