

Crown and Jewel *Study Guide*

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Synopsis

“For there are two courages, you know—the kind that takes dares and rides colts, and then there’s the kind that lifts its light when all else is dark and goes on in the face of sorrow and loneliness and danger, and this second is true courage . . .”

Princess Rosewyn, the daughter of Queen Rosalynn and King Herron, occupies her time by climbing trees, riding pigs and accepting dares. She disdains royal manners and is always looking for a bit of adventure. In this pursuit, she inadvertently stumbles across a secret plot to overthrow her royal family. She also meets her wise and wonderful grandmother. Together they escape the palace to seek a plan of their own to save her family and the tiny kingdom of Bracken.

When her grandmother is captured, Rosewyn spends time in hiding with humble miners. But soon, her whereabouts are discovered and the Princess must flee across the wintry countryside. Eventually rejoining her grandmother, the Wise Woman, Rosewyn must regain strength in order to find the King and Queen and expose Sir Blackroot’s evil plot for power.

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the author to convince readers that they see or feel what the author wants them to see or feel. *Third-person narrative* is told from an “objective” viewpoint and is the most common point of view used. Third-person narrative can be *limited*, telling only actions or the thought and feelings of one or several characters, or *omniscient* (all-knowing), telling what all characters are thinking and feeling.

Examine the book and decide from what point of view it is written. Give two examples from the book supporting your answer.

Questions:

1. What advice does the Queen give to Princess Rosewyn?
2. Underline four of the following adjectives that describe Princess Rosewyn's grandmother:

strong	afraid	brave	kind	weak
wise	caring	cruel	cunning	trustworthy
3. “We go now into great darkness,” the woman said. “But there is light at the end. Have no fear.” The woman asks Rosewyn to trust her. Read this verse:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

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Dig Deeper:

8. Read the following verses:

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”

John 14:1

What does it mean to doubt?

9. Rosewyn needed to trust and have faith in her grandmother. According to the above verses, in whom should we place our trust? How does this help us?
10. Look at Psalm 27:1, Psalm 28:7, Proverbs 3:5, 6, and Hebrews 11:1 Choose one verse and paraphrase it.

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Chapters 5–8:

Vocabulary:

1. e; 2. h; 3. g; 4. a; 5. i; 6. b; 7. j; 8. d; 9. c; 10. l; 11. f; 12. k; 13. m.

Point of View:

Third person narrative. Examples will vary.

Questions:

1. The Queen's advice for Rosewyn is first, to trust the woman who helped the princess in the west wing, second, wear the royal jewel, and lastly, think often of those who truly love her.
2. Description adjectives might be: strong, wise, caring, brave, kind, trustworthy.
3. We can trust the One who leads through the valley. Answers will vary. Unquestioning trust is trust in someone even when you question whether they are right.
4. The princess and her grandmother escape from the castle through a secret tunnel. They plan to go down river to a place of safety.
5. She doubted the woman. Was the woman really her grandmother or was she the danger itself?
6. She wished for a sword to go with her plain clothes.
7. Blackroot had the King and Queen abducted while making it look like a common robbery. He planned to make himself regent, come to power and either destroy or marry Rosewyn when she was of age.
8. Doubt means to question one's belief and trust in something or someone. Answers will vary.
9. According to the verses, we should place our trust in God, and also in Jesus. Answers will vary.
10. Answers will vary.

Chapters 9–12

Vocabulary:

1. the principal structure of a boat or ship, running along the center from bow to stern, to which the frames are attached; 2. the trunk of a tree or a heavy clay usually of red, yellow, or brown pigment; 3. confuse; 4. promising; 5. rebuke or correct; 6. annoyance or nuisance; 7. scheme or devise used to trick someone; 8. unquestionable.

Questions:

1. She was not used to it or prepared for this kind of difficulty.
2. Rosewyn and the Wise Woman pause on their journey to rest. They are captured by Blackroot and his soldiers. Rosewyn uses her royal position to prevent Blackroot from hanging her grandmother as a kidnapper as she recalls to him the law of Bracken. The Wise Woman is bound and they begin the journey back to the castle.
3. Rosewyn defends the woman as her grandmother.
4. She quieted Rosewyn and let her know the men would be willing to put their lives on the line for them.
5. The Wise Woman tells Rosewyn not to weep, to be careful, wait with the miners for her return. Rosewyn will recognize the woman by her voice and the sight of her jewel.
6. The princess meets Crog as she is running through the forest. Crog was huge and rough-looking with a gentle heart. That Crog helps Rosewyn even when he does not know she is royalty indicates that he has a kind and compassionate heart towards all regardless of their position in life.