

Black Wings Beating (Skybound, #1) By Alex London If I had to read a single more page about Kylee making herself small and her accomplishments smaller in order to make her brother feel good about himself I was going to scream. This gets points for having super normalized queerness.

Great YA fantasy! I really enjoyed this story and was cheering for the characters from the start! Kylee was definitely my favorite- strong willed and determined to take care of her brother even when he refused her help. Rating: 4/5 For fans of: Tess of the Road by Rachel Hartman How to Train Your Dragon The Firebird Thing From Ruin and Rising by Leigh Bardugo Favorite quotes:- "I'd rather live in a world where I get to love the moon than in one where I don't even if the moon won't return the feeling. From their greetings the two-winged salute to their language calling kids hatchlings and the rules of battle this really felt like a genuine society built around birds hence the well-deserved comparison to Pokemon. even though she suppresses that ability which we will get into shortly THE THINGS I DIDN'T LIKE The World-Building at Large As detailed as the day-to-day village life is described and organized beyond that I can't tell who is in charge. I *think* the Sky Castle are the rulers and the council of 40 are part of the Sky Castle and if that's the case then I don't understand why Kylee and Bryson would care about the Tamir family. They're not royalty so can't Kylee and Bryson just tattle to the real powers that be? Full disclosure I listened to this as audiobook so maybe I'd have a better handle on things if I'd read it on the page. They keep talking about it building but I would have liked to SEE that in an attack on the village or with an explanation as to why now? Why in a society with a history of tension is war coming now? I would have preferred more history about their mother (who is Kartami and married a falconer. He shows up to work late and hungover can't manage to write down the bird weights (his one task) and forces Kylee to suppress her wonderful bird-voice gift to protect his fragile ego. While Kylee trains the birds feeds them takes care of their mother and manages their debts he blows money on drugs and his boyfriend and then takes the glory for Kylee's diligence wasting never a second to throw her under the bus. The world had some interesting elements: cool bird magic conflicting religious views that are ramping up into a full out war and magical tree sap that changes people into I don't know what. The novel follows Brysen and Kylee twins gifted with the skill of falconry as they embark on a dangerous mission to save the boy Brysen loves and to fend off enemies who want to use them for their power. I really enjoyed London's Proxy series and he seems like a great guy from his Twitter so I hope to read more of his books in the future even if this one did not resonate with me. Lo mínimo que pueden hacer es intentar mantenernos interesados durante toda la historia ¿no? O bueno será cosa mía...Black Wings Beating sigue la historia de Brysen y Kylee dos hermanos que viven en un mundo en el que los diferentes tipos de aves son importantes sobre todo uno: el águila fantasma. Por diferentes circunstancias Brysen escapa de su pueblo para capturar a uno de esos seres míticos pero su hermana Kylee sabe que es una misión básicamente suicida así que lo sigue sin que él se dé cuenta. Y así pasa la mitad del libro sin que nada suceda y luego "oh hay una tribu extraña" "oh somos prisioneros" "oh Kylee tienes que aceptar ese poder que te da miedo" "oh miren la guerra se acerca". options other than guy and girl) and I didn't love how much one character insistently went after Kylee despite how clear she was that she had no romantic or sexual interest in anyone. Young Adult • BIRDS • GAYS • SIBLINGS • GIVE ME THIS BOOK NOW Young Adult despite this book being about birds this book was surprisingly shockingly nothing like Six of Crows[3. 5] Young Adult The Short Version:Alex London writes books for adults (One Day The Soldiers Came: Voices of Children in War) children (Dog Tags series; An Accidental Adventure series) and teens (Proxy). At one time a journalist reporting from conflict zones and refugee camps he is now a full time novelist living in Brooklyn NY where he can be found wandering the streets talking to his dog who is the real brains of the operation. He once won a 12 gauge skeet shooting tournament because no one else had signed up in his age group The Short Version:Alex London writes books for adults (One Day The Soldiers Came: Voices of Children in War) children (Dog Tags series; An Accidental Adventure series) and teens (Proxy). At one time a journalist reporting from conflict zones and refugee camps he is now a full time novelist living in Brooklyn NY where he can be found wandering the streets

talking to his dog who is the real brains of the operation. While traveling as a journalist he watched television in 23 countries (Burmese soap operas were the most confusing; Cuban news reports were the most dull) survived an erupting volcano in the Democratic Republic of Congo a hurricane on small island in the Caribbean 4 civil wars (one of them was over by the time he got there thankfully) and a mysterious bite on his little toe in the jungles of Thailand.

Que creo que los mencionan obsesivamente cada cinco palabras. 5 Young Adult Brysen is one of those characters who is so obnoxious that it just slowly permeates the rest of the book and ruins it: If you want a book about a man's pride and how it is more important than any other characters' feelings then this is the book for you. A man's ego is not more important than a woman's self worth: I was a bit lost in the politics of this world but that didn't detract from the lively writing style. The quest had a flavor of Middle Earth so that was fun! I could easily see a sequel that included Kylee's training and then return to her village: Thanks to NetGalley and publishers for the free e-book! Young Adult Full review: <https://bookpeopleteens>. A fantastic fantasy chronicling the quest of twins Brysen and Kaylee both fighting to capture a legendary killer bird. Smart and original and queer this avian epic makes me hungry for a sequel. The bird puns and references got a bit excessive after a while but the writing was strong and the ideas stronger. Overall I had a good time I learned about birds and I fell in love with some cool characters. I get to laugh and cry and love and sing and every time I do I tell death she hasn't got me yet: " - "Great poems know more than their poets but they cannot exist without them: " Young Adult As I reach the conclusion of this book I'm a little in awe a little annoyed and mostly confused. The Intricate World The Uztari are built on a society of falconry: They catch birds of prey train them sell them use them as weapons messengers companions and guides. The beginning was a bit heavy on backstory building this world but it really left no day-to-day detail untouched: Gayness One of our main characters Brysen is openly gay and his gayness is NOT used as a plot point: Who can tell a heart on which branch to land? Kylee Okay so we've seen Kylee before the young teenage girl who feels responsible for the protection of her family. There's Altari (??) Kartami (religious extremists) and the Uztari (the falconers,) Then there's the council of 40 the Sky Castle and the Tamir family. The Structure This is mostly told from Kylee and Brysen's perspective: but then there are one-off chapters interspersed from random people who aren't really important to the story, I would spend most of those chapters trying to figure out who they were and why they mattered. There are also some back-in-time chapters that discuss events long past and rather than grant understanding they pull the story backward, There's this budding war between the Kartami and the Uztari that felt a little like Winter is Coming: Then he goes and volunteers her for a life of debt to save his loser boyfriend on an impossible task: We have a thousand year history of suppressing our skill intelligence and hard work in order to shield masculinity, The only reason this is NOT getting the ridiculously-sexist tag is because of the Owl Mothers a women-led society in the mountains. I feel like he was trying to create unique characters(which he did) and to make unique characters sometimes you have to make them unlikable: But for unlikable characters I personally either like to see them have a complete turn around or end up in the bottom of a pit: All in all this is amazing writing interesting characters a great concept I just hate Brysen and want more detail on the overall world structure and budding war, Young Adult I wanted to love this but there was a lot I didn't understand or couldn't get behind. I think you're supposed to like him but I really did not, I understand that people have father issues that can really pound their self esteem causing them to accept a toxic romantic relationship as okay but: man the whole reason for the journey in this book is unbelievable, However she constantly talks about how she's underappreciated but then continues to help everyone who doesn't appreciate her: It's hard to invest in their story when you don't like or understand them. I just would have liked some more information on all of that and how it creates a full world. I saw another review talk about how the world building feels very Skyrim to them and I totally agree! There is even a group of elderly women very akin to the Greybeards. We get info dumps about the existence of these different religious factions and how they've treated each other but I want to know more (without info dumps preferably), Young Adult I liked this book but nothing

about it stood out to me. While Alex London's debut YA novel Proxy grabbed my attention from the start with its thrilling plot and solid queer romance Black Wings Beating left me wanting more, I appreciated the complexity of the family dynamics between Brysen Kylee and the wounds their father left behind: The twins' protectiveness jealousy and commitment to one another elevated the book's quality of characterization: The world-building made sense but did not feel too compelling. The characters while distinct enough did not leave a lasting impression, Young Adult



"I'd rather live in a world where I get to love the moon than in one where I don't even if the moon won't return the feeling": Isa ¿en qué momento quisiste leer un libro cuyo principal atractivo son... los pájaros? Qué tedio por todos los dioses: Se suponía que esto iba a ser un libro de fantasía genial y súper queer pero no me gustó en lo más mínimo. Autores por favor aprendan que un libro no se puede salvar y repuntar en las últimas páginas. Y de un momento a otro quedamos perdidísimos porque no sabemos de dónde salió nada: ¿Y qué decir de los personajes? Uf... hay una diferencia entre un personaje complejo y con emociones difíciles a un personaje francamente desesperante... como Brysen. Creo que es una de las personas más egocéntricas y tontas con las que me he topado en un libro. Es decir si como autor tienes que hacer que tus personajes tomen siempre una mala decisión para hacer que la trama avance bueno creo que hay un problema allí: Es una mujer con unos poderes ancestrales y legendarios tremendos y por lo único por lo que se preocupa es por no hacerle sombra a su hermano para que él brille: En fin que no me interesó nunca nada de la trama de los personajes y mucho menos de los pájaros especialmente as both of the MCs are queer. Brysen likes guys and there is a very normalized habit of saying that anyone can like guys or girls in any scenario, Kylee is also written to be aromantic and asexual which I assume would be more specifically described in a second book: But beyond this there isn't really an inclusion of gender as a spectrum (i: I think it's fairly easy to say that I won't be reading the next book in this series, Hes an author of nonfiction for grown ups (under a slightly different not very secret name) books for teens (as Alex Londonsee above) and younger readers. He's an author of nonfiction for grown ups (under a slightly different not very secret name) books for teens (as Alex Londonsee above) and younger readers: He once won a 12 gauge skeet shooting tournament because no one else had signed up in his age group: He's a Master SCUBA diver who hasn't been diving in way too long and most excitingly a fully licensed librarian, The bite got infected and swollen and gross and gave him a deep mistrust of lizards even though it probably wasn't a lizard that bit him, Although he has had many adventures he really does prefer curling up on the couch and watching some good television or reading a book. He enjoys danger and intrigue far when it's happening to somebody else. Alexander London and {site_link} Charles London {site_link} The people of Uztar have long looked to the sky with hope and wonder. Nothing in their world is more revered than the birds of prey and no one more honored than the falconers who call them to their fists, Brysen strives to be a great falconer-- while his twin sister Kylee rejects her ancient gifts for the sport and wishes to be free of falconry: She's nearly made it out too but a war is rolling toward their home in the Six Villages and no bird or falconer will be safe: Together the twins must journey into the treacherous mountains to trap the Ghost Eagle the greatest of the Uztari birds and a solitary killer. Brysen goes for the boy he loves and the glory he's long craved and Kylee to atone for her past and to protect her brother's future. El horror. Young Adult 4. Ugh. UGH. Recommend for ages 12+.wordpress.com. Aesthetically I loved it. Technically I wasn't as much of a fan."- "But I still get to laugh because I'm alive. Let me start

though with what I really love about this. He simply is and everyone is cool with that. However Kylee has this awesome ability to command birds. Why?) than some of these other chapters. Brysen Is the worst. This is not a new story for us ladies. I also think the author meant well. Brysen is so hard to root for. Brysen whines a lot which is also so annoying. Kylee is a bit easier to stomach. The rest I felt average about though. The plot moved but not a remarkable pace. So I would still recommend Proxy over this book. Y lo desperdiciada que estuvo Kylee uf. Es que por favor.e.The Long Version:C. Alexander London grew up in Balti Maryland.The Long Version:C. Alexander London grew up in Balti Maryland. He used to know the Dewey Decimal System from memory.He doesn't any.He lives in Brooklyn NY.See also {site_link} C. But both are hunted by those who seek one thing: power. Black Wings Beating (Skybound #1).