


Finnikin of the Rock (The Lumatere Chronicles)

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2008 Printz Award Winner Melina Marchetta crafts an epic fantasy of ancient magic, exile, feudal intrigue, and romance that rivets from the first page. Finnikin was only a child during the five days of the unspeakable, when the royal family of Lumatere were brutally murdered, and an imposter seized the throne. Now a curse binds all who remain inside Lumatere's walls, and those who escaped roam the surrounding lands as exiles, persecuted and despairing, dying by the thousands in fever camps. In a narrative crackling with the tension of an imminent storm, Finnikin, now on the cusp of manhood, is compelled to join forces with an arrogant and enigmatic young novice named Evanjalín, who claims that her dark dreams will lead the exiles to a surviving royal child and a way to pierce the cursed barrier and regain the land of Lumatere. But Evanjalín's unpredictable behavior suggests that she is not what she seems - and the startling truth will test Finnikin's

Melina Marchetta is the acclaimed and award-winning author of *JELLCOE ROAD*, the Michael L. Printz Award winner, *SAVING FRANCESCA*, and *LOOKING FOR ALIBRANDI*. She lives in Australia, where *FINNIKIN OF THE ROCK*, her first fantasy novel, won an Aurealis Award. Jeffrey Cummings immerses listeners in the fantastical life of 19-year-old Finnikin, whose world was turned upside down 10 years earlier when the royal family was brutally murdered and the population scattered. Cummings dramatizes Finnikin's passion in his dialogues with Evanjalín, the prophetic novice in his care. At the same time, Cummings conveys Evanjalín's secretive, determined nature. Listeners will feel the powerful connection between these two characters in Cummings's electric delivery. He develops the minor characters just as strongly and superbly projects the plot's tension and themes of guilt and revenge. All these strengths add to the characterizations of the two protagonists and give verisimilitude to the portrait of a land being held in the grip of darkness and looking for redemption. S.W. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award  AudioFile 2010, Portland, Maine

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