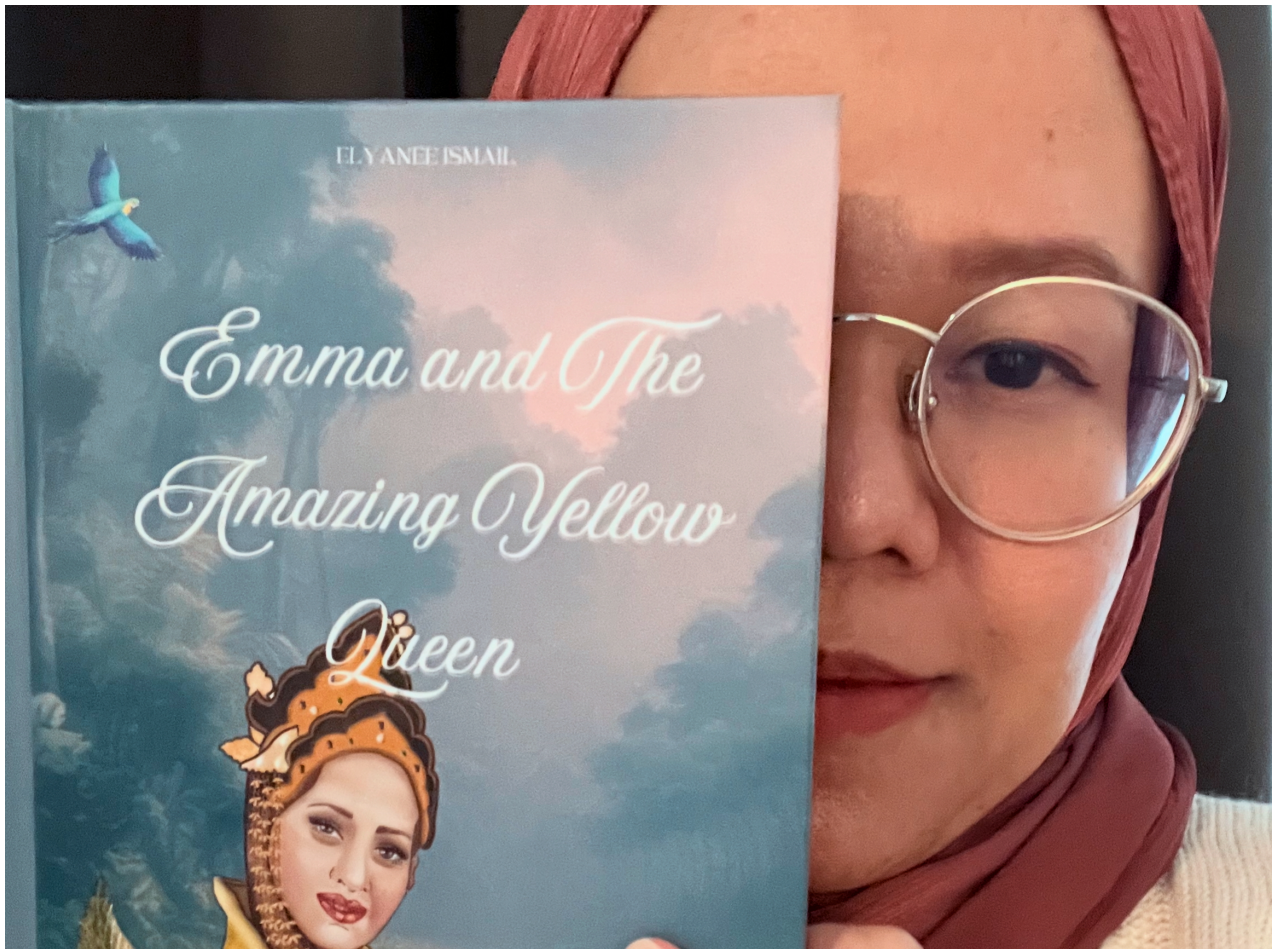


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# BOOK REVIEW

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## EMMA AND THE AMAZING YELLOW QUEEN



*Emma and the Amazing Yellow Queen* is a captivating coming-of-age novel that beautifully blends elements of grief, self-discovery, and fantasy. The story follows Emma, a young girl whose world is turned upside down when she suddenly loses both of her parents. Forced to leave behind her familiar life in Germany, she moves to Malaysia under the care of her aunt and uncle.

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As Emma navigates the bustling streets of Kuala Lumpur and delves into Malaysia's rich history, she begins to embrace her heritage. However, when she moves to Kelantan—her mother's hometown—her journey takes an unexpected turn. Struggling to fit in at her new school, she finds herself battling loneliness and emotional turmoil. But something even more mysterious is at play. Ever since arriving in Malaysia, Emma has been

haunted by vivid dreams of a magnificent lady of the lake, an enigmatic presence calling out to her.

One fateful accident changes everything. Emma is transported to another realm, where she meets the legendary Yellow Queen—an ancient ruler with wisdom beyond time. In this mystical world, Emma embarks on a journey of self-reflection, seeking guidance from the Yellow Queen to heal from her grief and inner struggles. As she grows stronger, she is faced with a heart-wrenching choice: remain in this magical realm where she has found solace or return to her own world and embrace her new reality.

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**“This book is dedicated to my younger self and other teenagers seeking healing from grief and a path to acceptance.”**

- ELYANEE ISMAIL

Ultimately, Emma chooses to return, reuniting with her family and accepting the life she must now build for herself. *Emma and the Amazing Yellow Queen* is a powerful and heartfelt story about loss, resilience, and the magic of self-discovery. The novel beautifully intertwines cultural exploration with fantasy, making it a compelling read for anyone who loves stories about personal growth and adventure.

With vivid storytelling and deep emotional resonance, this book is a must-read for those who believe that even in the darkest moments, light and guidance can be found—sometimes in the most unexpected places.



The Mak Yong dance, nearly forgotten by the 1980s, originated from Kelantan-Patani mythology and was traditionally performed for healing purposes.

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