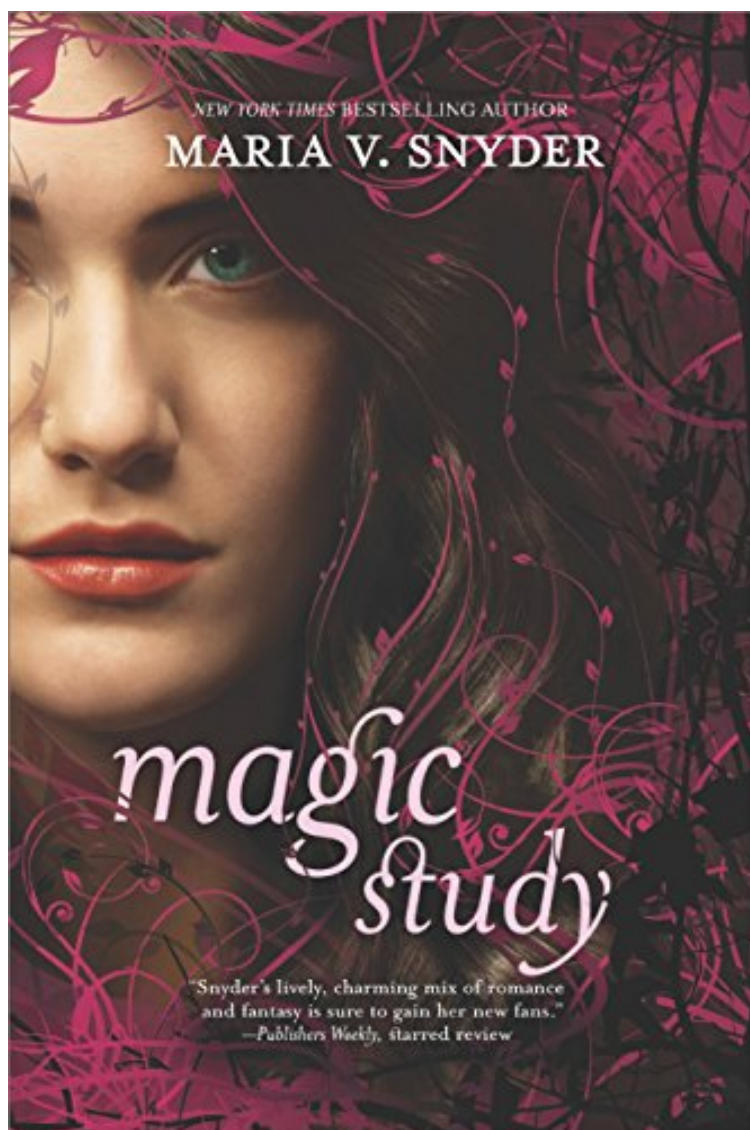


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think after being kidnapped as a child, imprisoned in my teens and released to become a poison taster, I would have endured enough. But no. The discovery of my magical abilities powers forbidden in Ixias resulted in an execution order. My only chance is to flee to Sitia, my long-lost birthplace. But Sitia is unfamiliar. I'm treated like an enemy even by my own brother. Plus I can't control my powers. I want to learn about my magic, but there isn't time. A rogue magician has emerged and I'm targeted as his next victim. Will my magical abilities save me or be my downfall? From Publishers Weekly Family betrayal, a power-mad serial killer and a potential diplomatic crisis threaten the independent-minded heroine of Snyder's fine sequel to *Poison Study* (2005). With the overthrow of the royal family of Ixia, 20-year-old Yelena Zaltana, who was kidnapped as a child by the evil magician Mogkan, is now free to return home to Sitia. Her reunion with the family she hasn't seen in 14 years palls when her brother spreads rumors she's actually a spy from Ixia.

At the Magician's Citadel, where Yelena enrolls to hone her prodigious magical talents, her powers raise concern that she might be a rare, powerful Soulfinder. Then a string of ugly murders reveals the presence of a rogue magician in the area. As Yelena joins the hunt for the killer, complications grow with the arrival of a diplomatic mission from Ixia including her lover, Valek, a notorious spy and assassin, sure to be executed if anyone sees through his disguise. Snyder's lively, charming mix of romance and fantasy is sure to gain her new fans. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Revue de presse* 'There is a lovely light touch to this series reminiscent of early Anne McCaffrey, so it's gratifying to see that Snyder has managed to deliver the old one-two fantasy-literature punch.' --Rhianna Pratchett, SFX...one that fantasy fans everywhere should enjoy.' --SciFi Now 'Be prepared for an exhilarating adventure as our heroine battles for life against rebel forces and evil wizards.' --Dumfries and Galloway Standard

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