

Shadow and Bone is a trilogy book series by Leigh Bardugo, about a girl named Alina Starkov in the mystical world of the Grishaverse. Starkov discovers many things about herself that she never knew, and must use that discovery to help protect the people she loves, and the fragile world around her.

This is one of my new all-time favorite book series! It was a pretty easy read and all three books were equally entertaining, though I wasn't completely satisfied with the end of the series. Readers aren't left on a cliffhanger, but for me at least, a lot of my questions remained unanswered by the end of the third book, *Ruin and Rising*.

There is also a *Shadow and Bone* TV series that can be found on Netflix. The first season has eight episodes and this season is of the very first book, as well as the first book of another Grishaverse duology, (also written by Leigh Bardugo), *Six of Crows*. Currently there is only one season but there are more to come.

I suggest reading the books before watching the show. I think that if I didn't read the books, the show would've been pretty confusing. There are a lot of made up words that are never really explained in the show, but they are in the book.

Although it's eight episodes, the plot didn't feel rushed. I will say that the *Six of Crows* part of the show is almost completely different from the book, other than characters, but nonetheless it was still very entertaining, and went well with the other part of the show.

I give the book five out of five books because I really enjoyed the show, but I think, like most of the time, the books are better. In the books everything is explained in intricate detail, and I feel as though some important details were lost or non-existent in the show.

A paperback copy of the first book of the series can be found for \$10.99 at Barnes and Noble, for those interested.

Fans of high-fantasy/young adult fiction book genres will love this book!

Shadow and Bone catches readers attention

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