

An Ember in the Ashes

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Grade Levels:

- 10-12

Synopsis:

Elias and Helene have trained together since they were children at Blackcliff School. Now one of them has the opportunity to rule the Empire but it will be a fight to the death. Laia has to become a slave to the Commandant at Blackcliff if she is to save her brother. How the lives of these people intertwine propels a story full of action and adventure.

Author Website:

- <https://sabaatahir.com/book/>
- <http://anemberintheashesbook.com/>

Curricular Connections:

- Social Studies

Lesson Ideas:

- Compare and contrast the class structure within the book to class struggles/rebellions in world history.

Suggested Companion Titles:

- *A Torch against the Night* (An Ember in the Ashes Book 2) by Sabaa Tahir available 08/30/2016
- *The Winner's Curse* by Marie Rutkoski
- *Snow Like Ashes* by Sara Raasch
- *The Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard

Professional Reviews:

- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (06/01/2015)
- *Horn Book Guide* (10/01/2015)
- *Library Media Connection* (09/01/2015)
- *Publishers Weekly* starred (02/02/ 2015)
- *School Library Journal* (01/01/2015)
- *Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)* (08/01/2015)