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Synopsis

The explosive finale to Marie Lu's New York Times bestselling LEGEND trilogy is perfect for fans of THE HUNGER GAMES and DIVERGENT! He is a Legend. She is a Prodigy. Who will be Champion? June and Day have sacrificed so much for the people of the Republic and each other and now their country is on the brink of a new existence. June is back in the good graces of the Republic, working within the government's elite circles as Princeps Elect while Day has been assigned a high level military position. But neither could have predicted the circumstances that will reunite them once again. Just when a peace treaty is imminent, a plague outbreak causes panic in the Colonies, and war threatens the Republic's border cities. This new strain of plague is deadlier than ever, and June is the only one who knows the key to her country's defense. But saving the lives of thousands will mean asking the one she loves to give up everything he has. With heart-pounding action and suspense, Marie Lu's bestselling trilogy draws to a stunning conclusion. New York Times bestseller YALSA BFYAALA Top 10 nominee Chicago Public Library Best Book VOYA YA Perfect Ten List Bank Street Best Book Featured on Entertainment Weekly's Must-List From ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY: "Fine writing and excellent execution. Sequel, please!" From THE NEW YORK TIMES: "Legend doesn't merely survive the hype, it deserves it." From USA TODAY: "Marie Lu's dystopian novel is Legend's in the making."

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Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up **•**Factions will fight, traitors will be tried and convicted, and secrets revealed before star-crossed lovers Day and June's powerful story ends in the final book in the trilogy. Day and his brother, Eden, are in San Francisco for medical treatment after Eden was subjected to virus experiments by the Colonies. June is in Denver acting as one of the Princeps-Elect. After months apart without any communication, June asks Day to return with Eden so that the Republic can use the virus Eden is carrying to find a cure for the plague that has invaded the Colonies. The Colonies believe that the Republic has a cure, and issue an ultimatum that unless the Republic reveals it, the Colonies will attack. Then they renege on their promise to hold off and attack without warning. The Republic's Elector desperately needs allies but no one wants to help. Day is also trying not to let June know that he's dying. The Colonies' Chancellor knows that the people will follow Day, and if Day can get the citizens to accept the Colonies' rule, the Chancellor promises to save them and Day's loved ones. Can they find a cure for the virus in time? Can Day and his old Patriot friends defeat the Chancellor and his soldiers? June and Day's future together is equally uncertain. They love each other but their painful pasts and June's involvement in Day's family's deaths will always be between them. Lu's unexpected ending adds an extra poignancy to their complicated relationship. Fans who loved *Legend* (2011) and *Prodigy* (2013, both Putnam) won't want to miss this one. **•**Sharon Rawlins, New Jersey State Library, Trenton --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Starred Review In this heart-pounding conclusion to the *Legend* series, Day, champion of the people, and June, now a Princeps-Elect and confidant to the young Elector Anden, once again find themselves in trouble and in love. The Republic is being attacked by the Colonies, who are sure that a deadly virus has been inflicted upon them by their enemy. They will only halt their bombardment if a cure is delivered to them. And the only way to find a cure is further experimentation on Day's beloved brother, Eden, which is something Day will never agree to. The hallmark of this series has been its nonstop action coupled with the burning desire (and complicated relationship) between Day and June. The last of the trilogy amplifies both. Neither Day nor June are comic-book characters -- nor, for that matter, is Anden, the third leg of the triangle. Each of them (and young Eden, too) are carefully explored, bringing a personal depth to the action. The

resolution of the war has some blurry edges, but readers will be much more interested in the fates of Day and June. How Lu ties up their relationship is done with such patience and feeling that it might bring on a few tears (of happiness or sadness, I'm not telling), but readers will come away grateful that she has given this beautifully crafted series the ending it deserved.

HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Fans of this best-selling series have been waiting with bated breath for the conclusion. Expect demand. Grades 7-12. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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 lose 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 its 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 begin 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 Princeps 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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