I chose the book the alchemyst mostly because of the cover. I liked the way it has the smoke coming from the potion bottle at the bottom and curling around the cover. I also liked the pictures around the edges and the potion bottle, with the sun and moon connected to it, in the center. I liked the way it looked sort of old, with the cover looking like a piece of paper. One of my favorite things about it is the size. It isn't the thickest book, but it's still a good size. One of my other favorite things about it is the way the colors work. The blue green and brown mix really well and make it look like a fantasy or adventure book, and those are my favorite kinds.