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# Waters Of Salt And Sin: Uncommon World Book One



## Synopsis

Orphaned and with only a small boat to her name, Kinneret is scraping out a low-caste living. Barely. It doesn't help that she has a fiery temper, or that she secretly practices forbidden salt magic to control the sea. None of that will keep her and her younger sister fed. And it won't keep Calev, the Chairman's son, close to her either. Their childhood friendship is tolerated, but when they come of age it will have to end. She can't let Calev be outcast for her sake. She loves him too much. The only real solution to all Kinneret's problems is to rise above her station, so when a family friend offers her a map to the mythical island of silver, she will risk it all to seek a treasure lost to the seas for over 300 years. Perfect for Sarah J. Maas, Leigh Bardugo, Sabaa Tahir, Stephanie Garber, Elise Kova, Victoria Schwab, CJ Redwine and Kristin Cashore fans! Reviews: "Gorgeous language and a romance that will make you ache. Lovely." ~Ashley Herring Blake, Author of *How to Make a Wish* "WOW. What an amazing adventure this story was. It was so full of wonder, excitement, and secrets at the turn of every page and I enjoyed every single minute of it. This is a unique tale that I have never read before and it kept me guessing every time. This author has won herself a new reader with her style of writing." ~Jenny Bynum, *Black Words, White Pages* "A stunning debut novel." ~M.A. Patterson "When a friend told me about this one, I knew I had to read it! I am such a huge fan of high fantasy and this is an excellent addition to the genre! Alisha has a way with words! Her world building is beautifully detailed and her characters are amazing!" ~Jaime Arnold "If you like books with fantasy, witches, the supernatural, folklore, queen, princess, dragon, boys, girl, pirate adventure, ancient civilizations, magic, rebellion, sword, sorcery, witch and wizard adventure, romantic fantasy, fantasy romance, pirates, strong female character, strong girls, battle, war, or romance, this is the book for you. Great for fans of *Caraval*, *An Ember in the Ashes*, the *Air Awakens* complete series, the *Black Mage* series, *The Wrath and the Dawn*, *Six of Crows*, the *Grisha Trilogy*, *A Darker Shade of Magic*, *Clockwork Angel*, *The Winners Curse*, and *Flame in the Mist*!"

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## Customer Reviews

Waters of Salt and Sin is an exciting adventure set in a unique fantasy world that isn't based on medieval Europe, castles, and knights in shining armor, which was hugely refreshing. One of the things I loved best about this book was the world-building and social structure. One of my favorite elements of this was the whole idea of caste status being made evident in the number of bells a person has to wear, and it played into the conflict nicely as we see characters buy their way into a higher status by having bells removed, which is what heroine Kinneret wants to do to raise herself and her younger sister from their low-caste status. She is also motivated by her romantic feelings for childhood friend Calev - a relationship that is forbidden because of Kinneret's social status. Kinneret sets out to seek a legendary island of silver, but her quest is complicated when her sister is captured and made a slave. The book started off a little slow, and there wasn't much happening in the first few chapters. However, it didn't feel like it dragged, and I appreciated being slowly introduced to the world the author had created and coming to understand the role of the caste system, salt magic, and salt wraiths in this society. The salt wraiths were especially interesting. I loved that whole concept and seeing how they were integrated into the plot as more than just obstacles for the characters to overcome in their travels. The story is well-written, and Klapheke does an excellent job of showing us the world through Kinneret's eyes. I'm not always a fan of first-person point of view, but I thought it was handled very well here. I connected with Kinneret almost immediately, which made me become more immersed in the story and more invested in what was happening to her and the people she cared about. Oron was another favorite character, and

Berker made for a good - if somewhat one-dimensional - antagonist. I had mixed feelings about the constant banter between the main cast of characters. It was spot-on in some places and made me laugh out loud a few times, but there's a lot of it, and it started to feel forced and wear thin in some places. The relationship between Kinneret and Calev was predictable and rather formulaic, but for the most part well-written and touching. I was rooting for them to get together by the end, even if I could see it coming from the first few chapters. My biggest complaint about the romance arc was Kinneret's attitude toward Miriam, the woman Calev is intended to marry. It felt like Kinneret was being a little petty and even contradicted herself throughout the story, wanting to be with Calev and hating Miriam while also expressing a desire for Calev to be happy and not be outcasted (which would be the result of a relationship with someone low-caste like Kinneret). I guess that's human nature, but it did grate on me a little that Kinneret hated Miriam so much for no reason other than that she's Calev's intended. We don't see Miriam do anything to earn this hatred; she seems like a nice enough person, right up until the end of the story when we find out that she's not such a nice person after all, apparently. But we're just told this in passing, and it felt like kind of a forced way to show that Kinneret was justified in hating Miriam all along. I don't know; I guess I don't like seeing girls hating other girls in stories just because of a boy, especially when they don't even know the other girl that well. The ending also felt just a little contrived for me, but it was still satisfying. Overall, I enjoyed the story and the author's writing style. I loved escaping into Kinneret's world and will probably read something else by this author in the future.

Enjoyed this book!! Great debut!! Looking forward to more from Alisha Klapheke.

There are some stories that just drag on but this is not one of them. An epic start to what should be a great series filled with fantasy and interesting characters.

Pleasant and engaging read! Fast moving and keeps you on the edge of your seat.

Fast paced adventure with colorful characters and exciting plots! A truly fun book to read!

Waters of Salt and Sin has everything that I want in fantasy. A new, intricate, interesting world; a magic system that I'm excited to learn more about; characters that blast off the page and sweep me up in their emotions, their struggles, and their ability to keep fighting when they need to; a romance that is oh so sweet. And the sea. It's strange how many fantasy books talk about the sea, sail over

the sea, live next to the sea, but never actually dive into the sea! In *Waters of Salt and Sin*, the sea is another character. I loved that about this book. It gave a realness, an authenticity to the setting, and - by extension - the story. I highly recommend this book to fantasy lovers, and I implore you to judge it by its cover! (Oh my gosh, LOOK AT IT! The same kind of epicness is on the page too.) I was going back and forth on whether I should buy it. I am so glad that I did because not only is it a fantastic read, but it also looks amazing on my shelf!

I so loved this book. Unlike most fantasy, it wasn't about saving the world. It was about Kinneret fighting against all odds to rescue her sister. The characters were all distinct and the story engaging. World building was perfection. This story doesn't span the globe, but you know there is more to this world than we see. And that makes me want to read even more. If you like magic and fantasy with a strong female lead, then this is the book for you. Seriously, this is the book for you. Read it.

Set in a world of a rigid caste system, this is a great story about magic, sailing the seas, and staying true to family and friends. Once started the world was easy to figure out. I loved how Kinneret and Calev's (forbidden Low caste vs High caste) love was portrayed and I found some of their friends a hoot sometimes. More heavy on the magic, sword fighting, and treasure hunting than romance. Great read and I cannot wait for the next one. The world described was rich and easily imagined. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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