



***Between the Blade and the Heart* by Amanda Hocking**

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*Age Range: 12-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

When the fate of the world is at stake, loyalties will be tested.

As one of Odin's Valkyries, Malin's greatest responsibility is to slay immortals and return them to the underworld. But when she unearths a secret that could unravel the balance of all she knows, Malin along with her best friend and her ex-girlfriend must decide where their loyalties lie. And if helping the blue-eyed boy Asher enact his revenge is worth the risk—to the world and her heart.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[An] entertaining fantasy. . . . There's quite a bit for readers to enjoy in this series opener, including an openly bisexual protagonist, the diversity of characters and mythological source material Hocking draws on, and the intriguing blend of fantasy and science fiction elements. It's fast-paced and stocked with action." — [Publishers Weekly](#)

"Trying to forge her own path in the world, Malin has to determine where her loyalties lie as a Valkyrie and decide whether to follow the rules or save the world. Hocking supplies detailed descriptions of each character (and creature), which paints vivid images in readers' minds. A cliff-hanger ending will make readers eager for more." — [Booklist](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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