

Name: Ann Jose
Reviewer Name: Anonymous
School: Valencia High
Grade: Senior
Book Title: Legend
Author: Marie Lu
Rate: 4.5

"Legend" by Marie Lu is a captivating dystopian novel set in a divided future United States. Brilliant military cadet June and notorious young criminal Day's paths unexpectedly cross, leading them to uncover dark secrets about the corrupt government of the Republic. Lu's masterful world-building immerses readers in a vivid society in turmoil, while well-developed characters like June and Day add depth to the narrative. The slow-burning romance and engaging prose further enhance the book's allure, making "Legend" a compelling and immersive read.

I loved how many plot twists there were, and how there wasn't necessarily a perfect happy ending. I really liked how well developed the characters are, and how the female lead isn't portrayed as any less capable than the male lead. The way the characters were written made them really likable and it had me rooting for them. My favorite character was Tess, a girl Day took in while living on the streets, because she changed from a helpless little girl, to someone who could take care of herself, and I think she had the best character arc. I did find it a bit disappointing the way the book followed a lot of the dystopian cliches, but overall it was very well-written.

I would recommend this book because I think it's a fun read. It takes a common dystopian trope and puts a fun twist on it. I think most middle schoolers and high schoolers would enjoy it. It reminds me of "Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins and "Fourth Wing" by Rebecca Yarros. Overall, it's a classic dystopian novel that followed the main characters rebelling against a controlling government, but it's an enjoyable read.