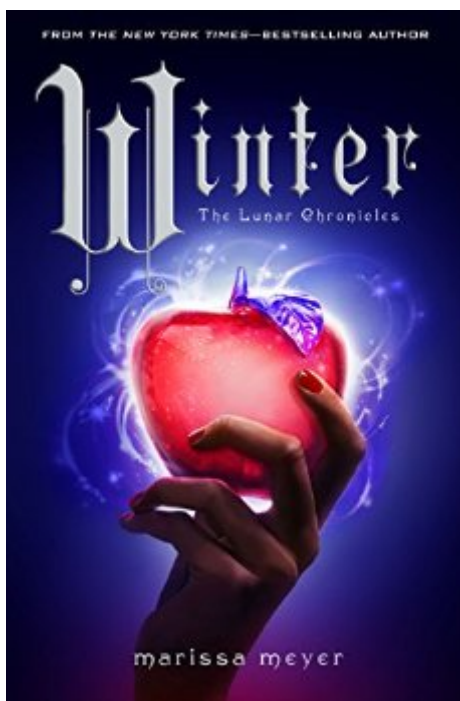


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Winter (The Lunar Chronicles)



Synopsis

The #1 New York Times Bestselling Series! Princess Winter is admired by the Lunar people for her grace and kindness, and despite the scars that mar her face, her beauty is said to be even more breathtaking than that of her stepmother, Queen Levana. Winter despises her stepmother, and knows Levana won't approve of her feelings for her childhood friend--the handsome palace guard, Jacin. But Winter isn't as weak as Levana believes her to be and she's been undermining her stepmother's wishes for years. Together with the cyborg mechanic, Cinder, and her allies, Winter might even have the power to launch a revolution and win a war that's been raging for far too long. Can Cinder, Scarlet, Cress, and Winter defeat Levana and find their happily ever afters? Fans will not want to miss this thrilling conclusion to Marissa Meyer's national bestselling Lunar Chronicles series.

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Customer Reviews

Overall, I thought this was a strong end to the series. Meyer managed to give Winter her due while ensuring the other characters got their screen time, too. It's a big book, and she uses her pages

well, covering the conflict with Levana and not skimming over the brutality that would inevitably follow. She also properly resolves the conflict and all our characters and relationships without tying up everything in a too neat bow. Definitely one of the better endings to a YA series I've read. So why the four stars? SPOILERS follow [Pertains to One Issue about Cinder and Kai] Okay, part of me understands why Cinder would want to make Luna a republic. However, I'm a little tired of this trend in YA where the heroine abandons or ignores her destiny/powers/what she might be capable of doing because of xyz. Only in this case, Cinder's not planning to hide in a corner and be ordinary - she'll eventually be Kai's empress. This is great, because I want the two together, but Kai keeps his empire and Cinder can't keep hers? She claims that eventually Luna might have another horrible ruler like Levana, but one of Kai's descendants could also be crazy and/or horrible using that logic. I know the situations of the two thrones/people aren't comparable, but it still seems to me a bad message that the female ruler gives up her throne, yet has no problem eventually becoming the consort of another one. I would have preferred if maybe she and Kai both tried to form republics, or better yet both try to make their reigns good and hope for a better future. I was hoping Cinder would embrace herself as the Luna queen. If she feels so awkward having people bow to her on Luna, what does she think will happen as empress?

I cannot believe that this series is over. I am in serious denial. This may be the worst book hangover to date. This was the BEST, MOST AMAZING finale I have ever read. I am a fast reader and I tried really, REALLY hard to slow my reading down on this one. I wanted to savor every single word. But I had a problem: I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN. Even though I read *Cress* just a few months ago, it still took me a minute to remember how everything ended. Thorne was still blind, Kai had been kidnapped by Cinder and her crew, and everyone was devastated when Levana took Scarlet prisoner. And then there was Winter. If I could change one thing about this book, it would be to have more of Winter! I did not realize that her tale would basically be a retelling of Snow White and it was epic. Her guard, Jacin, grew up with her and was in love with her. There was one scene where they had this epic kiss. And I mean it when I say it was HOT. The scene itself kind of broke my heart. Winter was suffering from Lunar sickness she refused to use her gift. I loved her character as much as I loved the others. I loved seeing all the couples and all of the friendships again. This little group had the best bond that no one, even evil Queen Levana, could break. Another thing that I loved about this book was that the entire thing took place on Luna. Marissa Meyer gets an A+ with world building. I was fascinated to read about the extravagant palace and the lower class citizens in the outsextors and we learned a lot more about how Luna politics worked. The first few chapters moved

a little on the slow side. Not much was happening, except that Marissa Meyer was kind of easing us back into her world and reintroducing us to all of the characters and where everyone was.

I don't know where to begin. I have waited so many years for this book. And it was everything I wanted it to be and more. I'm just sad that it is over. Sniffs. But, there will be Stars Above. And it will have short stories. And an epilogue. And I am dying for it to come out. Eeek. I need this epilogue. So excited for it. Winter is so long. Over eight hundred pages. The pages are thin and the book is heavy. I love it. It looks so stunning. It took me a while to read this precious, but I don't mind. I love how long it was. I even wish it was even longer. Because it was perfection. It was everything I wanted. And it was heartbreaking. So good. How do I even talk about this book without mentioning all the spoilers.. Ahh. I am not sure. But I shall try my best. Some things you probably knows already that would happen, so I don't count that as spoiling things. I shall just talk a bit about all the things that I loved about this precious book. Which is a lot. Because this book was perfect from the very first page until the end. I loved it so, so much. Best book. I'm so happy with how good this series have been. How perfect these books are. And how much I love them all. Ack. Marissa Meyer is my favorite author. I adore her the most. And I cannot wait to read even more amazing books by her. I can't describe how much I love these books. I do think these books are my favorite series. Sigh. There is so much happening in this book. The plot is all kinds of amazing. And so much happens. And ahh. I was so nervous at all times. Because everything goes wrong with all the plans. And it was so heartbreaking to read about. Yet so amazing too, because I loved it as well. Most of this book takes place on Luna.

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