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From condemned prisoner to food taster for the Commander of Ixia, from apprentice to a charismatic assassin to warrior with ever-evolving magical powers, Yelena is a remarkable heroine like none you've ever experienced. Follow her amazing journey through Maria V. Snyder's breathtaking fantasy series, which *New York Times* bestselling author Mercedes Lackey calls "engaging and entirely original...fascinating in its rich detail." Bundle includes *Poison Study*, *Magic Study* and *Fire Study*, *Assassin Study*!

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Chelsey says

Probably one of my ALL TIME favorite series!!! I re-read these every so often because of how much I love them. I have always enjoyed a strong courageous heroine and these books deliver just that. The characters she writes are AMAZING and you quickly become attached and can't wait to see what happens next. I would recommend these to ANYONE. I know you'll like them!

Chelsea says

I got a kindle for my birthday so I decided to take advantage of all the Novellas out there that I haven't been able to read yet. Assassin Study was one of those. Figured if I was going to read it, I might as well read all 3 books again too!

Berit??? says

Actual rating 4.5

Almost perfect... Except for a slight hiccup in the third book, the series was quite amazing. Something I usually find it really annoying with books in this genre is a very whiny female MC. You Lena was anything but... And the girl had all kinds of things thrown at her. She never complain, she never threw a little pity party, she just kept going on, with strength and pride. Something I really enjoyed with the series was the magic and how it manifested itself, the pulling of it, super interesting. Also the politics were interesting, but not bogged down with too much information or an over telling of information.. That was actually what was perfect about every part of this, it was for lack of a better word simple. And in it simplicity it was perfect made for an interesting fun read that wasn't ever bog down with unnecessary information.. Definitely not going to be my last book or shall I say books by this author.

Siobhan says

What a wonderful series.

I honestly hadn't expected to become so addicted. The first book had been sitting on my to-read shelf for quite some time, yet it never really moved up. I was interested in it, I wasn't about to go out of my way to read it. Then I found out my housemate had the series – and I jumped right in. The only problem was, before I knew what was happening I was working my way through the books at an almost alarming rate.

Whilst the books are not perfect, they're certainly more than worth the read. With interesting characters and great world building, you'll be unable to put the books down.

South Regional Durham County Libraries says

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This series was fabulous! Once I started reading I could not put it down! Thank goodness this book is the first of a trilogy. The second book is Magic Study and the third is Fire Study. Since reading this book I have become a huge fan of Maria V. Snyder. While her second trilogy, which begins with Sea Glass, isn't as good, its still an interesting read. In the end, if you decide to pick up this book, I highly doubt that you will be disappointed! SO READ IT!!!!

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Carly says

I have never had a favorite author. I have always read so many book so fast. I was always moving on and didn't usually read more that one series from the same author. But with Maria V. Snyder.. i was HOOKED.

I fell in love with her world of Sitia and Ixia, and magic, And Opal and Yelena.

I read Opals series first, the Glass series. I loved them so much, when i found out about her other series, i had to have them. Little did i know that the study series and the glass series were the same world. A surprise though.. a very pleasant and exciting surprise!

I love Maria V. Snyders depth of characters the world of magic that you get to know almost as well as your own world. I get serious book hangovers from her books and i feel unhappy living in this boring world we live in. Her books are action packed and mysterious, thrilling and romantic.

For the first time, I have a favorite author. And her name is Maria V. Snyder, because of her magic filled Sitia and Ixia world, made me think lower of any other books filled with magic. I feel like i dont want to read any books because i don't want to leave Maria V. Snyders world behind yet. After reading 6 books in that world, full of action and death, sadness, and complex situations, and full of hope and love, I definitely don't want them to end.

Throughout all the books though, i liked Valek and Yelenas love story better than Opal and Kaden/Devlen, but i liked the intense storyline better in Opals books. In the study series a bit of it felt like i was reviewing because of what i learned about opal and yelenas past in the the glass books, but of course more in depth and in yelenas point of view.

Anyways, these books were amazing, and on the top of my favorites list. I felt like they wern't too young, but they had all the complexity of the world and magic and characters that made you feel right at home.

Reanna says

One of my absolute favorite series. It was unique and exciting and I read it in 2 days. I have recommended it to so many people and no one has ever been disappointed. Must reread it again soon!

Angela says

amazing.amazing.amaziiiiinnngggg! This series is worth the read! Once you start, you just can't stop! You just wanna keep going 'cause the story is full of twist and surprises! I almost imagined myself as Yelena beside Valek!

This book made me realize and ponder some thoughts about love, trust, and life! I almost believed in magic when I read this! This is really a must read! :)

Lauren Doll says

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Shanan says

In A Nutshell:

This series enchanted me. The world created by Maria V. Snyder inspired me to believe in magic, in love, and in destiny. The characters were interesting. I was left guessing who was good and who was not until the end of each novel. The stories were enthralling. I could not put these books down once I started them. I have loaned my books to a number of friends, and each of them has been as impressed as I with this series.

Review:

Yelena is given a choice. She committed a murder which means she faces an execution as required by the laws of Ixia. Or she can have a reprieve and serve as the food taster for the Commander to ensure that he is not poisoned. This reprieve comes with its own strings. In particular, she is given a poison that will kill her unless she takes the antidote daily.

This story opens the series, but the story continues to chronicle Yelena's adventures to learn and understand her magical gifts. For that training, she must leave everything she knows and loves and travel to the land of her birth. Yelena's training however will be very different from the norm. Her talents are unique within the magical community. For some people, that uniqueness inspires fear, anger, and hatred. But Yelena must use her unique gifts to save everyone from a crazy plan that would destroy everything that the citizens of Ixia and Sitia hold dear.

I found myself drawn to the characters of Yelena and Valek from the very beginning. I was rooting for them, hoping there would be a way for them to be together. The time they spent together was a highlight for me throughout the series. Whenever they had to separate, I read with anticipation to see them together again.

Maria V. Snyder created an interesting world where magic is honored in one country but feared and despised in another country. Yelena is stuck in the middle. Her heart, her memories, and in many ways her life is in Ixia but her magic is outlawed there. Her family and her magical training are in Sitia; but her love is not welcome there. She has to figure out for herself where her place really is; where will she be happiest?

Poison Study is by far my favorite book in the series. The chemistry between Yelena and Valek is endearing. I agree with some of the reviews that I have read that claimed that Fire Study is the least enchanting of the series. There was one point in the Fire Study where I literally said aloud "you have to be kidding me!" I was so frustrated with the number of road blocks being put in their path—they could not catch a break at all. In the end, however, I was glad I read Fire Study. I wanted to see how Yelena and Valek's story ended, but after so many road blocks I was very glad to see it finally come to the end.

Lizard And Wombat Romance Reviews says

Lizard: 4?.

Wombat: 5?.

Overall: 4.5?.

Scott says

Amazing trilogy. Very brutal and dark in areas, but the violence I never felt was glorified, but condemned as something disgusting. I really appreciated that this series wasn't afraid to have such dark tones, especially since they were handled so well.

Heather says

4.5 stars :)

Charlotte Breinholt says

It was alright therefore I have rated it 3 stars. The books are well written, but I got confused a couple of times, but I guess it is because the main character was confused And didn't really know where she was,

which I must say it brilliantly written by the author (when I'm think about it). But I actually missed some quiet scenes. It was a really classical magic/fantasy book. A lot happens in 2 years but you don't get the sense that 2 years has gone by.

My only true grievance is that the author kept explaining who the characters are. If I had taken longer to read the books I'm sure it would have been nice to have a catch up on who the different people were... but not when you read them right after each other. But one good thing is the backstabbing happening in the third book, it definitely came as a surprise !!! And all the paranoia it was really an uncomfortable situation to find my self in.... alright I'm changing it to 4 stars ??

Gail Carriger says

This is a bundle of the trilogy Poison Study, Magic Study, and Fire Study. I found this fantasy series on a recommended reading list for those who love Tamora Pierce. They certainly harken to her Wild Mage series. I like the first book the best, but they were all eminently readable, featuring an intriguing world, a strong courageous main character, and a bittersweet love interest. This is one of the few fantasy series I've encountered that deals with a quazi-communist style military dictatorship, an intriguing political set up that reminded me a bit of the world building in the Hunger Games (although not sci-fi).

Jessica Collins says

I have read and reread this trilogy so many times. It's my go to set when I can't sleep or aren't feeling well because it's such a nice easy read. Yelena, Valek , Ari, Janco <3 them all.

★???Ø??★ (Nix) says

The layout of the technical side of this version was strange. There was a line break between every paragraph. It threw me off a bit as I was reading until I got used to it. The books were awesome, though!

Maša says

The good (-ish): The first book - fast and intriguing.

The bad: The second book - good ideas, underwhelming execution.

The ugly: The third book. DNF at 100 pages. I was bored out of my mind, the characterization was nonexistent, the plot was all over the place. Ugh.

Final verdict: Read the first if you're looking for a fast fantasy read with some romance thrown in. Avoid the rest.

Tina says

The first book was great...lots of mystery and a very interesting premise. I was eager to read the second

installment, and it was not too disappointing. The final book was a total mess. It kind of sucks when feel like you're trudging through something to get to the end so you can put yourself out of your misery. It seemed like it would never end, there were way too many characters, too many places with weird names and too much traveling back and forth to those places. Also, I liked it the first time Valek called Yelena 'love'...after the four hundredth time I was ready to lose it. Love, I mean, come on, love, the least you can do is think of another pet name, love. The talking horses were a nice touch, though.
