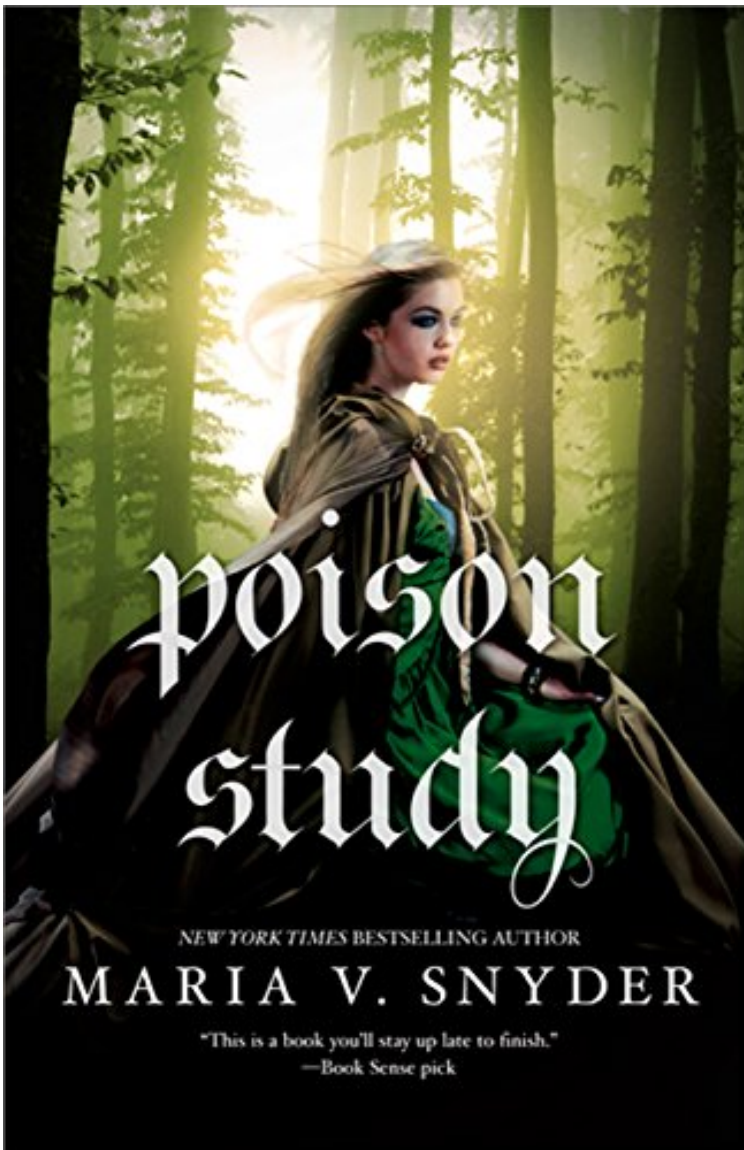


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Prsentation de l'diteurMurder, mayhem and magicLocked in a coffin-like darkness, there is nothing to

distract me from my memories of killing Reyad. He deserved to die but according to the law, so do I. Here in Ixia, the punishment for murder is death. And now I wait for the hangman's noose. But the same law that condemns me may also save me. Ixia's food taster chosen to ensure that the Commander's food is not poisoned has died. And by law, the next prisoner who is scheduled to be executed must be offered the position. From Publishers Weekly Starred . Shivers, obsession, sleepless nights these are the results not of one of the milder poisons that novice food-taster Yelena must learn during her harrowing job training but of newcomer Snyder's riveting fantasy that unites the intelligent political focus of George R.R. Martin with a subtle yet potent romance. Through a stroke of luck, Yelena escapes execution in exchange for tasting the food of the Commander, ruler of Ixia. Though confined to a dank prison cell and doomed to a painful death, Yelena slowly blooms again, caught up in castle politics. But some people are too impatient to wait for poison to finish off Yelena. With the help of Valek, her steely-nerved, cool-eyed boss and the Commander's head of security, she soon discovers that she has a starring role to play in Ixia's future a role that could lead to her being put to death as a budding magician even if she hits each cue perfectly. The first in a series, this is one of those rare books that will keep readers dreaming long after they've read it. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Revue de presse 'Overall, this is an impressive debut and a strong start to what should prove to be a compelling new fantasy series.' --Rhianna Pratchett, SFX 'This is an excellent first novel, full of atmosphere, intrigue, and adventure with some interesting twists and a strong heroine determined to rise above her many problems.' --Locus Magazine 'Poison Study is an action-packed debut to a new fantasy series, involving intriguingly different forms of magic.' --Book Loons 'This is an excellent first novel, full of atmosphere, intrigue, and adventure with some interesting twists and a strong heroine determined to rise above her many problems.' --Locus Magazine 'Poison Study is an action-packed debut to a new fantasy series, involving intriguingly different forms of magic.' --Book Loons