

Prodigy

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June and Day barely escaped Batalla hall, Los Angeles where the Republic soldiers were going to execute Day. Most of the people believe Day to be dead however it was his brother who was assassinated by the firing squad while trying to protect Day. June, the idolized Republic's finest soldier turned traitor, has given up everything to help Day. The two are on the run to find the Patriots, a group of rebels determined to crush the Republic. However once June and Day learn their motives and are given their mission, they find themselves tangled in politics and unrest between the Patriots and Republic and are unsure of what to do and whom to trust.

Prodigy is the second book of Marie Lu's Legend series. Marie Lu does a good job with character development as they are very deep and complex. She illustrates the growth of June and Day as their plans change and loyalties waver. She also develops the secondary characters well. The dystopian society is established strongly as we can feel the tension between the characters and their view of their society. It was a great read and was hard to put down once I got started. I felt like I was beside June and Day throughout the book, running away from the Republic and overcoming obstacles for a greater good.

I would recommend this book for ages 13 and over. It contains some graphic violence so it would best suit teenagers and high school students. This is a book I would buy. The intense plot and scheming kept me at the edge of my chair and I would definitely go back through to see what I missed the first time.

Recommended titles:

Champion by Marie Lu

An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard