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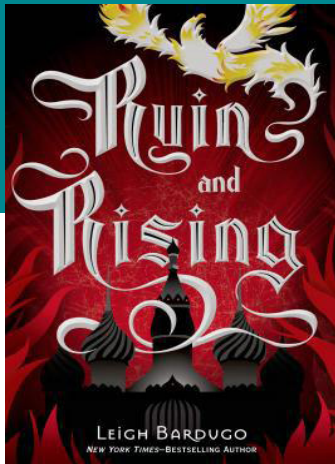
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Book Review

Grisha Verse: Ruin and Rising

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Rating

Outstanding

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Young Adult

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422

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In the final installment of Grisha Verse, Alina Starkov and Mala, along with the few surviving grisha are once again captive. Instead of the Darkling, the priest is now their jailer with hundreds of believers surrounding them on all sides. Alina must grapple with the fact that she has not been able to use her power and summon light. Through a desperate attempt on the groups part, she is able to reawaken her power, take control back from the priest, resurface, find the third amplifier, and finally see the fall of the Darkling and the banishment of the void.

Bardugo has done it again in her final installment of Grisha Verse. The characters are compelling and the storyline is full of twists and turns and unexpected outcomes. The characters continue to adapt, change, and take the reader by surprise. Their individual personalities, motives, and ideology are apparent and wonderfully expressed through the chapters. The plot and story development are well constructed, and the three books work off of each other, referring back to previous events, character reveals, and details that make the story fuller and more realistic. Overall, this is a wonderful end to an enchanting series.

*Contains mild violence.