

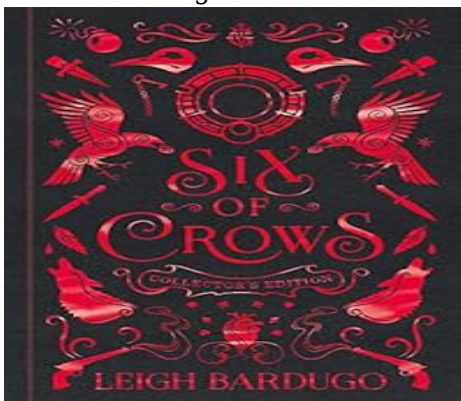
Six of Crows: Book 1 Collectors Edition: Leigh Bardugo : Bardugo, Leigh By Leigh Bardugo

You won't regret it! 978-1510106284 Would you go to the cinema and leave 30 minutes before the end of the film? Are you the type of person who watches a TV series and stops before the last episode? You would? Then this is the book for you. I haven't read the shadow and bone trilogy and I thought that might be a trouble but it really wasn't and I'm so happy that Leigh decided to make it 978-1510106284 Very pretty definitely worth the money! 978-1510106284 I can't remember the last time I read a book and fell so head over heels in love with an entire group of characters. It's a book I've always meant to get to who doesn't love a heist story? but this year I finally sat back opened it up and was sucked into the seedy underbelly of Leigh Bardugo's fantasy world. 2018 feels like the year in which I'm rediscovering my first love fantasy after several years of being intimidated by it for a reason I still can't quite put my finger on and Ketterdam has to be one of my favourite fantastical places now purely because Bardugo brings it to life so vividly. While Ravka which we hear of but don't go to in this book seems to be a Russian inspired country there's no doubt in my mind that Ketterdam is a fantastical version of Amsterdam with its waterways merchant run economy and the entire districts whose cogs are kept whirring by a constant stream of gambling and prostitution. From the blurb I thought he would be very different to the kind of boy he is but I love how Bardugo has imagined him; she straddles the line between 'criminal prodigy' and 'only a 17 year old' beautifully creating a character who's had to grow up far too fast and has the dirt of the worst and best of humanity wedged under his fingernails. It was also so refreshing to read about a protagonist who needs the assistance of a cane to walk and I'd like protagonists like this please! What makes Six of Crows really sing is its characters. Alongside Kaz we have his right hand woman Inej Ghafa who was stolen from her home and her family as a child and sold into human trafficking before she began working for the Dregs. Inej's faith is important to her and her morality is something she struggles with when she has essentially become Kaz's personal assassin but how else is she supposed to survive in a land that sees her as a commodity that can be sold for profit? I loved Bardugo's exploration of religion through Inej and through Matthias another protagonist from Fjerda the country next to Ravka who has essentially been raised in a cult of witch hunters whose own religion teaches that Grisha aren't human. Like all six of the protagonists in Six of Crows Matthias has found himself washed up in Ketterdam by accident beginning the novel in prison thanks to a Grisha Nina who serves as another protagonist. Then we have Jesper Fahey another member of the Dregs who loves gambling and guns a little too much but another character who is complex and though flawed incredibly loyal to Kaz. Six of Crows works because each of its protagonists are fleshed out and such fun to follow separately but they also have brilliant chemistry as a group too which is for the best considering they have to rely on each other to pull off a heist that's believed to be impossible. Kaz makes a deal with one of Ketterdam's merchants to break into the Fjerdan Ice Court a place that has never been breached and smuggle out a prisoner associated with a drug that when used on Grisha turns them into unstoppable weapons who crave the drug and eventually die as nothing than husks of their previous selves. Kaz doesn't take on this mission out of the goodness of his heart to liberate the Grisha who are being mistreated or to bring order back to the world of the merchants he takes on the mission because each of them will be rewarded with an inordinate amount of money that will pay off their individual debts and set them up comfortably for life. Kaz has a plan and his plan has a plan but when things go wrong and they really do these kids are forced to improvise if they're going to live to claim their reward. I fell for this book and these characters and this world so hard and it's safe to say that this duology is now one of my all time favourite series and this book has definitely earned a spot on my favourite books of all time list. We've got: Kaz a young criminal mastermind who runs the streets Inej a brilliant spy who can vanish in the blink of an eye Nina a confident Grisha with the power to kill with a look Matthias a witch hunter who is presumed dead Jesper a gambling gunslinger who loves the rush of a fight and Wylan a runaway rich kid with a gift for mechanics Together they are the Crow Club and they take on an suicide mission for wealth beyond their wildest dreams. I would have preferred a fully omniscient 3rd person narrator rather

than abrupt changes in 3rd person perspectives which would've made reading like shifting from one character's mind to another which would've made connecting the puzzle pieces of the characters and their motives a lot fun than simply being told. Diversity Note: POC and queer protagonists Warnings: blood torture violence 978-1510106284 Firstly I want to state that I've never read anything like Six of Crows! It is definitely the YA book that I didn't know I needed and now desperately want of. I honestly felt like I was watching a DC film because of the gritty characters and cinematic aspects! I'm a sucker for great villains/criminals in a book and Leigh Bardugo gave me six of them who I now love fiercely! What I find so incredible about this book is that I genuinely care for and love all of the main characters which is very rare for me. Although I cherish them all dearly I do have to put it out there that Kaz and Inej are my faves and that I may be slightly obsessed with Kaz! The switch in point of views for each chapter was genius as it definitely allowed me to get to know each of the characters better. It's truly a great skill to be able to write from so many different point of views whilst staying true to each character and without causing the flow of the book to suffer. All of the romances in Six of Crows have my full blessing and support! I seriously adore all of the relationships in this book but there's one in particular that I completely live for! I literally had everything I wanted in this book; morally grey characters diversity (in many ways) romances in every variation great writing a freaking heist YA characters that were mature and KAZ BREKKER! Even if you weren't that impressed with the Grisha trilogy (like myself) please pick this up Let me say I wasn't a fan of Shadow and Bone but my daughter insisted that I read Six of Crows because it was so good and she wanted to discuss it with me! I am glad to be able to say that I enjoyed this book so much than Shadow and Bone. Bardugo has created an amazing world in the Grishaverse and reading the Shadow and Bone trilogy gives you grounding on how the magical system works but you don't have to read it to enjoy Six of Crows. I love books with maps and this book had the layout of the Ice Court in the front which is really helpful to follow where the characters are when they go on the heist and all split up and how they get back together again. This book is so cleverly written and the heist is so cool especially when it all starts to go pear shaped! Can't wait to read book two The Crooked Kingdom which my daughter assures me is much darker and where Kaz really earns his nick name of 'Dirty Hands'. 61 shipping Six of Crows: Book 1 Collectors Edition: Leigh Bardugo : Bardugo Leigh Leigh Bardugo is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of fantasy novels and the creator of the Grishaverse (now a Netflix original series) which spans the Shadow and Bone Trilogy the Six of Crows Duology The Language of Thorns and King of Scars—with to come. What happened to the rest of the book? Really disappointed that this finished with such a cliff hanger, I hate it when books are released and the story finishes half way through: There is no real end to speak of it just stops abruptly: So many questions are left unanswered I shall not be buying the next book. Disgusted that I paid over £10 for this book its going straight in the bin. 978-1510106284 First off.

Wow I did not think I would enjoy this as much as I did but WOW amazing! Like I don't even now where to begin, People have been recommending Six of Crows to me for a long time now: As someone who hasn't read Bardugo's Grisha Trilogy this world was entirely new to me and I loved it. The Barrel not at all dissimilar from Amsterdam's Red Light District is ruled by gangs and one gangster in particular has Ketterdam in his pocket: Kaz Brekker is one of the most compelling protagonists I have come across in a fantasy novel in a long time. He's like that first sip of a bitter coffee in human form. The setting is brilliant and the plot is wonderful but the characters are what make this book dare I say it perfect: Known as the Wraith she's an expert at going undetected and is yet another example of Bardugo's wonderfully complex characters: I'll be saying this for all of them but I loved Nina too, A child soldier from Ravka she was forced to work with Matthias a boy trained to kill her after the ship they were on sank and they found their way to Ketterdam, Nina is bubbly and vivacious and loves food who doesn't? and I particularly loved her friendship with Inej: There's no competition between them just the utmost affection and respect and when I say I want female friendships this is what I mean, Finally there's Wylan a boy with a knack for explosives and keeping

secrets: He's the kind of character that grows on you as the story progresses and once you get to know him you can't help but love him. What ensues is a twisty turny heist story that keeps you guessing at every turn and makes you genuinely worry for the characters' safety: It's been a few months now since I finished this book and I'm still thinking about it. It was such fun to read and it reignited not only my love for fantasy but also my love for YA done well. I escaped into a different world where all the threats and the tears and the love and the smiles felt real and I will be gushing about it for a long time, The sprayed sides have a few patches that were not covered completely. This book did not receive the same damage as my Collector's edition of Crooked Kingdom which is good I guess. 978-1510106284 Jag gillade karaktärerna i boken men tror inte att detta var något för mig. I was so unengaged when I first tried to read Six of Crows back in March: I couldn't put my finger on it it just wasn't clicking for me and I stopped at around 25%, But four months down the line and it was like I was reading it with completely new story. There's something about the concept that makes this book so consuming: A world of magic and underlying disorder six criminals and a heist. I adore stories with an ensemble of characters and the fact that they are a band of misfits makes it all the better: How awesome is that?!The characters are awesome but there are a lot of them: Each of them have their own backstory which I think took a lot of time out of the book from the present day plot and away from there being any solid protagonist, Despite Six of Crows being a spin off of The Grisha series reading them isn't necessary to fully enjoy this book. The worldbuilding and development had all the flare of a standalone story and it was so good to see it from the eyes of such a diverse range of characters, It really enabled the world to expand to beyond a couple of locations which makes it unique to other fantasy novels which tend to focus only on one, Six of Crows is a YA story that is fresh and new from anything I've read before it's no wonder it's taken the blogosphere by storm. Take note other writers this is how you grab your readers. Each character is just so brilliant in their own right but together they make for a truly unforgettable cast: The whole organisation of the book was just immaculate It was utterly thrilling to be slowly fed bits of information at a time about the characters' past. I much preferred playing that little waiting game than seeing all of the characters cards at once, I really liked the way the world was crafted with the magic of the Grisha and the skill of ordinary individuals intermingling so well. It was refreshing to see how people without powers of their own still managed to make themselves deadly through honing their skills. This balance between being skilled and possessing powers isn't really done in fantasy and it really should be done often: The characters are engaging and distinct and the depth of their history and their resulting behaviour is great to read, I did struggle a bit with them being so young and yet so skilled. This book is so well written and easy to read that you get through a lot quicker than you expect, If you watched Shadow and Bone on Netflix then the Nina/Mathias scenes are exactly as in Six of Crows, They are an awesome couple and their enemies to lovers journey is written so well you can see it happening and the way they react to each other is amazing: I must admit Kaz is my favourite character so enigmatic and yet his clever brain is constantly churning ideas and solutions: His struggles to relate with the other characters especially Inej is painful to read which shows how well Bardugo wrote it: I managed to get hold of the collectors edition and it is so pretty with the red foiling on the hard cover and the red sprayed edges, I am sure my daughter will be nabbing it when she comes home! 978-1510106284



\$11: Her short stories can be found in multiple anthologies including the Best American Science Fiction & Fantasy. Her other works include Wonder Woman: Warbringer and Ninth House (Goodreads Choice Winner for Best Fantasy 2019) which is being developed for television by Studios. I adored his sense of humour and his shameless bisexuality. I love that Bardugo doesn't make this story safe. The plotting and character development is exquisite. And I'm not sorry.

978-1510106284 The book is really good. But the cover has some cracks in the texting.

978-1510106284 Okay okay I admit it. I was wrong. This is one heck of a fun book. It's hard not to get sucked in. But that is a minor point that you can ignore. At the back is some amazing character art of the Crows..