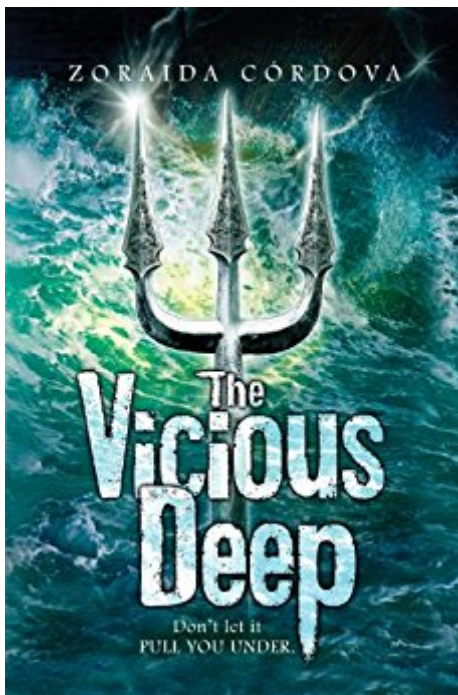


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He was gone for three days. Sucked out to sea in a tidal wave and spit back ashore at Coney Island with no memory of what happened. Now his dreams are haunted by a terrifying silver mermaid with razor-sharp teeth. His best friend Layla is convinced something is wrong. But how can he explain he can sense emotions like never before? How can he explain he's the heir to a kingdom he never knew existed? That he's suddenly a pawn in a battle as ancient as the gods? Something happened to him in those three days. He was claimed by the sea...and now it wants him back. The Vicious Deep Series: The Vicious Deep (Book 1) The Savage Blue (Book 2) The Vast and Brutal Sea (Book 3)

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Customer Reviews

It's all right. I like it because the book has a main character which is a male and also a merman (It's different since it is usually a female that ends up being a mermaid). The world that Zoraida created in this book is beautiful and unique. The start of the book takes off in a running start and grabs the

reader's attention. Maybe it was just me, but around the middle of the book, it kind of began to slow down. I was beginning to lose interest with reading this book. Sometimes, I struggled to pay attention in some sections since it doesn't really appeal to me. With such a gorgeous cover and a neat title, I kind of expected something...I don't know...different. I had this high expectation for this book. To me, it really didn't reach its maximum potential. Some of the characters, like Tristan and Kurt, I really liked. I liked Layla at the first part of the book but I started to dislike her near the middle-ish of the book. Oh, and Thalia? Dear God, she's irritating as hell. If you are a teenager and like the whole mermaids stuff, then this is the book for you. It's just not my cup of tea.

Firstly, I'd say that the service itself was great. I received the parcel which I was very impatiently waiting for, in no time. I was quite impressed. The book was in first class condition. Thumbs up to !Now, about the book. Oh God, the book! Its so good, so good that I don't have the right words to describe it. Its written in first person, and that method is used so well that it feels the main characters himself told me the story. If I just say that the book is about mermaids, it will be complete injustice to this wonderful book. True that it is about mermaids, but not just your average mermaid in distress that you see abandoned in the sea and save her then you both fall in love and get married. No, this book will give you a completely different view of merfolk and the ocean. It'll open your eyes two times wider. The excellent fact about this book is that it's very first line is so describing and attention catching, interesting. What else could an author and reader want? I'd say once again that this book is very, very good, very accurately told from the main character's point of view. 6 out of 5 stars to this amazingly book that I have fallen in love with!-Rigel.U

Review:My first mermaid... sorry, merdude book. And I had major fun with it. Mostly due to the book not taking itself or the mermaid mythology too seriously. It had its fair share of solemn and intense moments, but the overall mood of the book was light, fun and adventurous with constant subtle or in your face humor. Tristan is basically what took the book for me from ok to really good, I praise the author for successfully and beyond writing in a male POV. He was refreshing, charmingly dense and stuck up and a boys boy, a narrator who, from first glance, was your typical teenage pretty boy throwing out constant sarcastic, self-centered and just spot-on comments and reacting in ways that I just want to smack him over the head or pinch his cheeks of swoony overload. A hero you just cannot not find appealing. Next to him, this story definitely had a wide cast of distinct characters, a couple somewhat unnecessary ones, but all recognizable and for the most part likable. I can't believe I'm actually saying this but I didn't mind the lack of romance as much as I usually would.

Yes, Tristan had feelings for Layla, but he was too busy flirting with and being distracted by other girls so there wasn't a clear focus on their potential romance. I'm hopeful though. There was enough secondary character relationships and overall fun to keep me busy from missing blushes and kisses. What I wasn't really wild about was the adding of other supernatural mythologies to the already central one. It just makes the waters murky and takes the focus away from the main theme. I hope that was just a small detour and nothing too permanent. The ending left me hanging a bit as well. It kind of just happened and I didn't feel that there was a proper final climax. Several events, next to that beforehand, in the book were more like the peaks of the story. Characters: I've already raved about him, but Tristan was a great flawed and fleshed out hero. I enjoyed reading the story from his point of view immensely because it felt authentic. He was just so harmlessly arrogant and a smooth talker while coming across a dork instead most of the time. His was laidback and calm, which also helped to create an overall chill atmosphere for the story. I also found his ignorance in regards to his behavior with girls sad yet hilarious. He needs to get his act or, more precisely, his hormones together and not be such a Casanova, otherwise, Layla will never take him seriously. Despite this, I have to congratulate him on managing what many probably wouldn't - to be manly/cool and a fish at the same time. Good job! Other characters: Kurt was stiff as a board but an amusing sidekick. I couldn't fully relate to and understand Layla, she was nice and didn't take any of Tristan's douchebaggery, but there was something missing. I hope we delve into her character more in the upcoming books and she has chances to shine next to the awesomeness of Tristan. I loved Tristan's parents: cool, fun, supportive, caring and always the first to tease, make fun of and agitate their son. All the merfolk were vividly created and colorful. The couple that received more focus were unique, interesting and we'll definitely hear more about them. Overall: I enjoyed this book more than I thought I would. Not only is this a decent and fun mermaid story, it's a book with a memorable hero and colorful cast of secondary characters. Most of all though, I liked the simple yet witty humor. Definitely recommend!

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