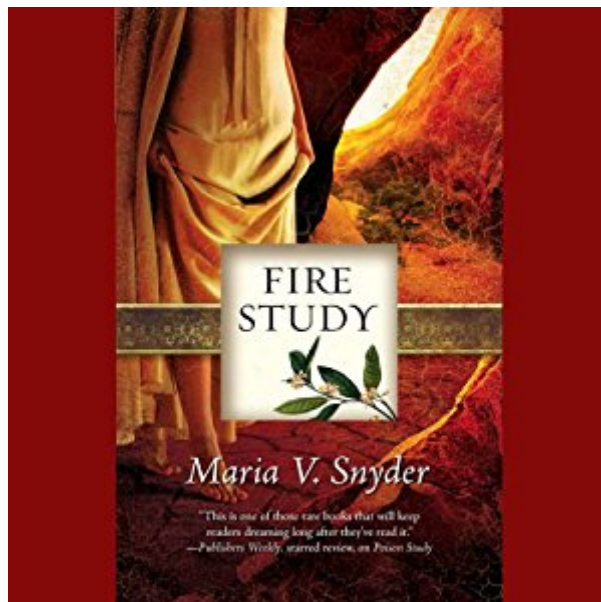


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New York Times bestselling author Maria V. Snyder's powerful, compelling, fiery Poison Study novels have sparked the imaginations of legions of fans. Her enemies are multiplying; Yelena's magical powers are unusual; and people are growing uneasy. As the Council of Magicians debates her fate, she receives a disturbing message: an old enemy has arisen. Though told to await the council's decision, Yelena cannot let the murderous sorcerer who nearly defeated her once go free. Still learning about her abilities, she must push her magic to the limits as she calls on all her allies, enemies, family and friends. The fate of all is in her hands; if she can choose wisely. "Doing full justice to the plot of this original and entertaining epic fantasy is impossible. Suffice it to say that the action is nonstop; riveting." RT Book Reviews on Fire Study --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Nothing in Yelena's life is easy, it seems. Now she's studying at a magical academy (think Hogwarts but in Agrabah). And people are STILL trying to kill her. Never a dull moment in this book. It seems attacks are coming at her from all directions: rivals, maniacs, magicians, family. While I didn't like the character Leif all that much, nor did I care for Cahil or Goel or the master villain, I suppose they were necessary evils to 1) tie her back to what happened to her in Ixia in Book 1 to make it a proper sequel, 2) tie her to her origins in Sitia to help the reader care about this country 3) give her some other purpose than studying magical history and theory at the academy. I did love the roles played

out by Elena's family, Irys and the Master Magicians, The Ambassador of Ixia, her schoolmate Dax and of course, Valek and the power twins. As for the romance, my goodness, it's even better in this book than in book 1. The first moment when our heroine is about to be overcome and bested by her own inexperience while being outnumbered or out-classed, she turns her thoughts to her love to give her strength and Ms. Snyder gives what I believe is one of the most heart wrenching, beautifully romantic scenes I have read. And I read A LOT. I had to put it down and remember to breathe. His selfless love for her is absolute. Even though we know he would have followed orders to kill her in book 1, he would not have lived without her. The ferocity of his feelings is as sharp as his assassin's blade and her feelings for him are deeper than anything she's ever known. Sexy times are tasteful and Ms. Snyder does emotional romance quite well in this book. Again, both H and h have other obligations and duties, and neither will hold the other back despite their feelings. I suppose because the H is about 34, he is not the young archetypal buck who is jealous, possessive or alpha male. Due to her experiences and her personality, Yelena is wiser than her 20 years. I find that extremely refreshing. That equal partnership romance based on mutual understanding is mature and welcome compared to what other authors throw into the mix (i.e. triangles, rectangles, misunderstandings and secrets that test relationships). We are introduced to a lot of new characters, some tied to the first book, some not, and Yelena weathers all with gusto. Yelena has old allies, new allies, enemies and frenemies throughout this book and it's a little dizzying to keep score. We also find that she is connected to the mysterious and ancient nomadic tribes of the desert plains, as well as a very talented primary clan of Sitia. It explains a lot of her abilities and is a segue into Book 3 where I think we get to the meat of what is a "Soulfinder." I have a theory Yelena will either destroy everything or save everyone. Perhaps the prophetic story line has been done and overdone by other authors, but I think the readers who have come along this far like Yelena enough to follow through with her. Yelena does what she thinks is right, and I think even the reader will agree with her decisions, even if it doesn't work out, because she thinks things through, makes a logical choice from what she knows and sticks to the plan. I find her "what would Valek do..." mentality amusing and very sweet because in many ways, no matter how crazy her life becomes, he and what she learned from him continues to be her anchor. There's no stopping this girl. I can't wait to read Book 3.

Rating PG Sexual Nature: M/F Sex is non graphic Violence: Murder and Rape off page. Language: G Genre: Fantasy Genre: Magic This is a fantasy written about two completely distinct countries who just started new diplomatic trade. The main character Yelena is from both, orphan, prisoner and

poison taster in the military dictatorship of Ixia and magician student, returned daughter in Sitia. In book one Poison Study of the series Yelena's very bleak life in Ixia was explored. In this book she is in Sitia the democratic of the two countries studying magic, and hunting a killer. The book was a quick fun adventuresome read, but I got ADHD with characters jumping from foe, to friend, to foe. I understand the author wanting to cause tension but the author should have focused on one major aspect either, Yelena's magic study, the murder or the political intrigue; as everything seemed muddled by too many subplots. In the first book I was able to get to know the world of Ixia, but I felt Sitia and it's people were over shadowed by the subplot of a wannabe King and murder, only for the to be a foil to show how awesome Yelena's magic was. Add in Yelena's family and her magic training and I felt pummeled with too many subplots. Plus the depth of characters that was present in the first book are missing in this follow up., Will I continue the series? I hate leaving series unfinished but I won't one click immediately.

Fantastic! That should be enough said but of course I must say more. What a fantastic conclusion to a great series. Not going to lie for all those who are looking at reviews to determine, is this worth reading? Answer 1: Hells yeah! Answer 2: Be prepared for A LOT of frustration! This isn't necessarily a bad thing but let me explain. There is so much going on in this story that you might relieve a welt upon your head for how many times you slap it. Make sense? This story contains one event after another! Our main characters just cant seem to catch a break, but there desire to see it to the end makes it a wonderful journey to read about. I didn't like this book as well as the second one, however my love for it never changed. This was an amazing series to read. So much detail and consideration for the story line, character development, and, of course, the magic. Such amazing details and the way the author was able to portray such imagination in words is amazing. I am definitely jealous of this authors talent. Fair warning to all, Yelena is kind of an idiot at times, but she does make up for it, even if she has to do it a million more times because she still makes the same mistakes over and over again. I know that frustrates some reads, as well as myself, but for this novel I could look past it will everything that was going on. I just had to slap my forehead a few times and move on. I really have fallen in love with all the characters in this book, I am excited to hear that this is not the end!! So on to the next series!!! Highly recommend to all that want a book that is a constant page turner. I didn't go to bed till 245 this morning because I kept having to know what was going to happen next. Please read it and share your love for this series as much as I have.

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