

*All of Our Demise*, review by Max Mar. 2025

*All of Our Demise* is a captivating fantasy novel set in the city of Ilvernath. Within this cruel world, “magick,” as it is known within the text, is presented in two different forms, christened common magick and high magick. Every twenty years, seven families send their representative into a lawless bloodbath, a fight to the death. The victor’s family will be awarded the single supply of high magick, a substance far more powerful than anything else in all of Ilvernath. It can control life, death and anything in between, which is precisely why the families are so set on receiving it, not letting even the potential deaths of their loved ones hold them back.

One of the main aspects that I, personally, find most intriguing about the novel is that it’s told from the perspective of each one of the current tribunes. One is able to hear all their motivations, dilemmas, and opinions on each and every one of the other characters presented throughout the book. Amanda Foody, the author does a stellar job of conveying strong emotions consistently in her storytelling. Additionally, the world-building is phenomenal, without plot holes or confusing aspects that might confuse the reader. On top of all that, character development is prominent and outstanding, which creates a stark contrast between how the characters acted towards the start of *All of Us Villains*, the first installment in the duology, compared to their growth and emotional intelligence at the conclusion of *All of Our Demise*. Furthermore, each of the characters have distinct personalities, resulting in a diverse cast that offers refreshment at the turn of each page.

As a bonus, this novel flaunts an astounding climax with meaningful messages conveyed and new arising themes, causing the reader to question each character’s real personality and what lies they have secretly held from the rest of the cast. My favorite stories are the ones that cause

the reader to feel something, to sit there and ponder about the events that had just occurred. *All of Our Demise* executes this perfectly through careful craftsmanship and an engaging storyline.

This book is tagged Young Adult Fantasy, so I would recommend it for ages thirteen to seventeen because of its slight gore and mature topics. However, this doesn't take away from the overall unique premise of the novel. Similar books to this would include *The Hunger Games* trilogy, *Legend* by Mary Lue, *Matched* by Ally Condie, *#MurderTrending* by Gretchen McNeil, and *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld.

Overall, *All of Our Demise* is one of my personal favorite books of all time. Sincerely, I feel that it encompasses all of what a book should be: enjoyable, heart-wrenching, and suspenseful. Furthermore, Amanda Foody's writing style is very unique, holding a dark twist that further immerses the reader into the world shrouded in mystery. If you're up for a wild ride with turns around every corner, I couldn't express more that you should definitely check this masterpiece out!