



Children of Virtue and Vengeance by Tomi Adeyemi

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*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9 and up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

After battling the impossible, Zélie and Amari have finally succeeded in bringing magic back to the land of Orisha. But the ritual was more powerful than they could've imagined, reigniting the powers of not only the maji, but of nobles with magic ancestry, too.

Now, Zélie struggles to unite the maji in an Orisha where the enemy is just as powerful as they are. But when the monarchy and military unite to keep control of Orisha, Zélie must fight to secure Amari's right to the throne and protect the new maji from the monarchy's wrath.

With civil war looming on the horizon, Zélie finds herself at a breaking point: she must discover a way to bring the kingdom together or watch as Orisha tears itself apart.

Children of Virtue and Vengeance is the stunning sequel to Tomi Adeyemi's New York Times-bestselling debut Children of Blood and Bone, the first book in the Legacy of Orisha trilogy.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

A TIME Top 100 Fantasy Books of All Time

A TIME 100: Most Influential People

A NPR Best Book

*"Relentless even beyond its finish, this is a sure-fire hit. Definitely have more than one on hand." —[Booklist](#),
Starred Review*

"Adeyemi's thrilling second Legacy of Orisha novel ups the stakes and expands the series' mythology while extolling unity and illustrating the futility of hatred and retribution... a vivid, visceral tale studded with action and capped with a literary gut-punch." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"The passion and drama in the writing are as powerful as ever...Readers delighted by the complex, politically sophisticated kingdom of Orisha will cheer its return in this alluring sequel." —[Horn Book](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Amazon.com Best Books of the Year (2019)
- NPR Best Book of the Year (2019)
- Good Morning America Book Club Pick (2019)
- #1 New York Times Bestseller / Over 25 weeks on the NYT Bestseller List
- TIME Magazine 100 Best Fantasy Books Of All Time

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[Tomi Adeyemi](#) (author's website)

[Children of Virtue and Vengeance](#) teachingbooks.net resources

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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