

## **Frostblood**

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“Frostblood” is a fantasy novel that follows the story of 17 year-old Ruby Otretra. Ruby is a Fireblood, which means that she has powers that allow her to embrace and harness the heat, however, this power is what will get her in to trouble. Encouraged by her Mother to hide her powers (due to the Frostblood King’s desire to eliminate all Firebloods remaining in the nation), she largely does, except for secret practice sessions. Eventually, she is captured by the King’s soldiers and imprisoned, until eventually she is rescued.

Her rescuers are Frostbloods, rare in a world in which Frost and Fire do not mix. They bring her to an Abbey filled by Frostblood Monks and bring Ruby to health. Here she discovers that the reason they saved her was because she was part of a plan to bring down the evil Frostblood King Rasmus. Trust slowly develops between Ruby and the monks and soon they are even friends to each other. She trains her gift of fire until she is captured from the Abbey. The rest of the story follows her time spent in the castle working out a plan to kill the King on her own until eventually, with help, it happens.

In the end I found the book to be interesting and well-written, although I feel I as a teenage boy am not part of the target audience (10-14 year-old girls). In one sentence I would describe as a pretty good fantasy novel. While it’s not unlike books I’ve read before, it doesn’t mean that I didn’t enjoy the read.

### **Recommended Titles:**

The “Percy Jackson” Series- Rick Riordan

The “Heroes of Olympus” Series- Rick Riordan

The “Gregor the Overlander” Series- Suzanne Collins