



The Continent

By Keira Drake

HarperCollins Publishers, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Part allegory, part romance and part against-the-odds survival story, Keira Drake's sparkling debut novel engages readers with questions of social responsibility, the nature of peace and violence, and the value-and danger-of nationalism. Thought-provoking, fast-paced and surprising, The Continent will haunt readers long after its covers have been closed. From a land without war to a continent of two warring nations? one girl's crash landing becomes a fight to survive. For her sixteenth birthday, Vaela Sun receives the most coveted gift in all the Spire ? a trip to the Continent. It seems an unlikely destination for a holiday: a cold, desolate land where two 'uncivilised' nations remain perpetually locked in combat. Most citizens lucky enough to tour the Continent do so to observe the spectacle and violence of war, a thing long banished in the Spire. For Vaela ? a talented apprentice cartographer ? the journey is a dream come true: a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve upon the maps she's drawn of this vast, frozen land. But Vaela's dream all too quickly turns to a nightmare as the journey brings her face-to-face with the brutal reality of a war she's only read about. Observing from the...



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