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Book Author: Leigh Bardugo

Book Title: Six of Crows

Rating 1-5 (1- lowest, 5-highest): 4.5/5

Six of Crows dives back into Bardugo's Grishaverse—which was introduced in *Shadow and Bone*—now following a new cast of intriguing characters. When a dangerous new drug surfaces and threatens the safety of grisha everywhere, criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker establishes a crew to pull off a deadly heist. A thief, a spy, a sharpshooter, a runaway, a convict, and a grisha: Can these unlikely companions pull off this heist in order to prevent evil from spreading throughout their world?

As an avid reader, I can say with full certainty that *Six of Crows* is one of the best books I've ever read. I will say that the first few chapters were a bit slow, but the pace picks up pretty quickly and becomes very engaging. The romance was written into the book in a way that is captivating without drawing focus away from the main storyline. And the dynamic between the six main characters is so fun to read. Leigh Bardugo did a fabulous job writing these characters to be very relatable; within each character there are many qualities that I think any reader would be able to see in themselves, which sometimes adds to the enjoyment of a book, in my opinion. Aside from the complex characters, the world is so interesting and fantastical. However, it can be somewhat challenging to follow the story in the beginning if you haven't already read *Shadow and Bone*, since there is some terminology that was introduced in that trilogy. Nevertheless, it's easy to pick up and still a very enjoyable read without any prior knowledge of the Grishaverse. The book contains lots of twists and turns to keep readers on the edge of their seats throughout the entire story.

If you like fantasy, romance, and the found family trope, I definitely recommend this book! To me, this book is one that made me forget I was reading. There wasn't a dull moment and I felt so connected to the characters and the story as a whole. Unlike some fantasy books, it didn't feel so unreal that it became uninteresting or unrealistic. So overall, this is an excellent book to pick up if you find yourself wanting a fun and exciting read.