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# Morning Star (The Red Rising Series, Book 3)



## Synopsis

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER *Red Rising* thrilled readers and announced the presence of a talented new author. Golden Son *Red Rising* changed the game and took the story of Darrow to the next level. Now comes the exhilarating conclusion to the *Red Rising* Trilogy: *Morning Star*. Darrow would have lived in peace, but his enemies brought him war. The Gold overlords demanded his obedience, hanged his wife, and enslaved his people. But Darrow is determined to fight back. Risking everything to transform himself and breach Gold society, Darrow has battled to survive the cutthroat rivalries that breed Society's mightiest warriors, climbed the ranks, and waited patiently to unleash the revolution that will tear the hierarchy apart from within. Finally, the time has come. But devotion to honor and hunger for vengeance run deep on both sides. Darrow and his comrades-in-arms face powerful enemies without scruple or mercy. Among them are some Darrow once considered friends. To win, Darrow will need to inspire those shackled in darkness to break their chains, unmake the world their cruel masters have built, and claim a destiny too long denied—and too glorious to surrender.

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## Customer Reviews

It is no wonder that this book (and series) ended up on the NYT bestsellers list. Brown writes with an intensity and strength you hardly see any more. His characters are full, and well drawn, and richly crafted. His plot is insanely complex and wonderfully tight. The last 50 pages had me awake late, burning sleep to find out what happened. I re-read them four times...so good. Highly recommended and I'm pre-ordering IRON GOLD with deep satisfaction and anticipation.

I enjoyed this series. Bought it on the rebound from a double read of N.K. Jemisin's Inheritance Trilogy and Ann Leckie's Ancillary Mercy, Sword, and Justice. Hugh Howey also set the bar a little higher. Those are hard acts to follow without digging into the Sci-fi archives. Pierce Brown brought it!! -- Energy! Excitement! Evil! Hope! Love! Cunning! Surprise! Underdog super powers! I will read them over and read whatever he writes. Yes, Ma'am!

I don't even remember how I found the Red Rising series but when I did only the first book had been published. The second book, Golden Son, was due out about a month after I finished Red Rising. I couldn't wait. Then after reading through Golden Son it was going to be quite a while before the final installment Morning Star was released. To fill the time, I purchased the audio books of each of the first two books and enjoyed the stories anew. Finally, after Morning Star was released, I was able to finish the story. I've now read through the series a couple of times and listened through the audio books a few times as well. I thoroughly enjoyed both the story and the writing immensely. I've read through many of the other young adult series like Divergent and The Hunger Games and keep coming back to Red Rising as the one I feel is the most complete package. The characters are well developed and deep enough to keep the reader interested while the story itself is detailed and, while set well into the future, believable. Now I have to hope that Pierce Brown gets back to work and gives us another spellbinding story to sink into.

WOW - what a great book - very well written and a story that the reader cannot let go of. Book 1 of the Trilogy has a mix of Avatar, Matrix and Hunger Games. Book 2 continues Hunger Games and then moves to Star Wars. Book 3 is "The Empire Strikes Back". The story takes place 700 years into the future when Society has developed into a highly structured Color designated society with the Golds at the top and controlling all the lesser colors. There are 8 Color groups. Each are trained to carry out specific functions within the Society. Pinks take care of all the human comforts for the Golds. Blues are the techy engineers. Reds are the mining group from which the main character,

Darrow, arises. After seeing his wife executed by a Gold Arch Governor for a minor offense, Darrow is "carved" into "the one" who is sent into the midst of the Golds as an undercover lesser Color to plot the downfall of the Golds. This book is hard to put down. It is beautifully written and Pierce Brown artfully weaves a hopeful philosophy into the story. Loved this book. Looking forward to the next release in August this year.

I can't say that I've had too many favorites as far as series post-Harry Potter that also fall within the sci-fi-dystopian category. I had my doubts about the Red Rising trilogy, thinking it was more hype than it deserved for all the stories we get about social and government reform and injustice. This was worth the hype. So this is where we are at the beginning of Morning Star. Darrow is captured by Adrius at the end of Golden Son. We fast forward a year into his imprisonment and torture. He gets rescued of course, but not without suffering serious damage physically, psychologically, and emotionally. In the time that Darrow has been held captive, Sevro, has taken control over the Sons of Ares now that his father is dead. With Darrow out of the limelight and not leading the rising, the Sons have to deal with Sevro, and needless to say, he's a completely different type of leader. He's insane and it shows. I admit the first and last parts of Morning Star were my favorite, because I started it as soon as I finished Golden Son. The middle had a very serious slump. I stopped and re-started where I left off multiple times. I maybe got 2-20 pages in at a time before I was able to seriously get back into the pace of the story. Pierce Brown is that author that you love and hate because he drags your heart through angst alley, followed by a long trip down despair drive. There are character deaths, revivals, plot twists. And many, many swears in surprise, and Big No moments. He teases you in the beginning and coaxes you with the details post the immediate ending of Golden Son, and then he just tosses you into a world of crazy for the next 58+ chapters. We see a lot of character growth in Darrow, at least from my perspective. I love how ambiguously moral some of these characters are. They are very logical and rational, which seems unsympathetic or unemphatic, but that is not the case. There are a very shocking, yet drastically pleasing relationship development for my favorite characters and a just deserts-ending for a character you want so much to feel your wrath while you read. Pierce Brown tells a story that truly engages you because I was seriously shouting and cursing as I read this book. Those are signs of a good story - when you can emotionally invest yourself and come out battered, but pleased you've read a good story. A good one for masochistic readers.

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