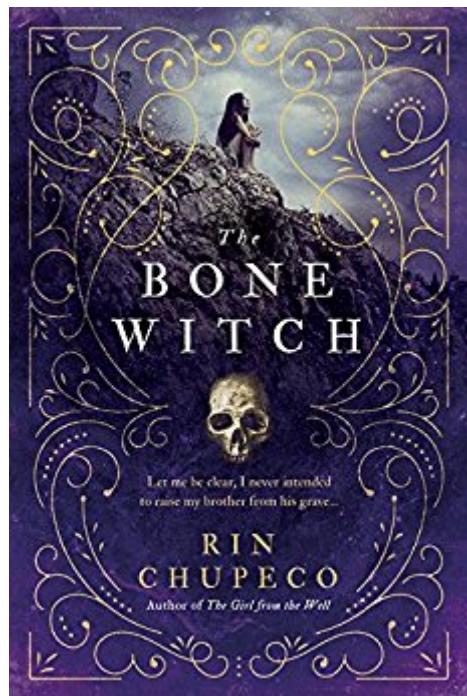


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# The Bone Witch



## Synopsis

A Publishers Weekly Most Anticipated Young Adult Book of Spring 2017! In the captivating start to a new, darkly lyrical fantasy series for readers of Leigh Bardugo and Sabaa Tahir, Tea can raise the dead, but resurrection comes at a price... Let me be clear: I never intended to raise my brother from his grave, though he may claim otherwise. If there's anything I've learned from him in the years since, it's that the dead hide truths as well as the living. When Tea accidentally resurrects her brother from the dead, she learns she is different from the other witches in her family. Her gift for necromancy means that she's a bone witch, a title that makes her feared and ostracized by her community. But Tea finds solace and guidance with an older, wiser bone witch, who takes Tea and her brother to another land for training. In her new home, Tea puts all her energy into becoming an asha—one who can wield elemental magic. But dark forces are approaching quickly, and in the face of danger, Tea will have to overcome her obstacles and make a powerful choice. *Memoirs of a Geisha* meets *The Name of the Wind* in this brilliant new fantasy series by Rin Chupeco!

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## Customer Reviews

This book caught me right off with dark, twisty magic and creepy, original monsters. There are some really great twists. The heroine isn't perfect and I liked that. Tea kept me coming back to her story to hear a little more, to read what happened next. Fantasy can overdo the details but Chupeco knows when to cut out the boring travel or pivot. If I had a complaint it's only that this sets up at least one more book and I don't have it to read right now.

The characters, the story, and the blending of it all was refreshing and intriguing! I fell into from the beginning. The story flows, even though it goes back and forth from present to past and back again. It made me wanting more. I could not put it down! This is a must read about magic, revenge, necromancy, and a young girl's journey to becoming the bone witch she was meant to be. "

I love love love this book, and have nothing but great things to say about it. I was worried by the initial number of poor reviews, but I was not disappointed. Chupeco did an amazing job creating a unique fantasy world I longed to know more about. Tea, a young girl of 12, accidentally raises her brother from the dead at his funeral. In this abrupt way she learns that she is a bone witch, a rare form of asha. She must learn to control her magic so it does not destroy her and goes away to school for training. The description does not do this book justice. I was enraptured in this world, learning about the countries and the politics in place, the creatures that live there, and the different roles in their society. This first book goes through Tea's training to become an asha, starting at age 12 through about 15. Woven into the story, however, are snippets from the present where Tea is now 17, in completely different circumstances, and has become quite the bad ass. I understand why some people could find this book a bit slow. There is not a ton of action going on until a lot closer to the end, but I don't think that means that it's lacking. The purpose here was all about Tea's growth as a character as she grows up, where she started and how she got closer to where she is in the present, and the in depth world building that is necessary. It feels just like I would expect a first book in a series to feel when it starts out narrating a character's beginnings. There may not be much fighting or action, but that didn't make Tea's journey to be an asha feel any less important. By the end, I was thoroughly invested in the character and excited for action packed journey that's clearly coming in the future. The ending finished on a satisfying note while still leaving me pumped and

longing for the second book to come. All on its own, this book isn't exactly awe inspiring, but as a beginning to a series it is amazing. I was enormously pleased by the end of the book and cannot wait to get my hands on the sequel. Rating I would rate this book a 4.5 out of 5. I loved the world and the journey this book created in its own right, and it was made only that much better by the great things it promises to come. 4 for the great read on its own, with a potential to reach a 5 if the sequel holds up to its promise.

I bought the book and audio as well! I don't care that it did not start off with a lot of action or that there was not much until close to the end. What I did love was the setup, the details and the people. I swear it's like a mashup of reading the black magician (the high lord) and Geisha. I really want to know what happened between her and Fox, what had everyone turning on her, what happened to her the years between 15-17, funny enough I had a strong feeling about the whole Kalen plot twist (saw that coming)...Just so many more questions!!!! That's why I can't wait for the next book, don't know when that will be tough.

I received this copy from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Now when I requested this book I had just known I was going to get denied. As you can see I was approved and it was my first approval ever!! I wanted this book for several reasons. I received a poster of the cover from Barnes and Noble and fell in love with it. It is absolutely one of the most gorgeous covers I have ever seen. The second reason why I wanted it was because the description sounded interesting and I wanted to dive into the world. When I won I shouted from the rooftops and told all of my friends about it. I can't thank the publisher enough for giving me the chance. The reason why I rated this 5 stars is because of the world building and the characters. When I wasn't reading it, I was thinking about the world and imagining everything. The descriptions were detailed but left a little bit to the imagination. The only thing that wasn't left up to your imagination was the beautiful hua that each of the asha wore. I found out more about the character from what her hua designed as. Even the main character Tea was easy to figure out what was going with her with the hua she chooses to wear. It is little details that make a story sensational. This is the type of world and characters that I want to keep around for a long time and keep revisiting their world. In case you are wondering yes I pre-ordered it because the cover and I just loved the story. The alternating point of views especially between past and present I found to be phenomenal. I was a little intimidated by the prologue because I was super confused but as the chapters began it flowed naturally for me. I loved how Tea's relationships were formed and more importantly I love how her relationship with her brother is

more important than anyone else. My favorite character is Tea. I'm still debating if I like her past or her present more. I'm going to have to digest that for awhile before making a decision. I loved her because of who she was. She was blunt, respectful, strong, brave, stubborn, loyal and filled with love. Her relationship with her brother was intriguing to say the least. It is a relationship I can't wait to read more about. I love her for her flaws and her strengths. I am so anxious to get to know about her, powers and her future. I hope this goes on for several books because it is set up to. My favorite moment was the Tea's first experience in the tearoom. It is pivotal moment in the plot so I'm not going to give away spoilers. It made me laugh when it was over and proud of Tea. She is a strong little lady when she wants to be. My second favorite came at the beginning when Tea raised her brother. It was such an emotional moment that even though I was just getting to know Tea my heart was broken for her and fearful for her. My third favorite moment was the ending. My jaw is still hanging open because I did not see that coming. I'm really hoping I don't have to wait too long for the sequel. I would recommend this book to YA fantasy loving fans. If you like a deep complex world where the meanings are in the details than this book is for you. I'm going to push it on all of my friends because I'm a pusher. Overall I feel like this is going to be a series that people love or hate. There are going to be very in the middle. I'm glad I'm on the love side.

The back and forth storytelling was a bit distracting at first, but it really helped maintain both the momentum and the story arch in the long run. I suspected the outcome, but still managed to be surprised by it when it finally came. Overall, this was a great fantasy read, and I can't wait for the next installment.

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