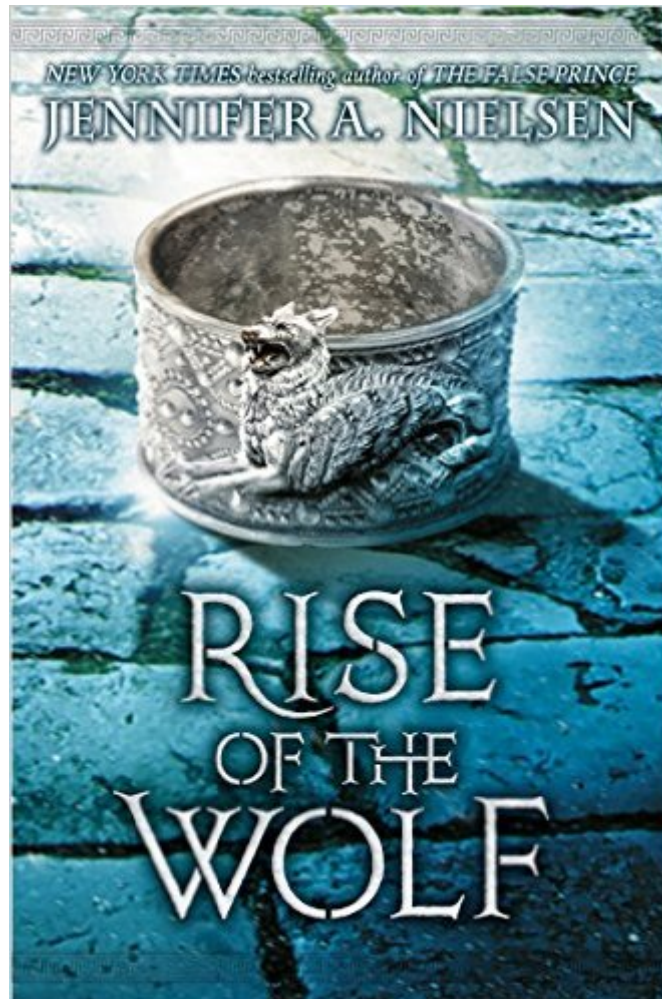


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# Rise Of The Wolf (Mark Of The Thief, Book 2)



## Synopsis

Nic may have escaped enslavement in the mines outside of Rome, but his troubles are far from over. The Praetor War -- the battle to destroy Rome from within -- is in full force, and Nic is caught in the crossfire. The secretive Praetors are determined to unlock a powerful amulet -- one sure to bring the empire to its knees. Worse, the Praetors believe Nic holds the key to finding this amulet, and they will stop at nothing to steal it, even if that means harming the people Nic holds most dear. When the Praetors capture Nic's mother, Nic knows he must do anything to save her. He challenges the Praetors to a chariot race. If he wins, they will release his mother. But if he loses, he must hand over a magic that will certainly bring about the end of Rome as well as his own life. Can Nic once again harness his magic and gather the strength to defeat his enemies? Or will he lose his mother and bear witness to Rome's destruction?

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## Customer Reviews

Jennifer A. Nielsen's *Rise of the Wolf* is another amazing book in the Mark of the Thief Series. The story takes place two months after book one, *Mark of the Thief*. This historical fiction/fantasy novel takes place during the Roman Empire three hundred years after Julius Caesar's death.

The story is suitable for young adults. Rise of the Wolf starts out with Nicolas Calva learning how to race chariots and living with his grandfather, Radulf, and sister, Livia. Nic has a new group of adversaries, the Preators, the judges and governors of Rome. They are headed by Decimas Brutus, a descendant of Marcus Brutus. The Preators are a dangerous group that can stop magic with a touch. They worship the goddess Diana and want to destroy Rome. To do this, they want to use Nic by having him retrieve the Malice of Mars, a powerful amulet that gives the owner victory in battle. Nic is a great character. He is strong, courageous, clever, and noble. Being a former slave, his ultimate goal is to have freedom. He has grown tremendously throughout this series. I felt he was much wiser than his older grandfather. I also like Aurelia. She has become a good friend to Nic. She is loyal and brave. She cares for the greater good. I loved the introduction of Callistus the unicorn that Radulf gives to Nic. I also respected that Nic feels that the unicorn should be free. My favorite quote in the novel was from the vestalis, "Victory comes in protecting those you love, not destroying those you hate," very wise words. Jennifer A. Nielsen does a fantastic job with her descriptions in this story. I was especially impressed with how she explains the feel of the different types of magic. I loved the plot. It was well executed and thrilling.

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