

Wintersong

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Liesl has heard countless stories of the enchanting Goblin King throughout her life. She remembers playing music and games with him in the Goblin Grove as a child. Now grown up, Liesl has cast aside her fantasies in order to please her family and help them run their inn. But that changes when Liesl's sister, Kathe, has been taken by the Goblin King. Liesl must save her sister by journeying through the Goblin King's lair, the Underground. With temptations, traps, and tricks at every turn, playing the Goblin King's game will be difficult. In this dark and magical world, Liesl must not only find her sister, but find her soul, her music, and who she truly is.

I immensely enjoyed reading Wintersong. S. Ja Jones has such rich and poetic writing in the story. She imbues strong emotions throughout the whole story, making me feel so many things all at once. The Underground was certainly a captivating and enchanting world that I couldn't get enough of. I was whisked off into another world and I didn't want to come back, just like Liesl. In other words, I could not put this book down. Liesl's journey was not only a physical one, but an emotional as well, and that made it all the better.

Despite that, there are some things to watch out for. First and foremost, Wintersong has much mature and intimate content that younger readers should not read. Some readers may take issue with the way the author portrays certain themes. Though I myself found the story a bit slow. I also did have some difficulty understanding some of the musical and German terms, but thankfully, they didn't not make the story difficult to understand. For these reasons, I suggest this book for anyone 16 years or older. This book would make a great gift for fans of fantasy and fairytales.

Recommended Titles:

Shadowsong by S. Jae Jones (Sequel to Wintersong)

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

Even the Darkest Stars by Heather Fawcett

Forest of a Thousand Lanterns by Julie C. Dao