

Children of Blood and Bone

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For the last eleven years, the kingdom of Orisha has lived without magic ever since King Saran ordered for the eradication of the majis -those who can wield magic - including Zélie's mother. Since then Zélie and her people have lived in fear, as King Saran and his soldiers have led persistent efforts to keep them from rebelling. When a trip to the market in Lagos goes awry suddenly, Zélie has the chance to restore magic to Orisha with the help of a roque princess and her brother Tzain.

Children of Blood and Bone is an immersive action packed adventure with fantastic world building. I enjoyed how the richness of West African culture and the discovery of Orisha's buried history was intertwined throughout the novel. While following the journey to restore magic, I was invested in Zélie, Inan and Amari's points of view to see how each of them dealt with their internal struggles and whether or not they overcame them. Zélie's character was extremely well written; she was under a massive amount of pressure and experienced immense pain. Still, Zélie looked inwards and made a choice about the person she wanted to become.

Due to the violence, death, and torture that is occasionally graphic I recommend *Children of Blood and Bone* for ages 13 and above. I suggest that you purchase *Children of Blood and Bone* as a gift for your loved one or yourself. I *highly* recommend *Children of Blood and Bone*. It's a rare and captivating story that will take you on an adventure.

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