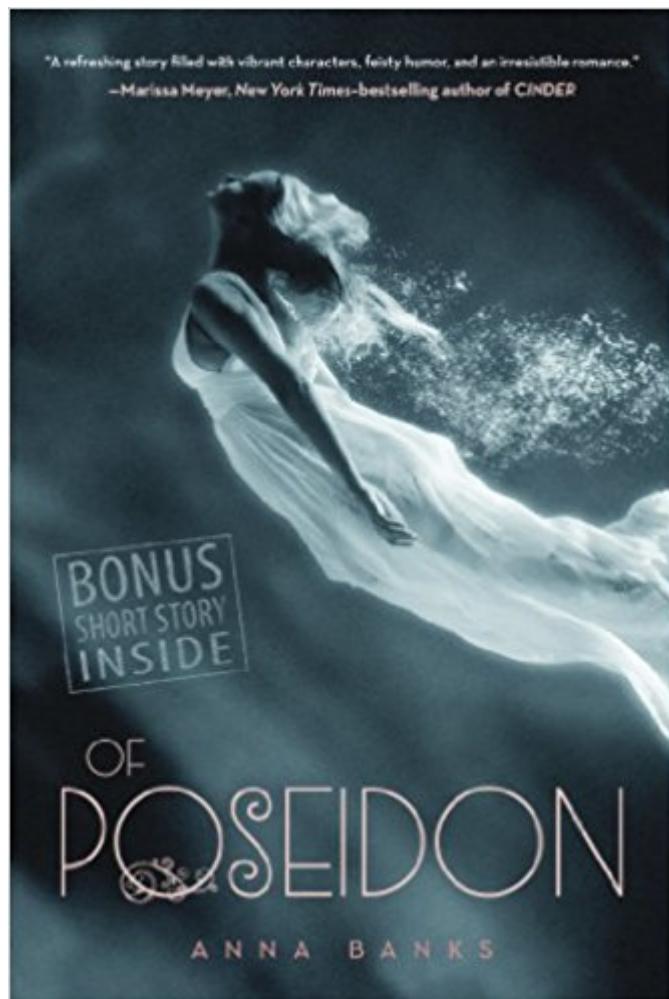


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Synopsis

Galen, a Syrena prince, searches land for a girl he's heard can communicate with fish. It's while Emma is on vacation at the beach that she meets Galen. Although their connection is immediate and powerful, Galen's not fully convinced that Emma's the one he's been looking for. That is, until a deadly encounter with a shark proves that Emma and her Gift may be the only thing that can save his kingdom. He needs her help—no matter what the risk. *Of Poseidon* is the start of The Syrena Legacy series by Anna Banks.

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Anna Banks grew up in a small town called Niceville (yes, really). She now lives in Crestview, Florida, with her husband and their daughter. *Of Poseidon* is her debut novel.

This is a romance. It's got some cute legends and theories, and it's basically about mermaids. This

book switches between the 2 head's pov. Not hard to follow, pretty clean, only some kissing and the worst cuss is hell, which I don't even really consider cussing. It does end in a cliff hanger. I'm rereading to remember this book. I went through the first 2 pretty quick and then lost steam in the last one. I don't remember if it was the book itself or that I had fallen out of my reading kick... On rare occasions I get in a kick where I don't want to read, and sometimes good series get out on the back burner for a couple of years. I think I had to wait for the 3rd book, and when it came out I was already in the middle of either another series or done reading for a few weeks. I'm trying to finish some stuff while I impatiently wait for my next volume of One Punch Man. I almost only gave it 3 stars cause I'm not really in the mood for teen romance, but don't feel like I should buy something else til I catch up on some of my backlog.

I honestly wasn't sure what to expect from this book. While I was excited about reading it I don't really read too many mermaid stories. Anna Banks really surprised me with Of Poseidon and I actually fell in love with this story about a chapter into the book. Emma and Galen's story was truly one to behold and I really enjoyed reading about them. Plus it was dual pov between the two of them and you know I love a good dual pov. Galen and Emma meet on a beach for the first time and while they both feel an instant connection something goes terribly wrong. Now Emma is starting high school without her best friend and just when she thinks things can't get worse, Emma sees Galen again. Now he's revealing to her that not everything is as it appears. Emma can communicate with fish and can stay under water for long periods of time. She doesn't want to believe it though. That is until Galen shows her his fin. Galen knows that Emma an abomination half-breed has the gift of Poseidon. She could save the kingdoms by reuniting them again and he wants nothing more than to be with her. So Galen and Emma have an instant attraction and even when they start really liking each other it takes a while for their relationship to pick up, mostly because they argue all the time like Daemon and Katy from Obsidian. It's honestly pretty funny since I enjoy witty banter. Emma just lost her best friend to a shark and starting high school is hard for her without her. She doesn't think there is anything special about her. Her mom and she aren't the best of friends and her dad died. Starting high school alone is tough. After meeting Galen and learning all the secrets about herself that she never knew she begins looking for clues as to who and what she is. Emma takes most things in stride and is a tough cookie. She doesn't let anyone walk all over her or anything and I liked that. Galen is of course gorgeous in every way and high school girls frighten him which is hilarious. I

enjoyed reading his angst over high school and Emma like a human. Galen is definitely an interesting character. He is the Prince over the Triton family and he is almost compelled to follow the rules and have everyone fall in line with them, which of course Emma never does. Emma and he are constantly butting heads because Galen has always followed the rules but being with Emma would break them. It's a constant back and forth and one of the reasons why their romantic relationship takes so long to form. Honestly, I fell in love with this story. I loved Emma and Galen's characters and just everything about this story was pretty funny. I loved the jealousy Galen felt around Emma when she was hanging out with other guys or when he stalked her on her date which was hilarious. I loved Goliath who is a giant whale and adorable. I especially loved the cliffhanger at the end since while I kind of saw it coming I wasn't sure so Emma's parents identity is kept secret until the end which is awesome. Plus mythology was thrown in and Ann Banks certainly did a fine job of creating such a great and compelling story. Teaser: "Emma, we don't have to kiss. She already knows I want to sleep with you." He cringes as soon as he says it. He doesn't have to look up to know the sizzling sound in the kitchen is from Rachel spitting her pineapple juice into the hot skillet. "What I mean is, I already told her I want to sleep with you. I mean, I told her I wanted to sleep with you because she already thinks I do. Want to, I mean- If a Syrena could drown, this is what it would feel like. Swoon: "His mouth covers mine, cutting me off. This kiss isn't gentle like the first one. It's definitely not sweet. It's rough, demanding, searching. And disorienting. There's not a part of me that isn't melting against Galen, not a part that isn't combusting with his fevered touch. I accidentally moan into his lips. He takes it for his cue to lift me off my feet, to pull me up to his height for more leverage. I take his groan for my cue to kiss him harder."

Oh my goodness. That's what the protagonist Emma would say and I think it accurately represents my feelings. It's such an innocent expletive. And that's what this book is, a lot of fun. It has a similar feel to the Paranormalcy series by Kiersten White. They are fun supernatural YA with young female protagonists whose lives completely change. This book was light and fun. Although, the beginning was a lot darker than I expected it to be. There's romance. There's humor. But there's none of that annoying constant angst you find in some YA. I liked the world building, however light it was. The mermaids...or rather Syrena as they prefer to be called...were interesting. Some things I had to leave my marine biology degree behind and just accept the world Banks created. The book is written in two POVs and I just could not get into it. Emma's chapters are in first person and Galen's are in third. It confused me, especially when I would first pick up the book and not realize whose

chapter it was. Overall I did enjoy it. Easy read. Fun. Ocean adventures. Royalty. Nothing hard to follow. Slight twists, but nothing too far fetched. I give this book a 3.5/5 and I will be reading its sequel soon!

I use to ask myself what rock I'd been living under whenever I read a book that had come out way before I discovered them but I've realized it wasn't a rock, I've just broadened my horizons, expanded my reading genres and now delve into a bit of everything and I'm glad I have because I keep finding new authors. I loved this fantastic book and the author's take on Poseidon and Triton. Beautifully written story with gorgeous characters and I had a hard time putting this book down. Emma is enjoying her summer vacation with her best friend Chloe unaware that she will soon experience a devastating loss and learn a secret that will forever change her life. This author's creativity and underwater world building will quickly captivate you and enthrall you and I can't wait to start on book two which arrived in the mail today because my jaw completely unhinged with the cliff hanging ending. This is a must read!!

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