

*Song of the Current*

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Caro Oresteia grew up on her father's wherry knowing that one day she would be its captain. The Oresteia family is made up of a long line of bold wherrymen who are known for their daring adventures, success, and blessings from the river god. All the Oresteia's could speak to the river god. It was a given that the Oresteia's were one with the river god—but Caro is 17 years old and has never heard so much as a whisper from him. Her father started hearing the god when he was far younger than her, nevertheless, he continues to reassure her that one day she would know her fate. When her dad is taken prisoner after refusing to transport mysterious cargo, Caro takes on the deal hoping to save her father and possibly find her fate. The young wherry captain is whisked on a wild adventure filled with romance, chance, fate, and danger. Chased by the terrifying pirates of the ship Victoria who are willing to kill her for her cargo, Caro's curiosity to figure out the contents of the box she carries overwhelms her, but what's inside leaves her reeling—this changes everything.

*Song of the Current* is a brilliant story of strength, trust, and destiny. Caro's story is a reminder not to be afraid to embrace your individuality and face your destiny even if it's something you never expected. Caro thought she was sure of her entire future, a captain of her father's ship on the river with the river god, but when her fate brought her somewhere she never planned to be she found strengths she never knew she had with a future brighter than she ever expected. This book is a great book for those who are facing life changes and uncertainty in their future, giving hope that maybe there is a brighter future where you are headed.

Due to romance and violence, I would recommend this sailing adventure for readers ages 13 and up. I would also recommend that this book be borrowed from the library rather than bought as a gift. The nautical adventure is a wild and breathtaking page-turner; however, it is not one that I would reread many times. Nevertheless, it is still a great read for adventure-seeking readers who are ready to get lost at sea battling pirates and fighting for your lives. This book is magical in its own way and a wild ride you wouldn't want to miss.

**Recommended Titles:**

*Whisper of the Tide* by Sarah Tolcser (*Song of the Current* #2)

*Sorcery of Thorns* by Margaret Rogerson

*The Girl from Everywhere* by Heidi Heiling

*The Ship Beyond Time* by Heidi Heiling