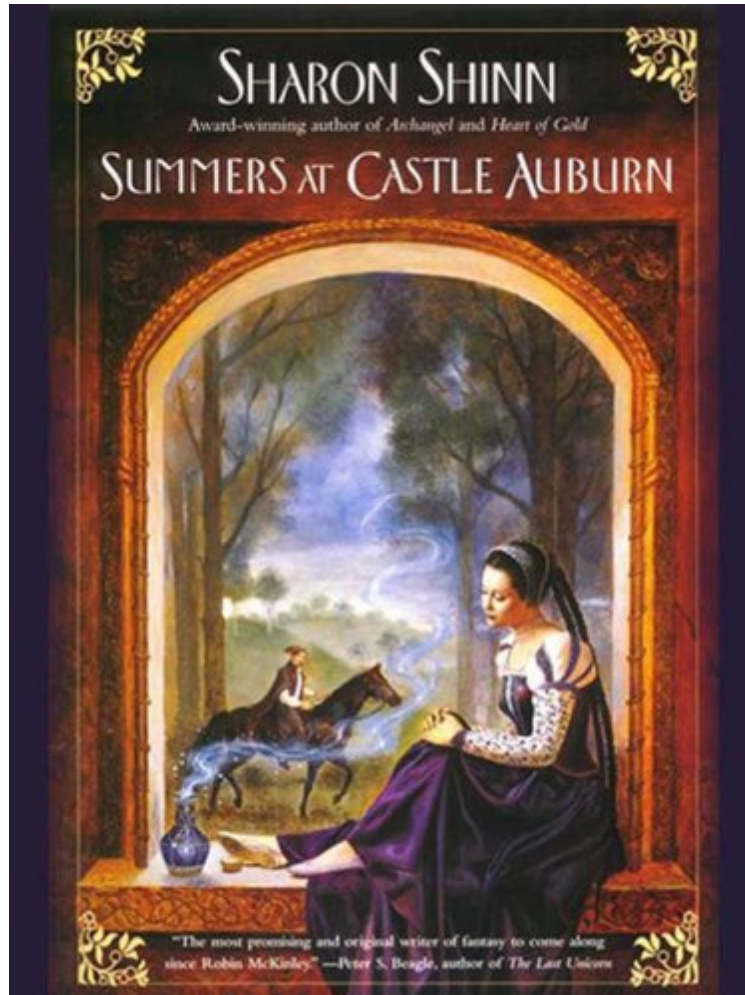


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Von Sharon Shinn : Summers at Castle Auburn before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Summers at Castle Auburn:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the best books I've ever read!Von Clemens KatzerI did order this because I liked Archangel a lot. In fact those two are among my top favorites now and possibly forever (the other two are Ender and Ender's Shadow).I liked Summers in Auburn a lot, because it has deep characters, a detailed, creative world with new ideas. The main person is just lovely - a strong female with an own will, still likable (and liked by all around here). Nice and easy read, positive, happy end.Some might consider the story too predictable. I like it, when some of my guesses come true. There are some unexpected twists as well. A superb happy end, even though there were hints so one could guess it ("but it just doesn't feel likely that would happen", and still I consider it plausible and nice).To me this book will forever remain special,

because (besides, that it made me order all the other ones) one of the scenes (when she, and _why_, she accepts his proposal) made me see things in my life in new, different way, helping me out of a deadlock of despair and hopelessness in my relationship. Thanks, Sharon!After I had read this, I ordered more... and yet more... and more. I think now I have all existing books (or books with stories) of her ordered or already received, and only a handful waiting to read. 10 days, so to speak.None of them which I now ordered/read disappointed me yet. Sad that there's only 4-5 left yet... what then?(I will have to re-read the Archangel sequels (#2+#3), and Shapeshifter's wife - I didn't remember them as "so great" (like all the others now) when I did read them years and years ago. Perhaps my taste has changed.)2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of my favourite coming of age storiesVon Avid ReaderI am a long-time fan of the author, although not happy with her latest (Shifter) series. This is one of her very best, I have reread it several times. There is a sense of magic, wonder, and possibility about this lovely tale that I find refreshing and pleasant, especially when I need a comfort read. The way the reader knows or guesses more than the protagonist is masterly, and the main characters are all memorable.

KurzbeschreibungA woman blessed, or cursed, with a talent for witchcraft returns to Castle Auburn where she spent her childhood in joy-only to find an aura of dread awaiting her.From Publishers WeeklyThe latest enchantment from Crawford Award winner Shinn (The Shape Changer's Wife and the Samaria trilogy) combines romantic spice, a dash of faerie and a pinch of intrigue to create a hybrid souffl that is delicious, if not filling. Lowborn Corie, the impressionable young heroine, spends her summers with her highborn sister, Elisandra, at Castle Auburn and the rest of the year in a village apprenticed to a "wise woman" witch/herbalist called Grandmother. Corie accompanies her Uncle Jaxon on a hunt for the Aliora, faerielike creatures who serve as unwilling slaves to the humans inhabiting this quasi-medieval world. Also along for the ride is Elisandra's future husband, Prince Bryan of Auburn, a vain 16-year-old adored by most girls (including Corie) and loathed by most men. As Corie ages, she gets over her crush on the increasingly narcissistic and self-indulgent young prince. The relationship between the sisters deepens along with the plot lines revolving around Jaxon's obsession with the Aliora and their queen, Rowena, whose flickering presence suggests other, darker story lines that Shinn might have investigated to produce a less predictable confection. The love story between the hunter and the hunted is more electrifying than the sisters' romances. What makes Bryan change is never explored fully, just as his constant bad-boy image is never explained. While the story moves quickly in Shinn's seasoned hands, her fans may be left hungry for more substantive fare. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From BooklistAs the illegitimate daughter of a royal lord, young Corie has the best of two worlds. She spends idyllic summers at Castle Auburn, home of her father's family, and the rest of the year with her maternal grandmother, learning the healer's craft. At the castle, Corie is groomed by her uncle for an eventual political alliance through marriage, though she is too dazzled by her handsome cousin Bryan, heir to the throne, to notice. As the summers pass, however, Bryan shows his true colors. The brash, arrogant youth matures into a cruel and self-centered man; a man unfit to be king, some say. At the same time, Corie's eyes open to the misery of the magical aliora, whom she loves, but who are hunted for sport and enslaved by the nobility. Thus, at 17, amid a hotbed of family and political unrest, Corie comes of age, risking all that she loves for what she believes in her heart to be right. Her choices, and the woman she becomes, will change Castle Auburn forever. Paula LuedtkeCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved