

Crooked Kingdom

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Crooked Kingdom is the final book in the Six of Crows duology. After pulling off the heist of the century, Kaz Brekker and his crew are back to fighting for their lives. Doublecrossed, Kaz finds his most prized possession taken away from him. The crew is low on resource, allies and hope. The highly addictive drug, Juda Parem, which turns Grishas incredibly powerful is still a mystery to be solved. Old and new enemies arise as blood will be shed on the streets of Ketterdam.

As always with this series, I love the characters. Kaz Brekker, the anti-hero, who is just so awesome. In this book, we get to see a more vulnerable side to him. We learn more about his backstory and his history. It makes his character seem more real and we see the motivation behind some of his actions. The plot is still very much the YA novel that this series always was. It is kind of interesting, but it is not as thought-provoking as it could be.

This is a book that I would recommend for tweens to teens. There is death, sex trafficking and PTSD, but it is not very gory. I would only recommend you to read it or buy it for someone if they or you have read Six of Crows already. It is based a lot on the first book and reading that before would really help understand the story.

Recommendations

- Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo (Book #1 of the Grisha Verse trilogy)
- The Young Elites by Marie Lu (Book #1 of the Young Elites trilogy)
- Graceling by Kristin Cashore (Book #1 of the Gracling Realm trilogy)