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Wonder Woman: Warbringer



Synopsis

The highly anticipated coming-of-age story for the world's greatest super hero: Wonder Woman. By the number one New York Times best-selling author Leigh Bardugo. She will become one of the world's greatest heroes: Wonder Woman. But first she is Diana, Princess of the s. And her fight is just beginning.... Diana longs to prove herself to her legendary warrior sisters. But when the opportunity finally comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks law - risking exile - to save a mere mortal. Even worse, Alia Keralis is no ordinary girl, and with this single brave act Diana may have doomed the world. Alia just wanted to escape her overprotective brother with a semester at sea. She doesn't know she is being hunted. When a bomb detonates aboard her ship, Alia is rescued by a mysterious girl of extraordinary strength and forced to confront a horrible truth: Alia is a Warbringer - a direct descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery. Together, Diana and Alia will face an army of enemies - mortal and divine - determined to either destroy or possess the Warbringer. If they have any hope of saving both their worlds, they will have to stand side by side against the tide of war.

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Customer Reviews

I'll admit when it comes to comic book icons, I don't know much about them other than what I learn from the movies! And then with all the movies we've had over the years, I find there are conflicting storylines too! But since I LOVE Leigh Bardugo's books, I knew I had to give Wonder Woman: Warbringer a try! And even though I don't know my Wonder Woman lore--yes I still need to see the movie, waiting for it to hit Red Box! Lol!--I found I was able to follow along fairly easily. And perhaps

it might have helped that I didn't know much because I was able to take Leigh's Diana as the Diana. Though I do suspect she did keep the main parts of Diana's legacy the same! So begins Diana's story as she's one of the only teenagers on Themyscira, for she was actually born on the island whereas others came to it after they've proven their status as an Amazon. Diana is partaking in a race with all the other Amazons and is determined to win. She's determined to prove to her mother, the other Amazons, and herself that she belongs with them and that she is a true Amazon as well. She's in the lead of the race when she suddenly hears a loud noise and uncovers a boat wreck out in the ocean near her home. Then she sees there's someone in the water and with barely a second thought, Diana is swimming out to save her. Themyscira is a secret place that no mortal knows about and shouldn't be able to find, but when Ali is brought unconscious to its shores, things quickly fall into chaos. And it's not because a mortal is on their territory, it's because Alia is the Warbringer. Her very presence has been known to incite war among people. As it is, Diana's people start to fall ill and skirmishes start to occur. Diana learns from the Oracle that she must get Alia to a spring near Helen of Troy's temple in order to cleanse her of her Warbringer curse and only then would there be peace for the line of Warbringers would be put to an end. This story was far more interesting and entertaining than I could've hoped for! True, I had a rough start in the beginning, but part of that could've just been from my busy day when I tried starting it. But on my second day of reading I was hooked! Diana is such an intriguing character! I loved seeing her early Wonder Woman-isms happen. Donning golden cuffs, bringing a "magic" lasso with her before she leaves, the little things like that were what made me smile throughout! Diana and Alia are joined on their journey by Alia's brother, Jason, and her best friend, Nim, and her brother's best friend Theo. They make for an interesting group, as Jason is the overprotective older brother, Nim is the enthusiastic and charismatic BFF, where Theo is the lovable goofball, yet he has his tech savvy edge to him as well. Then there's Diana who's never once been to our world and everything is a new adventure for her. These characters were truly enjoyable! I loved getting to know them! Nim and Theo, who constantly bicker always had me chuckling! Then there's this possible chemistry happening between Jason and Diana. We only catch glimpses of it, but it makes you wonder...will Diana have a reason to not go home?! The ending was shock! I hadn't expected the twist but I loved it! It was totally fitting with the story! And while things do wrap up, you're left with the sense that Diana's journey is far from over! And since this is basically Wonder Woman as a teenager, you know where her story will lead! Leigh Bardugo is Wonder Woman in her own right! We already know she rocks the fantasy world with her previous series, but now she sets the bar high with the DC Icons series! She totally made Diana her own, yet still keeping her as the Wonder Woman we will come to know! She nailed it! Overall Rating 4.85/5 stars--the awkward rating

from my little hiccup of a start, but as I said, when I picked it up again the next day I was all in!!

This book was like swallowing the theme song from the movie and turning to a superhero and that sounds ridiculous but it's how I felt reading it. Diana is the hero we all need, she's amazing and an and I love her. Alia was so awesome and adorable, her self consciousness and worry read so real but she was still so strong when it counted. I wanted to wrap her up in a hug. Nim was the best friend I wish I would have had growing up. She's so loud not necessarily in words but in clothes and it's because she owns who she is from start to finish. I loved the strong female characters in this book, and I loved the faith and love they had for each other. So few books and movies let women like each other and support each other, it's all about competing to be the best female in the room. There was none of this in this book! Anyways, I can't speak on all the things I loved enough, Diana just made my dreams come true in book form. I've loved comics for awhile now and I've liked a few of the prose novels based on them but this is my favorite. I mean this is definitely one of my favorite for 2017 in general. I've read so many books this year and so few have left me just in awe like Leigh Bardugo's writing often does, it's like she pours out words directly from heaven. I will even go so far to say that the villain in this book is better than the movies. I was totally shocked and at the end I understand it but still hated him for what he tried to do. If you know any Wonder Woman fans at all give them this book. If you know any comic book fans at all, just superhero fan, just a movie fan probably I'd just about guarantee they'll love this book.

In her previous novels Leigh Bardugo created some phenomenal and unforgettable worlds set in their own time, their own universes with extraordinary and beautiful creations for characters. Wonder Woman: Warbringer, her latest, takes place in our world and present day time and as the kickass superhero has been around since 1942, the back story and world are already known but Bardugo has taken some creative liberties in fleshing out Themyscira a little and adds her own touch. When the teenage Diana (she is never called Wonder Woman) rescues a young girl from a floundering boat she breaks one of the cardinal rules of Themyscira: no humans allowed on the island or face permanent exile. But there is something about the girl, Alia, that prevents Diana from letting her die before she is discovered. Then, events on the island lead Diana to consult the Oracle and what it tells her about Alia forces Diana to leave Themyscira and face the human world. But, the girls don't end up where they had originally planned; they end up in New York, Alia's hometown. This is where the book gets really interesting, and fun. Just because the s are an isolated people does not mean they do not know about the world beyond their island. They study it in school and

even though there is no Internet or cars or planes on Themyscira, Diana at least knows what they are. Her knowledge, though, is book-based and in New York she gets to feel, smell, taste and experience the modern world. She rides an elevator, swims in the Hudson, buys junk food, parachutes, sleeps in a roach motel and meets Alia's amusing friends and her uptight brother, Jason. Warbringer is well written and full of twists and excitement and never takes itself seriously. As she is a die-hard and lifelong WW fan, it definitely comes out and it is apparent that Bardugo had fun writing this. There are some pretty fanciful scenes that stretch the reader's ability to suspend disbelief, but, you know, the novel is inspired by a comic book character and written by a woman who created the Grishaverse, it's going to be fantastical. This is the sixth Leigh Bardugo's YA fantasy novel that I have read and I feel this book is more young adult than either The Grisha Trilogy or Crooked Kingdom series. Crooked Kingdom was gritty and dark with characters with dubious intentions and some of Bardugo's best dialogue. The Grisha Trilogy was loaded with fantasy and magic and sexy evil creatures. Warbringer is just plain fun. The characters are young and they read young. I read the entire Crooked Kingdom series imagining Kaz was in his twenties. Diana and Alia and her friends are teenagers and they act like it. It's a great book and perfect for any Wonder Woman fan over the age of ten (no swearing, no sex, some bisexual innuendo but definitely tamer than what you find on the TV). I loved it. Enjoy!!

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