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# Siege And Storm (The Shadow And Bone Trilogy)



## Synopsis

Enter the Grishaverse with Book Two of the Shadow and Bone Trilogy by the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Six of Crows* and *Crooked Kingdom*. Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Alina Starkov's power has grown, but not without a price. She is the Sun Summoner, hunted across the True Sea, haunted by the lives she took on the Shadow Fold. But she and Mal can't outrun their enemies for long. The Darkling is more determined than ever to claim Alina's magic and use it to take the Ravkan throne. With nowhere else to turn, Alina enlists the help of an infamous privateer and sets out to lead the Grisha army. But as the truth of Alina's destiny unfolds, she slips deeper into the Darkling's deadly game of forbidden magic, and further away from her humanity. To save her country, Alina will have to choose between her power and the love she thought would always be her shelter. No victory can come without sacrifice, and only she can face the oncoming storm.

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Age Range: 12 - 18 years

Grade Level: 7 and up

## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up After narrowly escaping the Darkling at the end of *Shadow and Bone* (Holt, 2012), Alina and Mal are still on the run. Though many believe her dead, Alina knows he will never stop hunting her, and she is right—it isn't long before the Darkling finds and recaptures both Alina and Mal. Forced onto a boat, the imprisoned couple has little choice but to do as he commands: track a second amplifier so that he can use Alina's twice-amplified powers against Ravka. With the help of a pirate with questionable motives, Alina and Mal escape and seek a third amplifier that Alina hopes will give her the strength to combat the Darkling's increasingly evil power and influence before his dark power becomes unstoppable. As with *Shadow and Bone*, this is a dark fantasy best for patient readers: Bardugo takes her time developing the plot and keeping readers guessing. World-building and character development are top-notch, and relationships and motives are complex; Alina hungers for more power just as much as the Darkling does. Those who haven't read the previous novel recently may want to brush up as there is little rehashing of its plot. An action-packed, heartbreaking ending will leave teens breathless for the final installment.

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After twice narrowly escaping the Darkling—the most powerful Grisha (magician) in the land—Alina and Mal find refuge of a sort at the court of the Ravkan king. While the Darkling creates his inhuman armies and regains his strength, Alina copes with disturbing feelings and visions related to her expanding light-summoning abilities, reassembles her own army of Grisha for the next battle, and tries not to lose a sweetheart who daily grows more emotionally distant. Although one could dive into this series here, readers will enjoy it all the more if they begin with *Shadow and Bone* (2012). In this hefty follow-up, Alina continues her first-person narrative as she, Mal, and Ravkan Prince Nikolai take center stage, with only brief appearances by the Darkling. Bardugo populates her fully realized world with appealing three-dimensional characters and an involving plot that keeps a steady pace. But she doesn't skimp on the introspective moments that will bond readers to the main characters and have them tapping their feet impatiently for the concluding volume. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: A huge marketing campaign and strong reviews met the first book, and film rights are already set for this one, too. The buzz will be big. Grades 7-12. --Cindy Welch --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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. Alina and Mal will have to join forces with a powerful ally if they're going to survive. They realize they can't run from The Darkling, they can't escape him, the only way to be rid of him and his evilness is to end him of his wretched life once and for all! As their plans make a 180 in a different direction, and more problems arise, they will have to be prepared not to run from The Darkling, but go to war with him, but this time, she may not make it out alive...SIEGE AND STORM was sooo much better than the first book SHADOW AND BONE! And the first book blew me away, but this book was EXPLOSIVE!!! We were introduced to new characters in this second book, and Sturmhond was one of them. And let me tell you, he was so dreamy and funny, and totally swoon worthy!! I just wish he was in the first book too, and we were able to get more of him!!! Overall SIEGE AND STORM was one of the best books I've read this year. And that's saying a lot because I've read some pretty awesome books this year!! But SIEGE AND STORM has come very close to the top!! If you like darkness, with a touch of light, good versus evil, and a deadly game of catch the mouse in the trap, then I'm sure you're going to love SIEGE AND STORM as much as I did!!! NOTE: I received an ARC for reviewing purposes. All opinions expressed are my own and are not influenced in any way!!

So, I really loved Shadow and Bone, I thought it was such a great book. I however, did not love this book. I enjoyed it yes, but I wasn't completely swept off my feet. I loved the introduction of a few new characters. I am growing very attached to one of them, and I am quite nervous about how their story line will play out. Mal is getting on my nerves, he is acting like a spoiled brat, it's as if now that he has confessed his feelings, Alina should cater to him, and do as he wants. I do not think he likes Alina being the shining star. I may be wrong though. I just don't agree with how he is acting. The book dragged a bit for me. Those last 100 pages though, were pretty amazing. I wish the whole book had flowed like that. I also really enjoyed the bonus content, and the short story about Genya. Despite my lack of love for this book, I really still think Leigh's writing is beautiful. I love the world she has built. The story is unique, and enticing, and no one is safe, which I really enjoy. She has a fearless type of writing. And I really appreciate that. I do look forward to finishing this story. Ruin and Rising sounds incredible!

5 Holy Crap stars. I won't review quite a lot this for this book as it's a sequel and I do not want to spoil anything/give away plot points, but wow. This was a great follow up to a great first book. The character development alone would have made me give this 5 stars, but Bardugo brought it again. After the events in Shadow and Bone, Alina faces many difficult decisions concerning the

future of her country. Not to give away too much, but for most of the book the reader falls with Alina into the despair she feels of not being understood and the struggle for her to balance her new amount of power. Angsty, like most young adult work, but incredibly well done angst.

Wow. That ending was surreal. I have to say, this book was a bit slow for me, and that is the only reason I knocked it down half a point. I craved more action like the first book, but I was not deterring. The storyline is simply amazing. I haven't read anything quite so captivating and mystifying. In the first book of this series and in this second book, I have found myself blown away by plot twists. I don't think I've read anyone who can plot twist like Leigh Bardugo. There is a new character introduced, Sturmhond. And I won't say much... but wow. I love him. I love the Darkling and all his wonderful darkness, but I love Sturmhond's sauciness. Saucy Sturmhond. So. Much. Sauce. Favorite quotes: "Tell him you see me when he takes you in his arms." "I've seen what you truly are," said the Darkling, "and I've never turned away. I never will. Can he say the same?" "Don't worry, tracker. You'll know when our deal is up. I'll be certain you hear it when I make her scream." "I came here for you. You're my flag. You're my nation." I don't want to get into too much detail seeing as this is the second book of a series. I will not give away any spoilers! But there is ONE THING that you must know. This book series is a MUST read.

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