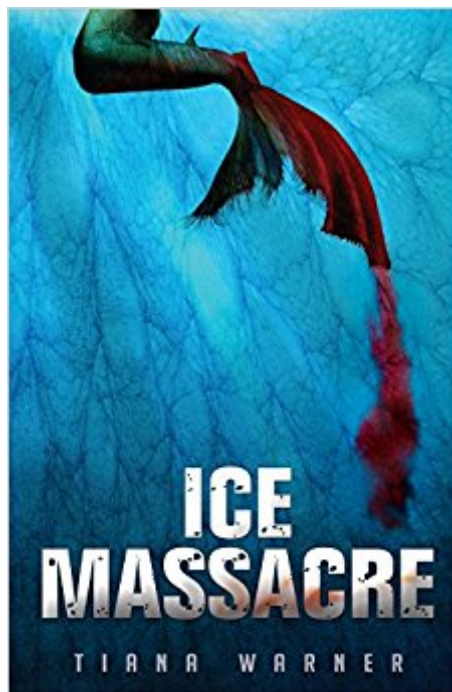


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Ice Massacre



Synopsis

A mermaid's supernatural beauty serves one purpose: to lure a sailor to his death. The Massacre is supposed to bring peace to Eriana Kwai. Every year, the island sends its warriors to battle these hostile sea demons. Every year, the warriors fail to return. Desperate for survival, the island must decide on a new strategy. Now, the fate of Eriana Kwai lies in the hands of twenty battle-trained girls and their resistance to a mermaid's allure. Eighteen-year-old Meela has already lost her brother to the Massacre, and she has lived with a secret that's haunted her since childhood. For any hope of survival, she must overcome the demons of her past and become a ruthless mermaid killer. For the first time, Eriana Kwai's Massacre warriors are female, and Meela must fight for her people's freedom on the Pacific Ocean's deadliest battleground.

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Customer Reviews

"...[thought](#)... provoking and intelligent ... fresh and thoroughly entertaining... Warner does a fantastic job creating a tight plot and masterfully creates a sense of atmosphere through subtle yet potent descriptions ... Ice Massacre is a truly exceptional book."-[Foreword Reviews - Top 10 Indie YA Books of 2014, INDIEFAB Book of the Year Finalist](#)"Fascinating, unique, scary and written with a beautiful economy of words..."- [Writer's Digest, Judge, 23rd Annual](#)

understand it until the very end, but she never fights her feelings for Lysi (mermaid). The only issues I had was the "love interest" male character who confesses his love, quite unexpectedly, in chapter one, but Meela wants nothing of it. Another review I read called him the "Gale character" and I agree with that comparison. Thankfully, it's clear that Meela isn't interested and that she only loves him as a brother, at most. The other issue was WHY DO MAIN CHARACTERS REFUSE TO EXPLAIN THEMSELVES! That frustrates me to no end. There are so many things that could be solved with a simple explanation. Yeah, I know they aren't real and that the author wrote them that way, but think how a story could come out if everyone was on the same page for once! But I digress. Okay, so, a million thumbs up for (nearly all) native POC characters. Another million for nearly ALL women characters who can fend for themselves (actually they take over for men soooooo). I love that there's an interracial/species, lesbian relationship budding and I want to gush so much! Warner's take on mermaids is so refreshing after reading so many trope-y mermaid books. Of course, Warner's mermaids are beautiful and like to lure men to their deaths, but they're not so pretty underneath. When these mermaids feel threatened, they turn to a seaweed-y green color, their teeth sharpen, and their eyes (the whole eye) turns blood red. Oh, and they also eat human flesh. I enjoyed seeing the budding friendship between Meela and Lysi as children and how they reconnected under the worst circumstances as new adults. I loved seeing the development of the single novel, and then seeing where the series would go. I was sad when people died, and mad when certain ones didn't. I was pining for Lysi right along side Meela, feeling her betrayal and her love for her. I'm still pining for her. I love this book so much and I'm so excited that the sequel, Ice Crypt comes out in 3 days (which I also pre-ordered)! The cover is beautiful, her writing is beautiful, the world is cold, and vivid, but also beautiful. This whole book is wonderful. Now, to bide my time until I get my hands on the next one.

rubs hands together menacingly

This was, hands down, one of the best books that I've read all year. I was really worried about that considering it had so many elements for what I want in an ideal book • a nonwhite protagonist, a non-European setting, an LGBT romance • but it not only delivered on all of those but also added in an amazing plot and fully realized characters as well. Ice Massacre isn't just about a community on an island who send out twenty boys every year to a mermaid nest beneath the ocean to kill those mermaids who are killing them and sinking their ships, so they can

eat and actually leave the island. It's about a childhood friendship between two enemies
• our main character Meela and a mermaid named Lysi • and a
grown-up friendship between two girls with different values • our main character
Meela and her best human friend Annith. It's about the bonds that develop between women when
you send twenty of them off to see to kill some mermaids and ask them to come home alive OR with
their humanity, but not both. It's Lord of the Flies on a boat in the middle of the ocean with
mermaids. It's literally insanely good, and it's so rare to get an amazing book like this with a
predominantly female cast, breathlessly well-written battle scenes, and a love story that I actually
believed in and rooted for. This book was so good that I immediately put the app on my phone
while on the train so I could buy the sequel the second I finished this one. Ah, I want to wrap myself
in this book and stay in it forever. I don't even have any complaints • and that's
unusual for me.

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