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Ancient grievances, long-held grudges, and dangerous magic combine in this sweeping standalone fantasy perfect for fans of Tamora Pierce and Rachel Hartman.

They came in the night as she dreamt, in her berth, on a ship sailing home to del Mar. After, they would be all Reyna thought about: two carracks painted scorpion black. No emblem on either forecastle, no pennants flying above the mainmasts to hint at a kingdom of origin.

Never a good sign.

As the granddaughter of a famed navigator, seventeen-year-old Reyna has always lived life on her own terms, despite those who say a girl could never be an explorer for the royal house of St. John del Mar. She is determined to prove them wrong, and as she returns home after a year-long expedition, she knows her dream is within reach. No longer an apprentice, instead: Reyna, Master Explorer.

But when menacing raiders attack her ship, those dreams are pushed aside. Reyna's escape is both desperate and dangerous, and when next she sees her ship, a mystery rises from the deep. The sailors--her captain, her countrymen--have vanished. To find them, Reyna must use every resource at her disposal . . . including placing her trust in a handsome prince from a rival kingdom.

Together they uncover a disturbing truth. The attack was no isolated incident. Troubling signs point to a shadowy kingdom in the north, and for once, the rulers of the Sea of Magdalen agree: something must be done. But can Reyna be brave enough to find a way?

Song of the Abyss Details

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From Reader Review Song of the Abyss for online ebook

Emma says

I am SO excited to have gotten an ARC copy of this book!

Erin says

Received ARC from Yalfest 2018.

Confession - Before I started reading Song of the Abyss, I had never heard of Makiia Lucier or Isle of Blood and Stone (sorry!). In fact, I started reading the book and it was only when I added it to my Currently Reading bookshelf that I realized it was actually Book #2. Already a couple chapters in, I paused, did some research, and was relieved to find out that both Isle of Blood and Stone and Song of the Abyss were stand alone books. And so... I went back to reading this novel. :)

First of all, I love that this is a stand alone novel. I can understand that reading Isle of Blood and Stone first might be beneficial, but as someone who didn't, I literally had zero issues with understanding what was going on.

Also, Reyna was a great, great main character. I loved her! The secondary characters were also very, very well done and were strong characters that didn't overpower the greatness of Reyna.

I also thought the pacing was spot on. No lags, no zooming too quickly. Simply spot on.

Lastly, I really don't know how to put this into words, but I'm going to try --- As a thirty-something reader, I really, really enjoyed Song of the Abyss. It reminded me of old school young adult fantasy novels that I read as a teenager. It has great world-building, a unique plot, strong and well developed characters, and while there is a boy in the story, the interaction between him and Reyna doesn't overpower everything else going on. And while I enjoy a good romantic novel, I think that a lot of fantasy YA novels devote so much time to a love interest that it was refreshing to encounter a novel that was more focused on the main character and her adventure.

So, if you read Isle of Blood and Stone, you should read this! I'm betting it is as good, if not better, than the first book. And if you haven't read Isle of Blood and Stone, get this book! You won't be sorry. It is truly an awesome book.

Christina (A Reader of Fictions) says

Song of the Abyss took me almost three weeks to get through, which is not a great sign, even with the number of books I read.

The world Lucier has created is an interesting one, with seas full of monsters. The first book didn't have that much fantasy to it, aside from being a fictional world with monstrous seas, but *Song of the Abyss* has a bit more, which through me for a loop. Ironically, I felt like the fantasy elements didn't belong for a moment, even though this book is a fantasy. There's nothing wrong with it, however. The plot has some cool elements, though I do feel like Miramar leans much too heavily in its construction upon Japan's culture.

Reyna was my favorite character in the first book, but she lacked that same vibrancy here. Her romance is tepid, though perfectly nice. If I'd felt some connection to these characters, I think this book would have been pretty great. Definitely worth giving it a shot because your mileage may vary.

Ashley Mayer says

“Song of the Abyss” by Makiia Lucier has traits of a classic YA story that’s heavy on adventure and mystery and light on the romance. I loved it! The story is fast-paced with a great cast of characters. Reyna is a seventeen-year-old explorer who has to flee her ship for safety. Her adventure includes mythical creatures like sea monsters and harpies, a foreign prince who captains his own ships, mischievous best friends, and a conclusion that I did not see coming! This was a fantastic book that can be read as a stand-alone. If you have read the first book in the series, you’ll get to hear from some favorite characters from the first book.

I would recommend this book to readers of sea-faring adventure, young adult books, and anyone who enjoys a fun story!

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

Jackie says

Absolutely amazing! I am blown away.

Bitchin' Reads says

I loved book 1 so much, and as I am crafting my full review for it--I am also trying to figure out a way to convince someone, SOMEONE, to help me get an ARC of book 2 when it becomes available. The possibilities of where book 2 will lead us excites me. Thank you to Makiia revealing this to me on Twitter, I know we follow young Reyna (oh man, I think that is her name--I am suddenly blanking), and she had a bright and promising future ahead of her, full of so many possibilities.

Gah. ?? I haven't even read it and I feel emotional.

Julianne says

It was really good, despite not having read the first one. Now I want to go get the first one so that I can read

Lord Elias and Mercedes' backstory!!

Emilie says

I received an ARC of this book.

This was a quick, easy read. I chose it because it sounded interesting, with a YA Fantasy theme. The story involved a strong young woman who knew what she wanted in her life and did what was necessary to achieve her goals. In training to be a master navigator, Reyna is serious about her studies and apprenticeships. After pirates attack her ship and she narrowly escapes, she encounters the young prince of a rival kingdom. Upon returning home she finds people she loves are in danger from the same pirates and must team up with the prince in a harrowing adventure to try to rescue her loved ones, with the fate of all of their countries in the balance.

While this book was full of lush descriptions of various countries and geographical locations, this story still felt as though it could have used more depth. I did like the character of Reyna as well as her prince and the secondary characters, but I don't feel as though much character development went on. The plot, while exciting, just didn't seem as rich as it could have. The many dangerous situations that the characters found themselves in didn't really feel very suspenseful or threatening. There was romance, but it definitely was not one of the highlights of the book.

I did like the fact that this was the second installment of a series, but I did not feel as though I was missing out on any backstory or world-building. This could be a stand-alone book.

I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a light, quick read. The book could have used more depth and character development, but for someone who enjoys strong heroines, adventure, geography, and YA Fantasy, this would be an enjoyable, fast read.

Ashley Sanchez says

Oh my gosh I love the characters in this book. Some how I missed that this was the second book in this series. Luckily I didn't feel like I was missing out on anything. I love the storyline. I have to admit I didn't see it coming. I really enjoyed the relationship between Reyna and Levi (though I would like another book to follow their story). This story was an unexpectedly wonderful book and I'm so happy I was chosen to receive this digital ARC. I definitely recommend.

Cara says

Even better than the first! (ARC)

Rachel says

Reyna, pirates, missing sailors, a rival prince, AND hints of the fabled kingdom behind the Iron Door? GIVE IT TO ME.

Natalie ? says

I refuse to spoil absolutely anything about this book, but let me just say that this lived up to my expectations and even surpassed them. What a wonderful new glimpse into this world—and I loved following a spunky, grown-up Reyna on her own adventure!

I'd also like to say that while I definitely recommend reading *Isle of Blood and Stone* before this one, it's actually not all that necessary! Of course a lot of our favorites make comebacks, but if you're new to this series you can still enjoy this book.

I can't wait to get my hands on a finished copy in August. 2019, you better get ready for this awesome fantasy!!

Thank you to HMH Teen for giving away ARCs of this book at YALLFest.

Kat says

Thank you to HMH Books for Young Readers and Edelweiss for the E-Arc copy of this novel.

I was so excited to see this book! *Isle of Blood* was a great novel that I have recommended to many teens.

The characters are fun and easy to like, but the story is an epic adventure that keeps you turning the page. I love the adventure in these novels. I feel that this is something that teens are looking for in young adult fiction. The sweeping, epic stories that allow them to escape their day for a little while.

Yusra ? says

wow i NEED THIS

Amber (The Book Bratz) says

The full review + more can be found at [The Book Bratz](#)

Initial post reading thoughts:

Absolutely stunning and mesmerizing ?

Teaser Review:

I was super lucky to win a giveaway for *Song of The Abyss* back in November and an eGalley prior and I was going to wait longer to start it because this book does not come out until August. But the cover kept looking at me and I was looking at it and I caved. Release date is still a while off BUT I loved *Song of the Abyss* so much to not talk about it now. So, please enjoy this teaser review.

?The action starts from page one and doesn't slow down for a moment. Each page furthered the plot and sucked me deeper into the story.

?Lucier created a cast of really likable characters. Obviously I didn't like the villain in the story, but I loved the connections each character had with each other and how in their own little sense were a family.

?It took me all of about two pages to fall in love with Levi, the prince of Lunes. He is super dreamy and moody and amazing.

?Though *Song of the Abyss* can be read as a stand alone it is a part of the *Tower of Wind* series and its companion novel *Isle of Blood and Stone* follows the story of Ulises and Elias who do play a large role in this book as well. It isn't required but I am sure it does clear some of their back story up.

?The last fifty pages over the novel were a complete page turner. The whole villain, what they were doing and the whole cultural part of the story really interested me. It was something really different and refreshing.

?*Song of the Abyss* was absolutely both stunning and mesmerizing!

Be sure to check back closer to August for my full review of *Song of the Abyss*, I promise this is one fantasy novel you are not going to want to miss in 2019!
