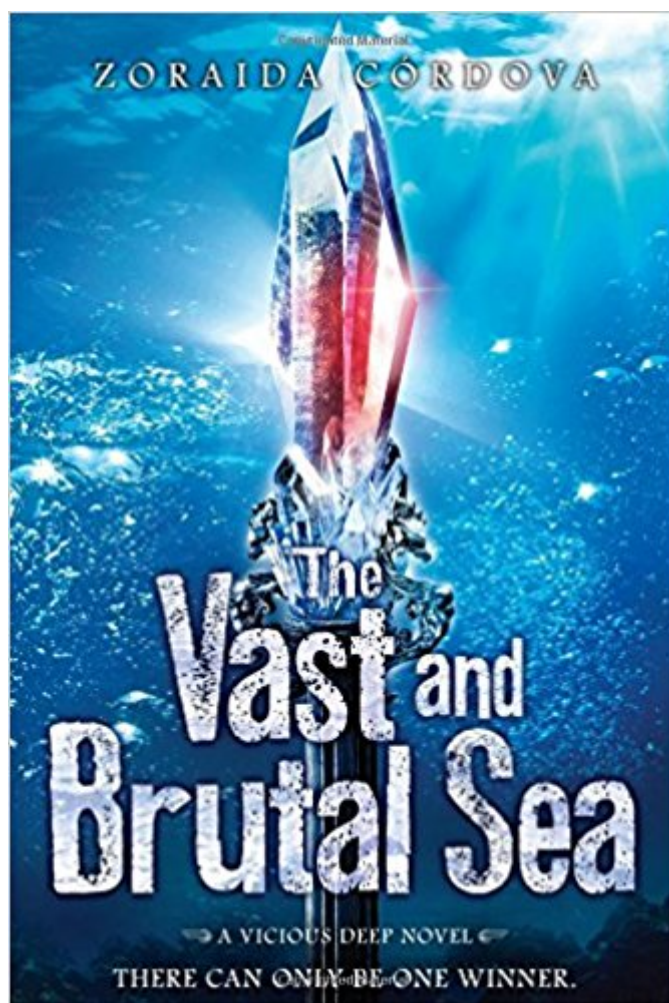


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Blood is in the Water...Two days. That's all the time Tristan Hart has to prevent all-out war. Since discovering he was part merman and heir to the Sea Throne, Tristan has been fighting for his future, his friends, and his life. Now, to win the crown and save the girl he loves, Tristan will have to take the ultimate risk: unleash the ancient magic of Poseidon and release the kraken. Seriously. It's the only way to unite the three scattered pieces of the king's trident and stop the sea witch Nieve from taking the throne for herself. Tristan's going to need all the help he can get. But the one person he could always depend on has betrayed him. Kurt now wants the throne for himself. Brother against brother, it's a brutal race to the finish, and there can only be one winner. The Vicious Deep Series: The Vicious Deep (Book 1) The Savage Blue (Book 2) The Vast and Brutal Sea (Book 3)

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"The perfect ending to an amazing and well-written trilogy!" - Margie from Bumbles and Fairy-Tales

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- Kirkus

I loved this series! Several things caught me off guard, but it's well worth the read! Gonna miss being in the mind of Tristan Hart!!!

Great book series!

We'll talk about the cover(s) first. This series has one of the most beautiful set of covers I have seen. They are bright, they are perfect and they do not have a person on the cover. Let's be honest, people on the cover is overdone so it's nice to see something different. But I am so in love with these covers. You can see all three of them below. Another series that is coming to an end. I know, all good things must end but I wish this saying weren't true because I love these characters, I love this world and I especially love the voice of Tristan Hart. I have said it in every review I've written for this series and I'll say it again, Zoraida is spot on with Tristan. He sounds like a teenage boy, he acts like a teenage boy and honestly, he reminds me exactly of this 18 year old guy that I work with. Writing the opposite sex is difficult (I know, because I used to write fan fic and roleplay Harry Potter and I just couldn't get the guys down) and there are few authors, in my opinion, that succeed brilliantly with it. This is one of those stories that is spot on and it makes me enjoy the books more because it's real. I thought I would be upset about the fact that it's a good two thirds to three quarters of the way in until we see Layla again because, romance is a big thing for me but honestly, I wasn't missing it. I mean, I was but I felt like the story held it's own without it. I was just so invested in everything going on that this book held my attention from beginning to end. There was one disappointment in this book but it's a minor one (and a bit of a spoiler). I feel like one minor disappointment is pretty dang good. I am very happy with the ending of this trilogy and it doesn't leave me questioning anything or wondering what happened with so and so. I feel like it was tied together nicely with a purdy little bow on top. But like I said, I'm sad it's over.

The trilogy is complete, and in the most epic way! Tristan is at a loss. Betrayed by those he thought were closest to him and having very little to go on to continue his quest as a champion, he finds himself questioning himself over everything. But regardless of his self-doubt, he knows that he must try his best and continue on. This isn't about him, never was. He knows that he has a battle to get to soon, but how will he get to it, no one truly knows yet. Well, maybe an oracle or two might, but

they're looking to gain something before they'll help... and it just feels like nothing is ever going to go right for the half-merman who thinks too much like a human to know what is best for the sea and its inhabitants. As much as we see Tristan grow and mature, he never loses himself nor does he lose sight of his goals. Whenever something gets in his way, he looks for another. And even though this may be a battle he might lose, he knows that he'll do it while trying his best. He never lets his heart over power his mind, and vice versa. He is true to his word, even if his words are sarcastic and may be of the kind that the seafolk may not understand at times. And no matter what situation Tristan may find himself in - danger, pain, loss and more - his sense of humor, quick wit and thoughtfulness always shines through to guide him through to get him to the next level. The action! So many battles to get through! Mystical creatures galore - the author does not hold back on the details and I was able to picture everything clearly in my mind. The mystical beauty of each and every character, even the ugly mean ones, were fabulous - I truly do wish to see this in film one day. I have only one small gripe - I really wish that the author would have considered giving us a better glimpse into Tristan and his friends/families future. His parents were barely mentioned, and they had quite the surprise in book 2 that was barely mentioned in this part of the story. I am curious to know if the author may have something planned in the future for some of these characters - I can totally see a spin-off happening... The perfect ending to an amazing and well-written trilogy!! I cannot wait to see what Zoraida Cordova will give us next!!! (I received an eARC from the publisher/tour host for my honest review. My thoughts are all my own.)

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