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**An Amazon Best Book of the Month**

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#### About the Author

Roshani Chokshi is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Star-Touched Queen*. Her work has appeared in *Strange Horizons*, *Shimmer*, and *Book Smugglers*. Her short story, "The Star Maiden," was longlisted for the British Fantasy Science Award.

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