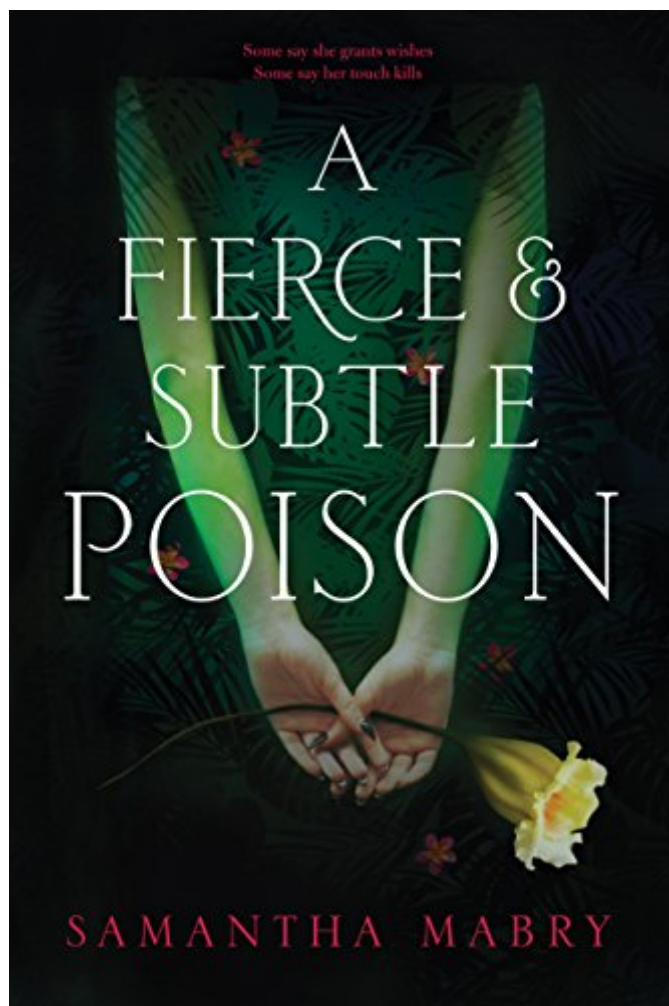


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# A Fierce And Subtle Poison



## Synopsis

Legends collide with reality when a boy is swept into the magical, dangerous world of a girl filled with poison. Everyone knows the legends about the cursed girl Isabel, the one the orcas whisper about. They say she has green skin and grass for hair, and she feeds on the poisonous plants that fill her family's lush Caribbean island garden. Some say she can grant wishes; some say her touch can kill. Seventeen-year-old Lucas spends summers with his hotel-developer father in Puerto Rico, and he's grown up hearing the stories. When letters from the cursed girl mysteriously appear in his room the same day his girlfriend disappears, Lucas turns to Isabel for answers and finds himself lured into her strange and enchanted world. But the more entangled Lucas becomes with Isabel, the less certain he is of escaping with his own life. "A breathtaking story in which myths come to a frightening life and buried wishes might actually come true." —Nova Ren Suma, author of *The Walls Around Us* and *Imaginary Girls* "Samantha Mabry's magical debut is both a chilling mystery and a heartbreaking meditation on love, longing, and sacrifice. . . A Fierce and Subtle Poison will get into your blood." —Laura Ruby, author of *Bone Gap* "With its sparkingly sinister blend of natural history and magic, of themes that seem both modern and timeless, *A Fierce and Subtle Poison* gets under the skin." —Chicago Tribune

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I loved the concept of this book. I was thinking/hoping this might be a modern, lighter take on the styles of Allende or Marquez. Instead, it's just a bit clumsy and contrived. I have to say I didn't make it very far, which is rare for me. I'll try to pick it back up another time, but for now I have to say this is one of the most disappointing book purchases I've made in quite some time.

I loved this magical realism mystery! The book keeps you guessing throughout, all the way to the haunting ending. The prose is lush and beautifully descriptive, especially in regards to the Puerto Rico setting. The book moves slowly, much like how time moves a bit more slowly in the Caribbean, and it was a pleasure to savor this story.

Great and very easy read. Left me wanting more on different characters, but enjoying. Very vivid writing.

This intricately woven narrative was rich and creative. I found myself wanting to stop reading but completely unable to do so. I would read more from this author.

I wouldn't call it great literature but it's a perfectly cromulent plane type read. It entertained me as long as I didn't think too hard about it.

Mystical, moving and lyrical, an enchanting tale about a boy who wants to be a hero and a mythical girl who refuses to be saved.

Poorly written junk. Funniest mistake: someone "hocking" food in a marketplace.

Mabry's style was engaging and fun. I couldn't put the book down! I am looking forward to reading more from this author!

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