

Rebel

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It has been years since Daniel Wing, the street boy called Day, the hero of the Republic of America. Now living in the technologically advanced city of Ross City, Antarctica with his younger brother Eden, he would rather forget the past and focus on his new life. Eden however, is intrigued by his past and is drawn to it. Ross City is divided into two parts: the Sky Floors and the Undercity. It also has a level system that everyone is connected to. Higher levels grant better privileges while lower levels leave you stuck in the Undercity. Daniel and Eden live their life in the Sky Floors with Daniel working as an AIS agent and Eden being the top student of his high school and a brilliant inventor. The two brothers have grown apart in their new life and Eden is finding himself spending more and more time where his brother doesn't want him to, the Undercity. Eden has now found trouble with a notorious crime lord in the Undercity and Daniel is going to need help to save him and Ross City.

Rebel is the fourth installment in Marie Lu's Legend series. While the first three books focus on June and Day's perspective, Rebel narrows in on Daniel and Eden in their new life in Ross City. I like that she used Eden's character because we have heard about him in the previous books but now we get a good look at his character. Marie Lu does a great job with her character development especially showing the change in the characters from their past life to the present. Daniel and Eden faced many hardships during the revolution and she shows how the tension from back then continues now. I think some parts of the book are a little slow and some of the scenes stretch out a bit too long. Overall, Marie Lu did an excellent job wrapping up the series with Rebel.

I recommend this book for grades 9-12. The book contains some profanity and violence so it best suits those ages 13 and up. This is a book worth buying and is something you would want to read again. The intriguing plot, likable characters, and the dystopian setting is one that never gets old.

If you enjoyed reading Rebel then I would suggest reading:

Warcross

The Young Elites

Renegades