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New York Times bestselling author Maria V. Snyder brings her Poison Study series to its exhilarating conclusion.

Despite the odds, Yelena and Valek have forged an irrevocable bond and a family that transcends borders. Now, when their two homelands stand on the brink of war, they must fight with magic and cunning to thwart an Ixian plot to invade Sitia.

Yelena seeks to break the hold of the insidious Theobroma that destroys a person's resistance to magical persuasion. But the Cartel is determined to keep influential citizens and Sitian diplomats in thrall and Yelena at bay. With every bounty hunter after her, Yelena is forced to make a dangerous deal.

With might and magic, Valek peels back the layers of betrayal surrounding the Commander. At its rotten core lies a powerful magician and his latest discovery. The fate of all rests upon two unlikely weapons. One may turn the tide. The other could spell the end of everything.

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From Reader Review Dawn Study for online ebook

Savreen Jhutty says

Just waiting for Yelena to meet Valek's mother.... >.>

Avy (Book Looney) *? says

Love that is has a title, but why 2017

Update 8-4-16:

COOOOOOOOOOOOOOVER

Elena Jones says

GIVE ME THE SEQUEL NOW

ShoSho says

I hate to do this but I can't give more than 3 stars to this book. I only liked it and didn't love it. It was very repetitive and long , it also got boring at times. It's not a good sign when I'm not sleepy but I choose to sleep rather than reading a few more chapters. I lost count of times the characters were captured, rescued , relocated and got captured again. Valek and Yelena weren't the power couple they always are. Almost all of their plans went wrong. They got it right at the end but I wasn't impressed. I wanted more from the last book, more surprises, more twists, more ... something!!!

I'm not saying it wasn't a good book and after many many books in this series I still love and enjoy reading about these characters and their adventures but this one didn't quite reach the mark for me.

I do recommend this series and the author's other series. And I won't hesitate to get my hands on any other book from Maria V. Snyder.

From Netgalley for an honest review

Brittany says

It literally hurt my heart to give this book anything but 5 stars, but here we are; a massive puddle of disappointment.

The Study series is my precious. After waiting many years in the hopes that Yelena would grace my life with more books my dream came true. And now we're at the absolute end(I assume so anyhow) and I'm mad. Dawn Study what the hell? It's not even the story, although there was nothing super stellar or shocking about it(in fact, it was overly repetitive; capture, rescue, scheme, capture, rescue, scheme, and repeat). It's everything else. I'm not sure if this was a rush job or Snyder got confused, but this book feels so out of place. The writing is meh. The dialogue is lacking is every way possible. And the characters! These were not my characters I know and love. Their voices are missing. Their personalities are missing. These were just some random characters that happened to have the same names as my beloved ones. I mentioned the dialogue was lacking, and well that's because these characters were. Everything was so forced and not good. No sexy Valek. No funny Ari and Janco. Yelena was a shell of her usual kick-ass self.

I'm just so upset and angry. I really wish I'd skipped this finale. It would be better to have no ending than this ending...

Tati says

Boy, was this bad...

If I had to sum the whole thing up with a gif, it would be:

Shall we talk about the characters first? They were flat, flat, flat. Flat as an open bottle of soda left in the fridge for three days. Valek was so frustrating! He needed some anger management classes, all he felt was fury, rage, anger... Yelena was also a train wreck. I mean, lady, you're pregnant! I'm not saying that pregnant women should be wrapped in bubble wrap, but I don't think it's healthy for them to go gallivanting in the night and being ambushed by assassins and then, only after they've nearly died to think 'Oh, I could have harmed the baby! Is the baby okay?'. As for the other characters, they didn't fare much better.

So, plot. It was an endless loop of someone needs to be rescued-off to the rescue-scheming the bestest plan ever the defeat the evilest guys ever- all goes to hell - someone needs to be rescued. It was annoying. I could almost keep a check list of who had already been rescued and who was still waiting for their turn to be in grave danger.

Oh, what about the writing, you ask.

It was, I'm sorry to say, just awful. None of the dialogue rang true for some reason. If that's all on the writing or the fact that the characters were flat, I don't know, and, right now, I don't really care. One of the many things that had me grinding my teeth through this book was having a YA book with adults as the main characters. I mean, Yelena and Valek are married, for crying out loud, with a baby on the way. We all know how she got pregnant, right? And yet, the writing has to be cottoned by words like 'relations'. This means that

there is no passion between the two of them. I mean, I'd get sentences like 'He kissed me long and hard.' And that was it. Cue the next scene. I wanted more to work with, y'know?

Also, about what I said last year? (view spoiler)

I'm going to leave my prediction here:

(view spoiler)

I hope I'm wrong, it will be too predictable if I'm right...

Anna (Enchanted by YA) says

It has a title! I can't wait for this book

Caitlin says

"You are more beautiful to me today than yesterday. Each day when I think I can't possibly love you any more than I do, you prove me wrong."

Look, I promised that there would be a full review of this book but really, I'm a liar. The problem is that I have a lot of spoilery thoughts and hardly anyone has read these books so I don't want to risk spoiling anyone who's looking to read these books in the future!

This series is honestly one that I will hold close to my heart forever because it's just so comforting and special. I know that's a weird description but bear with me. It's like you always know what you're going to get from this story - crazy action, a strong group of friendships and a great romance.

I love this series so much and I'm absolutely heartbroken that it's over. No more Valek and Yelena and their gang. I'm hoping Maria brings out some short stories about their adventures after these books because I need more from Ari, Janco and Onora. I ship Janco and Onora so hard and the fact that they never really got together at all is like ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! I need answers and I need more from these characters and this world and I'm not emotionally ready to say goodbye. My heart is so full from this book but it's also broken thinking about leaving these characters.

I'm sorry for the really shitty reviews for all of this series but I can't recommend it enough. If you haven't picked up these books already, you need to!

Bee (Heart Full of Books) says

I loved how all the characters came together for one final book! I really hope there's more to come in this

world - perhaps with the next generation, because I will seriously miss Ixia and Sitia too much! Poison Study is one of my all-time favourites and now I've read 9 books worth with the characters, which is the longest time I've ever stayed in one world.

I though Dawn Study was a fun end to the series, maybe slightly anticlimactic, but just getting to live with these characters for another 350+ pages was worth the wait!

Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says

I hated this book. I fucking LOVED this entire series, books 1-5. Even books 2-3 in the Poison Study series because Yelena was so fucking awesome. The Soulfinders books 1-2. Wow. Just wow. Even better because of the inclusion of my beloved Valek as a narrative voice, but man, this book was such a clusterfuck, and it breaks my heart to say this.

It was boring. It was SO boring. Valek started to sound like a generic whiny asinine male instead of Valek the Great, One of My Three Book Boyfriends, and I could not stand his narration. Everyone started sounding the same. Everyone was off on their separate different quests and I could not keep shit straight.

It lacked the spark and the joy that held the entire series together, and I am completely astounded by the fact that this book had such higher reviews, when it is, in my opinion, the worst book she has ever written in this universe. I struggled to skim it, that's how bad it was. I didn't read the last 10% of the book because it was so unbearably dull. I read this like 2 months ago and couldn't bring myself to rate it until now. What a disappointment and what a terrible ending to the series. But again, I didn't even read the last 10% so I don't even know what happened. And at that point, I didn't even care.

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Siobhan says

Dawn Study was all I could have hoped for from the ninth, and final, Chronicles of Ixia novel. I admit that it wasn't perfect, but it was a brilliant ending to a truly wonderful series.

I've read all of the Ixia books – the Study series, the Glass series, the Soulfinders series, and the short stories – excluding Shattered Glass. I planned to pick that one up before reading this, yet when NetGalley approved my request, I was too excited. I couldn't hold back – I had to read this one. Fear not, all those who have yet to read Shattered Glass. The short story is not a necessity to understand this book. It's linked in with the Glass series, with characters and events in Dawn Study, but it is not the end of the world if you have yet to read it. I now plan to go back and read it, if only to ensure I have read every single Ixia story – both full-length novel and short story – yet my lack of prior reading failed to lessen my enjoyment of Dawn Study.

Now comes the really hard part – trying to form a coherent review about the actual book.

Since Poison Study, I have been in love with this series. The world of Ixia ensured Maria V. Snyder's place on my favourite author list. I devoured the first six books across a handful of days, and since then I've been jumping whenever there was news about the last three books. Without a doubt, the Study/Soulfinders

characters are my favourite, but I've enjoyed every book in the series. Everyone has something to offer, all of the events come together in a wonderful way. With Dawn Study, I was expecting something big. I had ideas of what would come, but I wasn't sure about anything.

Fortunately, Dawn Study has enough twists and turns to ensure you're pulled in throughout. Every time I put the book down, I found myself impatient to carry on reading. You never knew exactly what would come next. Old and new characters come together, events from the past come back to influence how things play out, and the entire series is brought together in this one. Answers are given; conclusions are reached; scenes we've been waiting for finally play out.

It truly is a fabulous ending to the series.

I know, I know, I'm saying very little about what exactly happens. This, of course, is intentional. We've all been waiting so long to see all these things come together, that to give spoilers would be a truly horrible thing to do. I've been fortunate enough to advance read this novel, and I really do not wish to be blamed for secrets escaping. Just know that you'll be given so many things in this one.

Despite how wonderful this ending was, even though so much was brought together, I wasn't completely satisfied. The book tries to give every character some kind of ending. We get to see how events play out for everyone. Some of these endings, though, fell short for me. I'd expected more from some of the storylines. Some characters played such vital roles throughout the entire Ixia series, only to be given an ending that was less than they deserved. Yes, these endings make for great twists... However, I felt a bit cheated by some of the endings. The main characters had great endings, but some of the characters didn't end the way I expected and hoped. It just seemed to me as though more effort was put into some endings than other endings.

Was this done intentionally? In some cases I can but hope, almost as though we're going to be given more stories of these characters in the future. I cannot imagine they would be full-length novels, but I have my fingers crossed for some short stories. If only to tie up the few questions I have pertaining to how things played out for certain characters.

Overall, though, this was a great read. The Chronicles of Ixia series has been a real ride, and I'm so sad to see it end. All good things must come to an end, though, and I cannot wait to see what Maria V. Snyder brings us next.

As a final note, I would like to thank NetGalley and the publisher for allowing me to advance read this – such a thing made me a very happy fan.

Coleen (The Book Ramblings) says

This is bittersweet. The Study and Soulfinders series are the only series I have ever read in full and completed. The only two series that I will recommend to anyone without hesitation. So while it is sad to see it come to an end, I think it was a solid ending to Yelena and Valek's story. While I loved being in their world again and coming along for their adventurous, dangerous, and love filled journey with all their friends and enemies, it became repetitive. It was just a repeated cycle of plot, capture, rescue, scheme, capture, rescue, repeat. There were portions of the book that I would skim because it grew boring to read the same subplot over and over again. The synopsis leads us to believe there would be this disastrous war between their homelands, Ixia and Sitia.

While there was some action and unsettling unknown throughout, I felt like it was a slow burn for something that was very anti-climatic once it occurred. As much as I wanted to give this book 4 stars, I feel like it's more suited as a 3.5, because while I savored being back with that world, it wasn't one that I felt like I was really immersed in like the previous books in the series. I would have been satisfied reading multiple chapters about Yelena and Valek's (sometimes) mundane life in the epilogue.

Jennymort ? The Dark Lordette ? House of Slytheread says

RTC.... *maybe never.*

Maggie ? (Reader in Wonderland) says

“You could put the sass into assassin.”

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“You are more beautiful to me today than yesterday. Each day when I think I can't possibly love you any more than I do, you prove me wrong.”

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“That's a good idea.”

“Don't sound so surprised, love. I might start to think you're only interested in me for my body.”

“Did you say something? I was too busy staring at your muscular chest.”

“Nice.”

I can't believe this story is over. I will miss this magical world and these memorable characters so much! Special tributes to - Yelena, Valek, Ari, Janco, Onora and Leif. But I also know I will visit them once again in the future. Loved this whole series to pieces!

“Will do, Boss.” Janco said. “I understand all about keeping mothers happy.”

“You do?” Ari asked with a doubtful tone.

“Yes. Just because I ignore it doesn't mean I don't understand it.”

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“Janco saluted. “Our herd may roam, but we all know where is home.”

Helena ☆ FC says

“Our herd may roam, but we all know where is home.”

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THIS AMAZING SERIES IS OVER!!! As per usual, I’m in the minority when it comes to my feelings about a book. Most reviews seem to state that this final instalment in the Ixian Chronicles is the weakest of the 6, but I still firmly believe that Fire Study is the only one deserving of that title, as it’s the sole instalment that earned a mere 4.5-star rating for me. This was a *phenomenal* finale, and I enjoyed every second of it!!! As this is the final book, I’ll try to make this review as vague as I can, in an effort to be as spoiler-free as possible. :D

“You are more beautiful to me today than yesterday. Each day when I think I can’t possibly love you any more than I do, you prove me wrong.”

Yelena and Valek are now **one of my biggest OTPs** and I can’t wait to re-read Poison Study (in addition to the rest of these books) because I want to go on this *incredible journey* all over again! I loved the world, the characters, the magic system, the politics, the romance...so, basically, everything!!! ;) Except maybe the pacing...Magic Study and Fire Study definitely needed some improvement there. In comparison to rest of the instalments in the Ixian Chronicles, those two were rather underwhelming. Having said that, there were so many **shocking moments** in this book, as well as **sweet and heart-warming** ones.

“This is your mother we’re talking about. She can be very persistent and stubborn,” [Esau said.]

Valek burst out laughing, and we both looked at him in confusion.

“Sorry,” he said, wiping his eyes. “It’s just I have a feeling that I’ll be saying that very same thing to our son or daughter in the future.”

I’ve *binged* this entire series in no time at all, despite my efforts to draw it out, in order to savour these books for as long as possible. **Valek, Yelena, Ari, Janco, Onora, and Leif** are a family that I’d love to join. They are **so loyal and supportive** of one another. If I had to complain about the absence of a character, I’d have to say that I thought **Maren** was deserving of more screen-time, considering what a fundamental role that she once played in this series. We haven’t really seen her since Poison Study!

I’M SO SAD THAT THIS SERIES IS OVER, THOUGH!!! I **need** more Valek and Yelena in my life. 6 books **weren’t enough!!!**

Goodbye, my beloved characters! I can’t wait to see you all again very soon!!! <3
