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Review

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-Publishers Weekly on Poison Study, starred review

"Snyder delivers another excellent adventure."

-Publishers Weekly on Fire Study

"Snyder's clear, straightforward, yet beautifully descriptive style is refreshing, while the story itself is completely engrossing."

-RT Book Reviews on Magic Study

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-Library Journal on Storm Glass

"A compelling new fantasy series."

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"Snyder's storytelling skills continue to build an involving story line with an engaging and resourceful heroine."

-Library Journal on Spy Glass

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-USA TODAY

"The action in this book is non-stop, with many twists and turns to keep the reader guessing about what's in store on the next page."

-Examiner.com on Scent of Magic

"Snyder draws us in with her excellent, efficient storytelling, amusing dialogue and distinctive characters, all set within a well-crafted plot. A delight of a read!"

-RT Book Reviews on Taste of Darkness

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