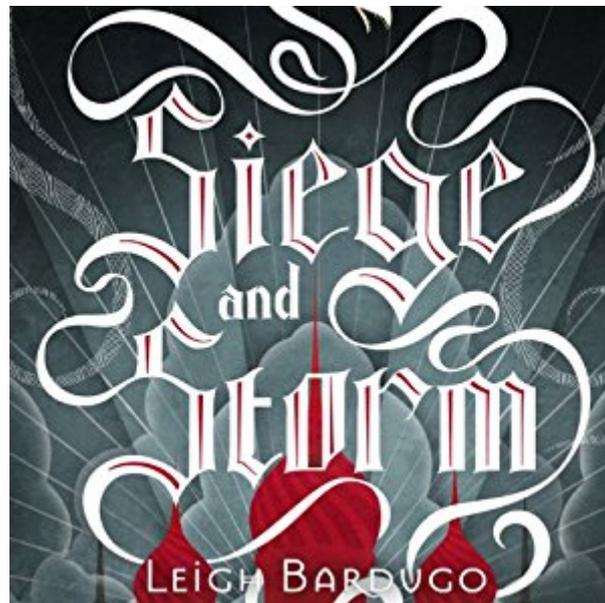


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# Siege And Storm



## Synopsis

Darkness never dies. Hunted across the True Sea, haunted by the lives she took on the Fold, Alina must try to make a life with Mal in an unfamiliar land, all while keeping her identity as the Sun Summoner a secret. But she can't outrun her past or her destiny for long. The Darkling has emerged from the Shadow Fold with a terrifying new power and a dangerous plan that will test the very boundaries of the natural world. With the help of a notorious privateer, Alina returns to the country she abandoned, determined to fight the forces gathering against Ravka. But as her power grows, Alina slips deeper into the Darkling's game of forbidden magic, and farther away from Mal. Somehow, she will have to choose between her country, her power, and the love she always thought would guide her - or risk losing everything to the oncoming storm.

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## Customer Reviews

SIEGE AND STORM was AMAZINGGGGGG!!!!!!!!!!!!!! So utterly amazing!! I forgot how much I loved this world in SHADOW AND BONE, but I was pleasantly pleased to have SIEGE AND STORM remind me of just how much this series means to me!! I'm just mad that I waited so long to read it. But.... on the other hand, I'm happy I did wait because I was able to dive right into RUIN AND RISING, the last book in the trilogy (Which I'm reading now and loving it just as much as SIEGE AND STORM, if not more. Shhh... no hints ;)SIEGE AND STORM has this darkness about it that no other book I've read ever had. And it was refreshing to have a book with such darkness, yet a light that's breaking through the barrier to bring balance into the story. It was amazing, to say the

least!!THE PLOT...Alina Starkov is on the run from her last encounter with the vicious Darkling. He's hunted Alina in the past, and she knows he's hunting her now. And he'll continue to hunt her until he captures her and possesses her Sun Gift Power she wields. He's evil and deadly and has nothing but darkness inside of him. He will unleash a tornado of dead bodies in his wake until he gets what he wants, and he wants Alina, all of her...Alina just barely made it out alive in her last battle with The Darkling, and she's not ready to take that chance again. Her and her best friend and love of her life Mal, escaped the fold, but not without paying a high price in blood. Lots of lives were sacrificed for them to escape. Now Alina and Mal are just trying to lay low and make enough money to disappear together and leave their terrible past behind them, forever. But The Darkling is not ready to let her go, he's on her trail, and he'll find her, he always does, but this time he might just take all that she loves.

It had been a few months since I read SHADOW AND BONE, the first book in the Grisha Trilogy, and I was eagerly awaiting the second. When I had the chance to get SIEGE AND STORM early, I danced around and posted on Facebook and generally acted like a VERY young adult (the genre this book is considered). Never mind that I'm 50 something. Because the Grishaverse (I am entitled to use the expression; the author, Leigh Bardugo does so in her Acknowledgments) is complex and rich and supremely well-imagined, I really should have read SHADOW AND BONE again before starting SIEGE AND STORM. I didn't. (Delayed gratification--that's for OLD people!) It didn't matter. The details came back as needed.\* And within two chapters, the action was so fast and furious that I was swept into its storm. And just as the story seemed to be going one way...oh no. Ms. Bardugo sweeps in an entirely new and charming character, Sturmhond--a pirate (or, as he prefers, privateer). No one is who they seem to be. Is Alina merely (merely?) a Sun Summoner, or does she have the power bug as intensely as the Darkling, who has found a new way to communicate with her. She swears she's no saint, but is she sacrificing too much? Is Mal tiring of being Mr. Sun Summoner, especially when Sturmhond begins to court Alina. And Sturmhond has a ton of secrets of his own...Meanwhile, can Alina save Ravka from the Darkling? She has unexpected assistants and assistance, but the Darkling has become more powerful than ever. And there's just one more thing Alina needs in order to take the Darkling down. This book is even better than the first in the trilogy. I started this review with tears in my eyes--partly because I have so long to wait for the third book, but mostly because I am so sad.

Siege and Storm is an action packed follow-up to Shadow and Bone. I can't say enough about

how much I LOVE this series. I pretty much read this entire book in one day. Siege and Storm picks up right where Shadow and Bone left off. The reader is given more details about this world and the Grisha powers. Alina, is going to face off with The Darkling. I am really sad to see that The Darkling has very little redeeming qualities in this story. He is ruthless and he pushes Alina to her breaking point. Alina does even more growth in this story and really claims her title as Sun Summoner. She transforms into something almost dark at times, but she has such a good heart. I LOVED how she handles herself. Mal and Alina really try to get away, but they leave an almost breadcrumb trail for The Darkling to find them. Once he captures them, he takes them on a detour to capture the scales of a mythical creature. Things get really interesting for everyone around this point. This book explores more of this fantastical world. The characters got aboard ships, fly, and travel by foot. The details in the writing left a clear picture in my mind of each scene taking place. I loved the language, food, climate, and dress of this Russian-ish world. Seriously, this is fantasy of great detail. The author leaves no aspect untouched. Oh, we get to know some very interesting people in this book. You might have thought we knew everyone from the introductions in the first book, but no. The author has saved one of the best characters for this story. A PIRATE named Sturmhond! (or privateer, as he likes to be called) There is so much more than meets the eye there. This story also introduces us to some new Grisha. I'll just leave it at that. Just know, I loved all of them.

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