

House of Salt & Sorrows (Sisters of the Salt #1)

Author: Erin A. Craig

Genre: Gothic Horror

Average Rating: 3 / 5

Book Club Questions:

1. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
2. Did you know that this novel is based on a Grimm Fairytale called *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*? Take ~5-6 mins to read the original tale out loud. You can find a synopsis on wikipedia, or the whole story here:
 - a. <https://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/TwelDanc.shtml>
 - b. Which elements did the author pull from the original tale and weave into her book? Was there anything you wish she had included or left out?
3. It's a classic fairytale trope for the stepmother to be the villain. Did you suspect that or did you believe that was too obvious?
4. What were your thoughts on the horror aspect of the book? Did it suit the story? Was it too much, too little, or just right?
5. What did you think of the mythos that Craig created with the different gods and heavenly realms?
6. What did you think about Craig's worldbuilding? Did it make sense? Was it complete or were there aspects that you were missing?
7. What was your initial impression of Fisher? How did it change as the story progressed? Were you surprised to learn he was already dead and we had met an imposter?
8. Did you trust Cassius when Annaleigh met him? Or did you think he had a more nefarious purpose?
 - a. And what did you think when you learned the truth: that he had been watching her for years and had fallen in love from afar?
9. Cassius died for Annaleigh's sisters and then her wish brought him back to life. Did you like that Craig ended the story with this? Did his resurrection fit within the mythos that Craig had created?
10. There's a second book about Verity, who is apparently still cursed and leaves home. Do you have plans to read House of Roots and Ruin?