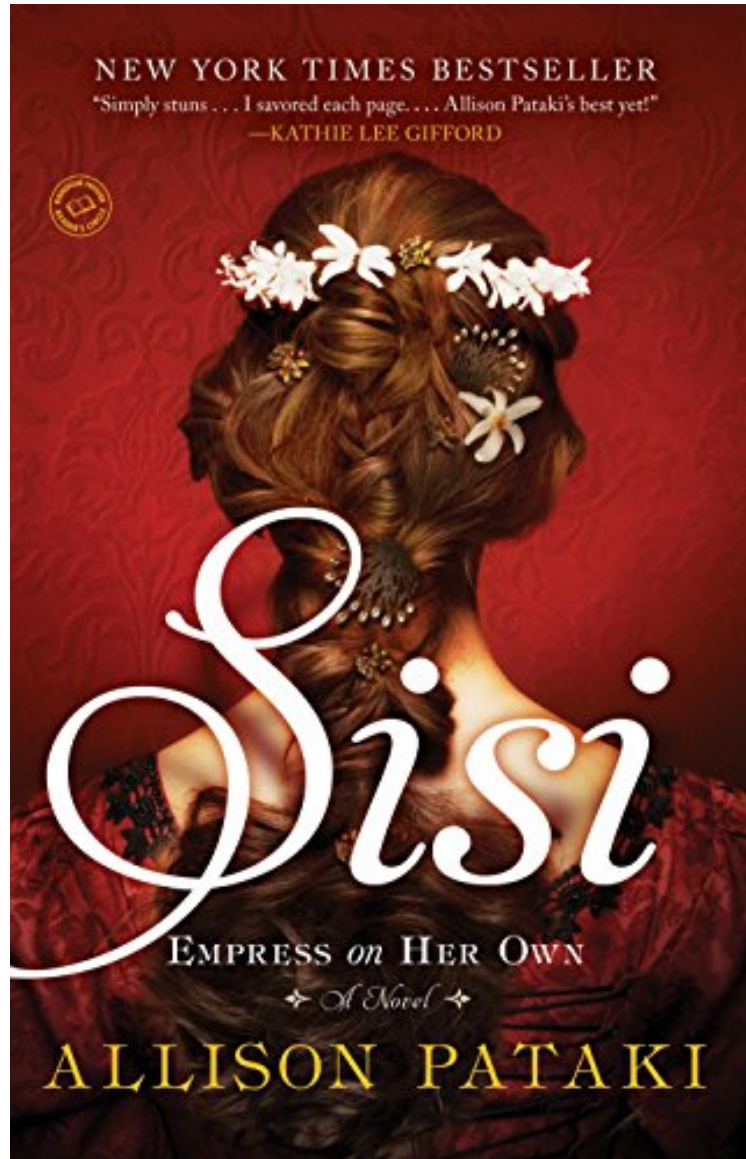


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Von Allison Pataki : Sisi: Empress on Her Own: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sisi: Empress on Her Own: A Novel:

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far. I was always fascinated by the story of Sisi, and I was very happy to read this book, as it gave me more insight into her life! It was really amazing to read all these names, that never fail to make me dream, in the same story: Sisi, Franz Joseph, Andrássy, Matser Strauss and his amazing waltzes, Wagner and his operas, even hints of Liszt and many others, I felt like stepping into history, actually living in that wonderful world, "the fairy tales" world. But also the protocols and "etiquette" world. The description of the events, the gatherings, the private life of the Empress and her travels, her relationship with all those who were under her spell, was simply mind blowing!! You can feel that restraint, the agony, the sense of duty and all these emotions that make this wonderland not that wonderful for those who can't bear it. The style of the author was really good and interesting, she made all these fascinating characters feel still alive, she brought back to life that long-gone world. All through the book I felt that I am getting closer to Sisi, and even Franz, sharing their sorrows, trying to understand their lives and choices, and at the end I felt that I lost that dear friend, I had tears in my eyes, as if she had just died!! One of the scenes that impressed me the most, was during the celebration of 40 years of the rule of Franz Joseph. When Master Johann Strauss started the waltz he created specially for Franz, "The Emperor Waltz", the description of the music and its impact on Sisi and Franz made me cry, especially that I was listening to that same waltz while reading that part. I felt transported into that world. I also appreciated the final author's note, when she explained how she came across this information and how accurate they were. That was really great and true. All I can add, is that I loved this book more than I can describe and now I am looking forward very much to reading the first part of Sisi's story. I know it would be as good as this one.

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