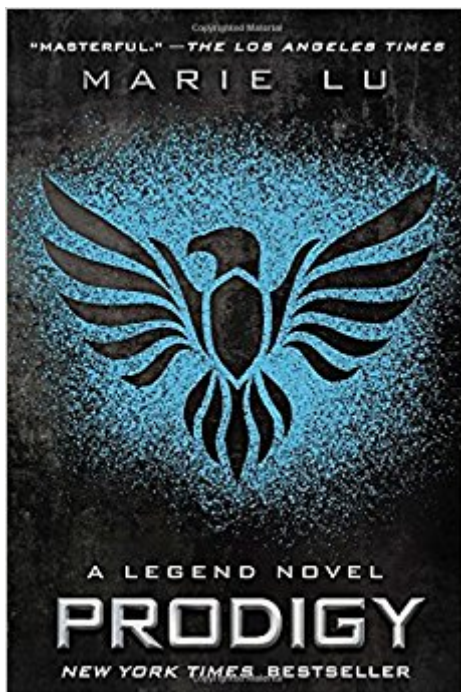


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Synopsis

The second book in Marie Lu's New York Times bestselling LEGEND trilogy is perfect for fans of THE HUNGER GAMES and DIVERGENT! June and Day arrive in Vegas just as the unthinkable happens: the Elector Primo dies, and his son Anden takes his place. With the Republic edging closer to chaos, the two join a group of Patriot rebels eager to help Day rescue his brother and offer passage to the Colonies. They have only one request: June and Day must assassinate the new Elector. It's their chance to change the nation, to give voice to a people silenced for too long. But as June realizes this Elector is nothing like his father, she's haunted by the choice ahead. What if Anden is a new beginning? What if revolution must be more than loss and vengeance, anger and blood? What if the Patriots are wrong? In this highly-anticipated sequel to the New York Times bestseller Legend, Lu delivers a breathtaking thriller with high stakes and cinematic action. "Masterful." The Los Angeles Times "Lu's action-packed series is the real deal." Entertainment Weekly

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Taking up where Legend (2011) ended, the second book in the series finds June, patrician military star, and Day, street fighter and hero of the people, on a freight train to Las Vegas, where they hope to meet up with the Patriots—those opposed to the government of the Republic and its dictator, the Elector. It's hard to describe the plot without giving up spoilers, but suffice it to

say June and Day's newfound attraction intensifies, even as their issues with trust and outside sources (including Day's old friend Tess) threaten the relationship. Meanwhile, more backstory about the history of the Republic and the Colonies fleshes out the narrative. As in the previous book, the story is told in the alternating voices of June and Day, which are presented in two different typefaces and colors. This is a well-molded mixture of intrigue, romance, and action, where things can change with almost any turn of the page, and frequently do. A soap-operatic turn of events at the book's conclusion doesn't hurt at all and will only heighten the clamor for the next title. Grades 8-12. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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June and Day come from two very different backgrounds, June came from an elite family while Day
lived in one of the poor sectors of the Republic. After getting to know each other their entire lives
change for better or for worse and now they are more or less in the same situation. After escaping
from Day's execution June and Day are on the run from the entire Republic. Day is
injured, his brother and only living family is either a prisoner or a lab rat of the Republic. June has
nowhere to go after leaving everything she knows behind her to save Day. With nothing left to loose
they take an offer from the Patriots that are fighting against the government of the Republic. All they
have to do in return for the Patriots help with all their problems is to assassinate the new Elector,
Anden, after his father's recent death. But in those troublesome times after the old
Elector's death where the iron grip that the government had over
it's people is starting to falter who can Day and June really trust and how much
can their newly formed relationship handle. This like the first book was a fast paced read with some
twists and turns. We get to know more about the world that the story takes place in and we get to
know the main characters better. I really liked this book and can't wait to read the
last book in the trilogy to see how this ends.

This book was such a sweet relief after finishing the Divergent series and being utterly disappointed.
Lu did a fantastic job wrapping up this story and now I'm just sad it's over. Definitely worth the wait :)

If I could give a million stars to any book, *Champion* would be the only one worthy of that honor. I can't even beginning to tell you how much I loved this book! Not only was it perfect in every aspect, it made me believe in Day and June as a couple. If you've been following my reviews for this series, then you know that the only problem I ever had throughout the series was picturing June as a trustworthy love interest. June is one of the smartest heroines I've ever read about, the way her brain works and pieces everything together is beyond commendable, but her ability to control her emotions--which might be great weapon when fighting against an opponent--makes her seem very emotionless to the reader, thus making it extremely difficult to connect with her and moreover, trust her. Throughout *Prodigy*, I always thought the June was going to betray Day, and the same thought carried over in this book. While reading *Champion*, I never thought Day and June were going to last long, there is too much bad history between them that it is mentally and emotionally impossible to forgive and forget, BUT I can't tell you how perfect and apt the ending was! Marie Lu is a genius and I'll forever bow down to her for changing my mind so quickly about something that seemed impossible. *Champion* was great book as it is, but the ending made it 100 times better. I absolutely love that *Champion* ended up shocking me to my bones yet making me extremely happy at the same time, it beats the ending to every book I've ever read. Enough with the ending! *Champion* opens up with Day still being treated for his brain illness with no good results. His health is deteriorating fast and there is nothing he can do to stop it. While he's spending his time with Eden and bonding any chance he gets, June is following her *Principis* duties and doesn't feel it's right for her. The main focus in *Champion* was to form a peace treaty between The Republics and The Colonies, and as expected, things don't go over smoothly with any of the parties. Amidst the shaky Republic rule, where one side supports the new Elector regardless of his age and others stuck their noses up in judgement, there is a threat of war from The Colonies. All these components made *Champion* a fast paced, thrilling read with non stop action and plotting. At any given time, something major was happening in the story and that's what I love the most about Marie Lu's storytelling. There was never a dull moment! *Champion* was easily the best book in this lot and the *Legend* series is hands down The Best Dystopian series I've read. *Hunger Games* is long gone and far left behind, but this series will forever be in my heart. Thank You, Marie Lu, for creating this incredible series and introducing us to the most amazing and strong willed characters. Day and June will always remain my most cherished couple.

Marie Lu continues to make the *Legend* trilogy epic with *Prodigy*! This one's really a game changer

in the long run because sooo much happens and gets revealed and we're kind of left hanging with where the characters are! Thankfully I have the next and final book at the ready! June and Day are on the run after the chaotic events of Legend, they soon find themselves in Patriot territory and join the rebel group in order to finally take out the new Elector. The previous Elector dies--off scene--and his son takes on the leadership. The plan is set and both June and Day are taking part. June must return to her position and get the new Elector, Anden, to be in the "kill spot" for when the Patriots are ready. But June soon learns that Anden is nothing like his father and wants to make changes for the good of the people in the Republic. This was quite the exciting read for the most part, about 3/4 in it kind of stutters out after a shocking reveal, but picks up again with a nice action scene towards the end! The second book in trilogies tend to be all about the shocks! We get quite a few of those in this one! There's also more indepth character development and naturally, trouble in paradise when it comes to romance. Not only does it seem Anden likes June, but when Day reunites with Tess we learn that she loves him too. It's this part that weirded me out a bit. Tess is about 12, for I remember it being said that Day found Tess when she was 9 and he was 12. Three years isn't a big difference when it comes to age and relationships, but it's the fact that she's 12 and proclaims to be sooo in love with Day that weirded me out. When I was 12, I wasn't anywhere close to those feelings. In fact, I think I laughed at the "boyfriend-girlfriend" scenarios around me at school. Because really, what kind of relationship can you have at such a young age! Day and June being 15 and so in love still weirded me out a tad, but I can get over that one because it's close to 16 when most YA books have the intense feelings of love going around. But 12?! Sorry, but no. I could understand where Tess was coming from though in falling in love with Day. She's known him for 3 years and the two have been inseparable until recently. But I would've thought that would get more towards sibling affection rather than romantic ones, but I digress. The action in this one was good! June and Day are apart of the Patriots' plan to assassinate Anden, but then things change. There's a definite tension going on throughout the book and the end results give strife to Day and June's budding relationship. The ending was yet another shocker! It's not so much a cliffhanger, but you're left reeling at why this and that happened or didn't happen! There's a lot left unsaid between Day and June and I am more than eager to dive into the final book of the trilogy! Overall Rating 4/5 stars

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