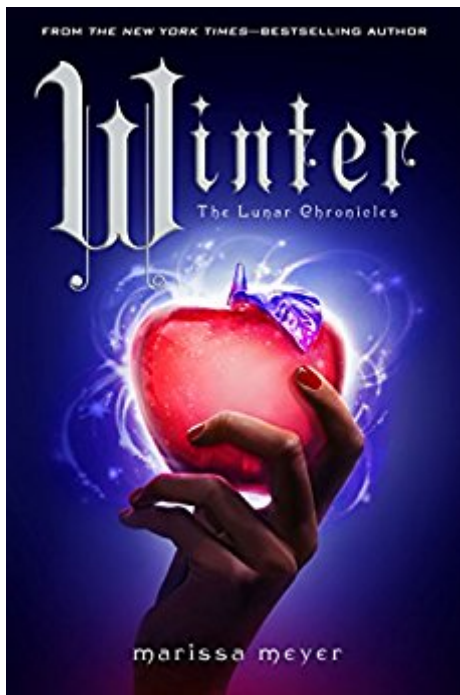


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Customer Reviews

Is it kosher to give this book 4.26/5 stars? That's what I'm giving Winter. First of all, I loved this

series. These books are well-written, engaging, and intensely interesting. Elements of all my favorite stories appear in The Lunar Chronicles: Star Wars, Indiana Jones, fairy tales, Hunger Games... awesome, awesome, awesome! Winter was no disappointment. The dialogue in this book was better than all the rest, and all loose ends were tied up nicely. Winter herself is a wonderful character: sweet, beautiful, and crazy as hell! However, I knocked .74 off the rating because I just couldn't 'feel' the ending that Meyer wrote. All four books were fabulous... and then, THAT ending? Perhaps my expectations were too high. That being said, this series should definitely be read. I feel myself slipping into a book-hole, thoroughly depressed that I have to part with these characters I have come to know, empathize with, and love (well, I mostly just love Captain Thorne) over the past month. *Sigh* I'll have to read Heartless now!

This is one of my most anticipated reads this year and the last several weeks were pretty brutal for me with all the teaser excerpts being released. I was thinking, after all that torture, this book better give me that epic ending I'm looking for. Well, let me tell you, this book is so good that it truly left me wanting it to never end. EVER. I want more of my beloved characters!! As soon as I turned the last page, suddenly 823 pages just wasn't enough! And of course, the whole time I'm reading this book my arms were pretty much non-stop flailing. Uncontrollable arm flails. Yep. I bet I looked pretty ridiculous. Of course, there was a point when everything just hurt so darn much! It was sweaty palms, edge-of-your-seat, heart-pounding suspense! I mean, a few chapters really gripped me and had me wondering what will happen next and if all of my beloved characters are still alive! I just love so much about this book! I love that we get multiple POVs and that it switches from one to another so you're not left wondering for too long about what's going on with the others. I love the strong bonds of friendship and family. And I love all the brilliant, strong, intelligent women taking charge! This gave me everything that I wanted and honestly, I still want more! The Lunar Chronicles is one of my most favorite series even my 5 year old wants me to read it to her. But, I think I'll wait till she's a bit older for this one.

Holy smokes! It takes an amazing book to make me squee in a review nowadays and that is definitely what Marissa Meyer gave me in this conclusion to the already fabulous Lunar Chronicles series. It did everything I wanted it to do and is making me want to re-read the entire series again. Winter is the stepdaughter of Queen Levana and is considered to be one of the most beautiful women on Luna. She is also being driven insane due to the fact that she refuses to use her glamour powers. The only time she feels and acts "normal" is when she is around Jacin Clay, her childhood

friend and personal guard. When Levana decides that Winter is too popular with the Lunar population, she tries to have her eliminated. This forces the princess to escape the city and dive into the revolution that Cinder and the gang are attempting to start. I will admit that I was worried when I first started this book because I wasn't sure how everything would end up and whether Meyer would be able to balance all the characters that she had introduced. Thankfully, my fears were never realized and I was able to become completely engrossed in this book though it took awhile to read due to the page length. The plot was able to move forward while helping the main characters develop in a realistic fashion. There was a nice balance between action, political intrigue, and, of course, romance as well. I can't really say much more about the book in order to avoid spoiling it for future readers, but I do want to give shout-outs to some key moments. My favorite couple is definitely Cress and Thorne so I enjoyed the scene between them in the Lunar palace. It made me so happy that I think I re-read a few times before moving on. I also enjoyed getting to see Cinder and Kai figure out how to use one another's strengths in order to achieve their mission, I was especially impressed with the way that Kai reacted to all the events around him and how brave he was at certain points. Wolf and Scarlet's story was the most angst-filled (I felt) and I was really scared about how that would end. Jacin and Winter's romance was the least developed due to this being the final book, but I still felt like it was handled appropriately. I love a reformed villain and Jacin definitely made up for his earlier actions in the books. And, of course, I can't do a review for this series without gushing all over Iko whose journey was just as harrowing as the others, but she managed it with a positive attitude and some hilarious one-liners. I highly recommend this series to anyone looking for an epic tale with unique female characters and plenty of action. The suspense involved in reading these books was unimaginable and the author really excelled at keeping me on the edge of my seat at times. As a conclusion, I thought Winter did an amazing job at bringing everyone together and figuring out a resolution to their problem. It was addicting, emotional, and just a wonderful reading experience.

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