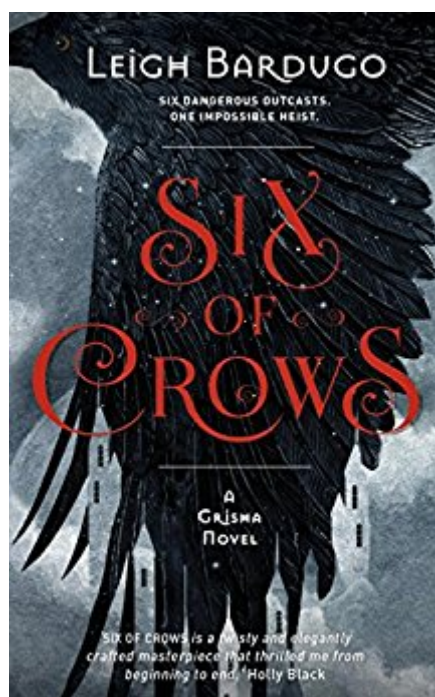


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Synopsis

Nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017, this fantasy epic from the No. 1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of the Grisha trilogy is gripping, sweeping and memorable - perfect for fans of George R. R. Martin, Laini Taylor and Kristin Cashore. Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams - but he can't pull it off alone. A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction - if they don't kill each other first. An epic new exploration of the Grisha universe from the writer of SHADOW AND BONE, SIEGE AND STORM and RUIN AND RISING, totally consuming for both old fans and new.

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Customer Reviews

Usually I can read a book in like a day, maybe two if time flies by. This book I think took me like 4 or 5 days to read! Not a bad thing! There's just so much going on in this book, it feels like you need to take a break to let it all sink in every now and then! Kaz Brekker is basically a criminal mastermind.

He was SO good at being bad that it almost felt unrealistic to me, but it was very entertaining! He is ambushed in a dark alley and given information on a near impossible heist that would make him, and anyone who would be dumb enough to help him, disgustingly rich. He goes out and recruits the rest of his six member crew and they prepare to set off to retrieve something valuable from the Ice Court in Fjerda. This story is told in six points of view, which would usually be a problem for me. As a general rule, I hate multiple points of view. But this one was perfect for it, what with everyone off doing their own parts of this impossible heist, so you get to see what's going on all around. I loved seeing the different points of view in this one! I loved the flashbacks in Kaz, Nina, and Matthias's points of view! I loved learning about all of them! I liked all of the characters in this book! But I think that my favorite characters were Nina and Matthias by far! The characters are all so different and have different strengths that are all so perfect for this heist. I loved it. Since there's so many characters, I don't want to go in depth about all of them, but they're all fantastic! There is a bit of romance in this book! Everyone in the crew pretty much pairs off in this book. Nina and Matthias are my favorite pair! I loved their relationship and I found their history to be really interesting! I loved Nina so much. I loved getting to revisit the Grisha world and seeing all the references to characters from the other series was so fun. I liked that we got to see more of Fjerda and Ketterdam in this one! There were things happening in this book from page one so it was never boring or really slow. The ending is kind of a cliffhanger, but not a horribly mean one. But it does leave you needing the next one! I really can't think of anything about this book that I really didn't like. I can see why this book was so hyped up, it was excellent and I am can't wait for Crooked Kingdom! Overall, I would highly recommend this book! If you loved the Grisha trilogy and haven't read this one yet, what are you waiting for?!

This book was enthralling from the very first page. I definitely recommend reading The Shadow & Bone series first so that you are already familiar with the world and magic system but I wouldn't say it is absolutely necessary. I really enjoyed that series as well so it would be a great choice if you are looking for a fantasy series to jump into. I have said this before but I typically don't like books from multiple character perspectives but the way this book is done, it is hardly noticeable until the different characters' ultimate goals begin to diverge from each other. The relationships in this book do not feel contrived and the evolution of them feels realistic. They aren't perfect nor obvious from the start which really adds to the authenticity. There were so many things that I just did not see coming. I wanted to freak out multiple times because I just couldn't believe what was going

on! One twist after another, I had no idea which direction was up or who to believe or trust at any given moment. Leigh Bardugo is an expert at creating tension and surprising twists. I expected the final twist from the very beginning but there were definitely some elements that I just wasn't expecting so in the end it wasn't all what it seemed. I will absolutely be reading the sequel to this book as soon as I can get my hands on it. This story just will not let me go!

Holy crap! Where should I start with this review? I don't know if I have the words to tell you how much I enjoyed the reading of Six of Crows. I fell in love with all the characters and the world building. The story is delivered in a way that kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time. In this world we find regular humans and Grisha. The major problem in this story is that someone has devised a drug that makes the (magical) Grisha 100x more powerful. The trouble is that once a Grisha takes the drug, they are completely hooked and well on their way to dying. The drug could make a whole army of Grisha slaves, and the owner of that army the most powerful in the world. The object is to rescue the drug maker from prison. The stakes are high, but the reward will set the gang for life. Now they just need to get along and trust each other enough to pull it off. Okay, so we all get that this book is about a heist. The heist has low odds for success, but the price is right. In this story we see six outcasts come together and do the impossible. I have to point out that I have not read any of the Grisha Series, so if there were references to that world, I didn't get them at all. Despite my ignorance, I had no trouble getting into this story and this world.

Characters: Kaz Brekker is a criminal master mind, the leader of the gang, the guy with the plan. Inej is the "wraith", an acrobat in her former life, excellent pick pocket, stealer of secrets. Jasper is a gambler, sharp-shooter, has a few secrets himself. Nina is a Grisha who can kill without touching, sassy, charming, former slave. Matthias is a former Gruskelle warrior. Wylan is a rich man's son, bomb-maker, smarter than he looks. We get 5 (third person) POVs in this story (everyone but Wylan). As crazy as it sounds, I had no trouble following this story. Each character who gets a turn has a good reason for telling their part of the tale. We get so much from the characters in this book. I fell in love with all of them. We get so much of the characters backstories, it is hard not to understand how they ended up on the wrong side of the law. They are all wonderfully flawed and completely lovable. There was no boring info dumping in order for us to get their back story either. Everything was given to the reader at just the right time, and just the proper amount. With the range of personalities in this story, there are

bound to be conflicts. With the motivation being so much money, they get along enough to not kill each other. Inevitably I some shipping of certain couples in this story. Unfortunately, they have to overcome major issues for them to set sail. The only great thing I can say about the slight romance glimpses in this story is that there is a sequel, so I can still hold out hope.

The Pacing: The pacing is so perfect in this story. I felt so much angst in the reading of this book. After initially getting to know the cast, they join together and head off on their heist. The whole group spends a lot of time in peril. They are really putting their freedom on the line to break into a prison and free someone. We don't get to know much of the plan. As Kaz is telling people what to do, we are in the dark as much as the are. When the plan does come together, it is magical.

The World Building: I could clearly see this locations for this book. Ketterdam has basically become a place I want to visit if I get a Genie to grant me a wish. It is basically a slum with a bunch of gangs but it also has a great nightlife which includes brothels and gambling dens. I would love to walk those streets, even if it cost me my wallet. We don't stay in Ketterdam for this whole story though. No we go by ship to a place called The Ice Court where this heist takes place. The journey is full of danger.

The author has dreamed up a whole world for the reader to discover. The clothes, customs, and languages are all pure imagination. I couldn't be happier with the descriptive details given in this book. There are regular people with stealth and wit. There is also so much magic in this world. Unlike other fantasy stories, there are also regular people without magic. The magic has certain rules and is easy enough for me to wrap my head around.

In Conclusion: I couldn't have liked this story more. This book met and exceeded my expectations. I cannot wait for the sequel (this is the first of a duology). I highly recommend this story to YA Fantasy fans!

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