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Rating: 4

Following the main character, Evie, we uncover the way Evie gains the position of assistant to The Villain. Evie is looking for new employment as she continues to provide for her father and sister. After an abrupt encounter with a ruthless man the Kingdom of Renedawn knows as The Villian, Evie can't help but accept the employment offer he provides her. Evie knows the terrible horror stories due to The Villain's actions, yet she cannot help but notice everything good about him, especially his looks. The Villain and Evie make a splendid team but realize that there is a mole in their office hits, and they must rat them out before The Villain's treacherous plans are uncovered by the wrong hands. Through a shocking story full of twists and turns, along with secrets uncovered, The Villain and Evie struggle to understand the strong tugs their hearts make toward one another.

I really enjoyed this read as it was a well-structured fantasy story with an incredible amount of humor and light-heartedness intertwined. The writing style was very fun and unique, which I personally appreciated. Although, I felt that at times the story would slow down, but never too long before resuming its intriguing pace. The opposite dynamics between The Villain and Evie were really interesting as it could be noted through the change in narration. I think they complement each other very nicely and allow for the perfect amount of comedic relief. Another character, Kingsley, who is actually a frog, never had much to say but it was always a good time when he did. The major plot twist at the climax of the story definitely left me surprised as it was so well hinted at throughout the book; in the end everything tied together perfectly.

I will definitely recommend this book to readers who enjoy a combination of fantasy and romance. This book is a good choice if you enjoy romance but want to get a foot through the door with the fantasy genre. Assistant to the Villain also leaves off on a luring cliffhanger, which will have you eager to pick up the next book.