Masks and Shadows by Stephanie Burgis

1. What do you think of the 3rd person narration?
2. How would you classify the genre of the book?
3. Were you familiar with the time period before reading the book?
4. If so, how did it measure up to your knowledge?
5. If not, did you find it difficult to follow?
6. What do you think of the world building and why?
7. Who is your favorite character and why?
8. Who is your least favorite character and why?
9. Do you feel like the Act structure helpful? Why or why not?
10. What do you think of the role of music in the book?
11. How do you feel about the conspiracy and its relationship with freemasonry?
12. What do you think of the elementals and alchemy in the book?
13. How do you feel about Anna’s ascension into the opera company from being a maid?
14. What do you think of the dreams various characters have throughout the book?
15. Which betrayal in the book is the worst and why?
16. Would you want to attend the masked ball? Why or why not?
17. How does the arrival of Empress Maria Theresia and Emperor Joseph II affect the story?
18. What do you think of the portrayal of court politics?
19. How do you feel about the burning of the opera house?
20. What do you think of the ending?
21. Did you like the book?