## SIX OF CROWS

## by Leigh Bardugo

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Rating (o stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)

Genre(s):

Contemporary/Realistic

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo is a YA fantasy novel that follows a group of six outcasts in the city of Ketterdam as they go through a dangerous and seemingly impossible heist. The group must work together to infiltrate a prison in order to capture a valuable hostage. Succeeding in this heist would make them filthy rich, but if they don't pull it off, it could mean death.

As a whole, I believe that this book is worth the read. It has great worldbuilding, complex and likeable characters, and the pacing is good. At the beginning, I was a little confused as to what was happening in the first few chapters, but I eventually understood the world and how it worked. I only found this out after I finished the book, but there is also another series within the same world called Shadow and Bone, which introduces the Grisha world and takes place before Six of Crows, so if you wanted to have a good understanding of the world before reading this book, you could start with that trilogy first. With that being said, I didn't read the Shadow and Bone series before this and I was fine. However, it can be overwhelming at first, especially since there are so many names and terms that you have to get used to. In addition to this, there are also multiple POVs in this book, so I was able to learn more about each character more deeply.

I wasn't really into the book at first, but the more I read on, the more that I was intrigued by the world and its characters. I loved every single character and their flaws. The way that Bardugo leaned into each individuals' flaws, traumas, and mistakes, made them feel real and unforgettable. Even though there were so many POVs and characters, each one felt distinct and unique. The relationships between each character was even better; this was one of the best "found family" dynamics that I have ever read in a book. To sum it all up, this book is definitely worth the read, no matter what kind of reader you are. The story-telling is phenomenal; once you really get into it, you're hooked.

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