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An impossible diplomatic mission. Dangerously growing magic. A distrustful crew. Can Nile beat back the rising tide of war before it's too late?

Six months have passed since Princess Nile Greysik changed the course of the Tirik war and earned her place in the Felielle navy . . . or thought she did.

With the war taking a violent new turn, Nile—joined by a cryptic empath named Kyra—sails out to beg support from the isolationist Diante Empire. But with a chauvinistic crew waiting for Nile to fail and even Domenic questioning her authority, one wrong step could strip Nile of her command mid-voyage.

When a terrifying new evil strikes their ship, Nile begins to understand the awful truth about the enemy they're facing—and this time, not even her wind calling may be enough to save them.

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beautyguise says

Once again, blown away by that action in this! The writing and the characters have grown. We are introduced to new characters as well. One being a strong female! There can never be enough of those, if you want my opinion. Okay...even if you didn't want it, you got it!

This is an ARC review.

Hetal says

To see more reviews, considering taking a peek at my first in series YA book blog [here](#)

4.5 stars

I'm so happy I received an ARC of this book. Lidell's Tide series has become one of my most series this year and last. I look forward to every time a new book Tides comes out. It is equally frustrating and endearing how Nile listens to no one but her own mind. Sometimes her decisions are sound and other times...well, maybe she should have discussed her plans.

We not only get Nile's POV in the third book, but a new character named Kyra is introduced. At first I could not understand why on Earth Lidell had inserted this weak nonsensical character. But, I was astray in my thinking. Kyra is not weak, she is just not Nile. Kyra is essential to Nile's journey to secure allies and taste the atmosphere, if you will.

Now, you're all probably wondering about Domenic and Nile, yes? I was disappointed by both their friendship and relationship in the third book. Things do get tense and their relationship does change and take on a more urgent tone that comes out of necessity and comfort rather than from a place of love as the plot thickens and things get rough. Neither of them has the ability to stand down and be the other's shadow. No words are held back and you will feel the harsh sting of their fights and hurt as if it were your own. After three books of this going back and fourth and still not learning to compromise, I desperately hope they find a way to do so or submit to different domains because this constant fighting by need for dominance and the resulting anger and silence is getting old now. Book 4 needs some resolve and change in attitude, because neither one of them has grown to mature in their relationship even a little bit. For this, an entire half star is deduced.

Overall a solid 3rd book that brings about new challenges where trust between Nile's crew is more important than ever if they are to succeed. Things take a turn for the worst and she has to find a way to salvage the situation, all while war is looming and success depends on her shoulders.

Kait says

4.5

Tasha says

This was by far the BEST book in this series! I did not even realize how much I loved it until I found myself daydreaming at work about how I needed to know what was going to happen! Nile and I have a love/hate relationship. She does a lot of things that make me facepalm. However, I greatly admire her courage and passion and loyalty towards her friends and country. Ughhh Domenic, I really want to like him but honestly I cannot stand him though he was starting to irritate me less towards the end! Catsper was always my favorite and I adore him. He is the strong silent friend that I would definitely want on my team in a war. And finally Kyra, the newcomer who I really like, there are definitely some times where she was incredibly ignorant and I wanted to shake some sense into her but she's adorable and I need to know everything about her.

The relationship building was amazing and I need to know how it all goes down not to mention the impending battle that is going to be occurring. I need the next book already!!

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Laura says

I loved the first book in this series, but I feel conflicted about this one. A lot of the conflict between the characters in this third installment felt manufactured for the sake of dragging out the series rather than because there was a compelling story to tell. I still read through this VERY quickly. The author does a good job of keeping things moving fast. But about 80% of the way through I could tell that things were not going to wrap up this novel and many of the issues from the second novel (Nile's role in the navy, her fraught relationship with a certain first mate) did not progress at all by the end of the book.

Ty Nyrin says

I got a free ebook in exchange for an honest review.

I have no idea where to start.

Her mother and Tam's mother are going to Shit a brick when they see her hair.

".....can't respect you then fear will do." If that's what it takes to get a crew to listen to you, or put an asshole of a captain on his ass for being a complete and total duche, so be it.

Catsper finally found a girl that can get under his skin. For someone who had such a horrific home life how can she be so naive about the world around her? Literally. She was almost torn apart by an angry mob and she felt bad about accidentally hurting the angry drunk who was leading the mob and tried to apologize.

Quinn is now MIA and some new guy (might?) be taking his place.

Dominic and Nile sort of worked things out..... if you don't include the fact that they almost got corporal punishment during the "working out" part.

I wouldn't say "It Felt Good." I would say "It Felt Therapeutic".

The War Front? EVERYONE got blindsided. Metaphorically blindsided and Literally blinded.

Live or Die? Knowing the options the new enemy is now offering, I'd rather die.
And everyone will be sick to their stomachs when someone does die. I draw the line at Soup.

Sylvia Mercedes says

I've been a big fan of the Tides series ever since it first released, and it was a thrill to finally dive into book 3. I always love riding along for Nile's crazy adventures. She's a heroine I love to root for, even when I sometimes kind of want to strangle her!

I have to say, I was really surprised about where this book began, introducing a brand new character named Kyra. I wasn't sure I'd be able to get attached to someone new when I was already so invested in Nile . . . but within a few pages, I was captivated by Kyra and her struggles. She's a very different person from Nile, but she's equally heroic in her own way. As the story progressed, I came to truly love her. And a fresh point of view infused new life into this wonderful series.

Nile and Domenic continue to spark with lots of romantic tension. As their world gets more complex, so does their relationship . . . and I really enjoyed the intensity between them. I prefer a romance that isn't too easy, and these two certainly don't have it easy! Sometimes I wonder how they can ever possibly make it as a couple. But the wondering is what keeps things interesting! I'm very eager to see how they grow as the series progresses.

This book definitely leaves you hungry for more, and I can only HOPE that Alex Lidell means to continue this series soon. It is one of the best in the genre of kickbutt heroine fantasy, with incredible writing, action sequences to leave you breathless, and swoon-worthy romance. I can't wait to see what happens next!

Jennifer says

Nile and Tam are married and she is officially part of the Filielle navy. As they test her for command, it seems the Filielle's are just as sexist as some of the other kingdoms when it comes to having a woman in the navy. Then the Tirik's seem to change their tactics in the war by using suicide missions. This confuses everyone and makes Nile's mission to forge a permanent alliance with the Diante more important. On the way, they encounter a new enemy flying the Tirik flag and they experience new atrocious behavior in the war. Nile and her friends are captured by these Bevnians and held as "livestock". They must find a way to escape and warn the kingdom of the new threat.

Exciting third book. I especially liked the addition of a new POV - Kyra. Kyra is a fire-caller and an empath. She and Catsper seem to have something brewing and we get to know a little more about him through Kyra's observations. At this point, I'm actually shipping them more than Nile and Dominic. I wish the next book was out already. I hate waiting!

Maddie Benner says

3.5

This is the first book in the series where we get two perspectives on the story. Nile annoyed me and took way

longer to grow and progress as a character and human than I thought was necessary, but the new POV, Kyra saved the book. Following the story of Kyra & Catsper will keep me reading.

Rebekah Gyger says

For those of you who saw my review of War and Wind, you may be wondering why I ended up reading this book as well. And that is because I had won it in a goodreads giveaway, after reading the first book but before actually finishing the second. Since I had loved the first book, and really enjoyed the first part of War and Wind, I had assumed I would like this as well and had entered for it.

Then I finished the second book and things went down from there. As I mentioned in the last review, both books contain a fairly short scene, that is none the less extremely descriptive, of certain characters taking things to second-base. Which is something I believe to be inappropriate for the age range this is being marketed to. As NA, it could pass, but not YA.

Beyond that, however, the story telling in Sea and Sand was not on par with the first two books. There were more mistakes in the text and certain characters completely changed personalities. Aaron, for instance, went from a super sweet and forgiving guy, to one who seemed cynical without any reason to be. As well, none of the issues from the first two books were solved, instead new ones were added as though to make the story stretch into more books.

If you do not mind the content I mentioned above, then this might be an okay read for you, one that carries you on to the rest of the series.

Lissa Hawley says

Yet another thrilling installment in Alex Lidell's Tides series. Action and drama combine for our heroes with new allies and new, more deadly foes to face.

This author and this series are one of my favorite finds from 2017 and as always when I reach the end I am left wanting the next.

Carlie says

Explosive is a good word for this novel. This is the third book in a series that follows Nile, now a princess as well as a navy lieutenant/captain, and her companions as they fight to save their countries, and really their world, from Tirik invaders.

If you haven't read the first two books in the TIDES series, I strongly recommend doing so before picking up this book. The world Nile lives in is complex, and very well written, so it would be hard to jump into this book without the background knowledge gained from the previous titles. It was even a little hard jumping back in after having read the first two books many months ago; I almost wished I reread them before starting the third. However, once I got a few chapters into the story, everything started coming back and I was able to fully enjoy this newest installment.

Captain Nile Greysik has been invited to sail to the Diante Empire to meet with their leaders, and hopefully convince them to join as allies to fight against Tirik. "Captain" being the operative word. Nile has supposedly earned her spot in the Felielle Navy, but they struggle with placing her in command of a ship, because of course a woman can't command a warship *sarcasm*. But the invitation from Diante forces their hand to an extent, and the Admiralty places Nile in command of the Helix, in name more than in duty. One of the things I love about this book is that it doesn't gloss over the immense challenge it is for Nile to earn the respect of her crew. Sexism is rampant in the Felielle society, especially within the superstitious environment of a sailing vessel, and I like that this doesn't just disappear because she's a skilled sailor. I think it's an important commentary on the struggles women face even today to be taken seriously doing "a man's work."

But we don't have just one badass girl in this group. While I feel like TIDES is largely Nile's story, the book is also told from the viewpoints of several other characters. One such character, new to this book, is a fire-caller named Kyra. I like this character because while she seems much softer and more "traditionally" feminine than Nile, she's strong in her own way. She has principles and she sticks to them as best she can, and her utter focus on nonviolence and caring for the people around her was a breath of fresh air in an otherwise pretty violent book. (Don't worry, it's not violent in a gratuitous or overly-gory way; but a book about war inherently comes with violence.)

One thing that was slightly disappointing in this book was the relationship between Nile and Domenic. I love them as a couple (even though he's kind of a jerk sometimes), and I wanted to see their relationship continue to develop and grow in this story. I didn't really feel that we got that in this installment, but this is a minor gripe in an otherwise fantastic story.

The main conflict Sea and Sand is the on-going battle with Tirik, and the alarmingly changed tactics of the Tirik navy. Their soldiers have suddenly become more aggressive, and have included never-before-seen suicide attacks, which changes the game and makes the Diante Empire's support even more crucial. I won't spoil anything that our protagonists uncover about Tirik and these changes, but I will say that this book has some darker elements than the previous two titles. What's going on with Tirik is pretty twisted, and I like that it's something you can't really see coming until the characters find out for themselves.

All in all, I really loved this book. I am NOT HAPPY about the cliffhanger ending, only because I want to find out what's going to happen immediately, but at least that's the sign of a great story. If you like seafaring adventures with kick-ass girl protagonists (more than one!), you can't go wrong with the TIDES series.

Nancy says

Princess Nile Greysik gets a berth on board a ship in the Felielle navy to fight against the Tirik invaders. It's her role to secure an alliance with the nationalistic Diante Empire. A disrespectful crew undermines her authority and also looks askance at a mysterious empath who ends up on the ship. They make the harrowing journey and arrive at the port where Nile is given a diplomat's welcome. No sooner does she greet the Diante representatives than a horrifying enemy attacks. Her special powers might be no match for the powerful mages they have in their grasp. It will take all her ingenuity and that of her closest friends to save them all.

Kasia Burlakoff says

I loved this book as much as the previous ones. the characters continue to be very interesting, and the fast

paced action makes it into a page turner. I was both disappointed and relieved that it was not the last book in the series. looking forward to more.

Highly recommended series.

diana says

Sea and Sand is my very first 2018 obsession. I had no idea when I started this series that it would be both beautiful and torturous. The writing is just incredible but the wait is excruciatingly hard.

Sea and Sand brings new adventures for Nile and gang and introduces new characters that you'd love, despise and admire. This book is full of intrigue, swoon, danger and thrilling adventures! I never got bored! Nile is as fearless, selfless and bold as ever and I love her! And Dana still melts my heart every. single. time. But dammit. I've never met any two people more frustrating than these two. They were constantly at odds with each other. The chemistry between them is off the charts. Not that that ever stopped them from being maddeningly exasperating. But what I love most (surprisingly) about this book? Catsper. I don't want to spoil much but I will say that I'm super glad he's met his match. I liked him from the first time I met him but now I am absolutely in love! I would love to uncover more of his secrets and get to know the person behind the battle hardened exterior. I feel like he has so much more story to tell. And Kyra? She's an amazing character! She knows nothing about life at sea and swordfighting but she's fearless and kicks ass in her own Kyra way that I've come to admire. She's definitely an interesting addition to the series. I cannot wait to see her character grow in the next books to come.

I love everything about Sea and Sand! The writing was stunning and the story had me ensnared from the start. I love that this was more brutal, gruesome and action packed than the first two. (Not that I wanted everyone dead but well you know...) And is it just me or does anyone else play Pirates of the Caribbean in their heads while reading this? Because I do. And I can just imagine Nile in all her fierce, badass glory.

An absolute must-read!

Savvy?
