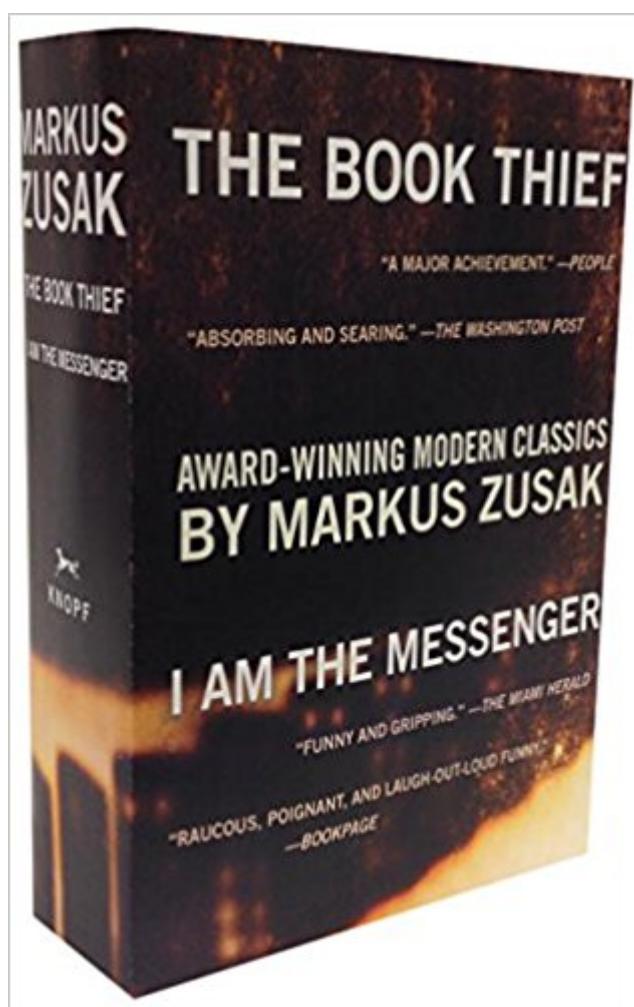


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This is a two-in-one e-book. I have finished the first half, The Book Thief. I wish I was in a book club

so I could talk with others who have read this book. I still don't know what I think of the author's decision to use the character of "Death" as the narrator of the book. This created an experience similar to watching a play in which the actors "break the 4th wall" and speak directly to the audience. The narrative by Death seemed to minimize the pain in the story by creating a separation that kept me from being drawn into the story. I never forgot I was reading a work of fiction. Did this allow me to keep going, or did it trivialize the evil of the Nazi reign in Germany? Or did it do both? It was only in the last two chapters that I felt a real connection to the characters in the story. When the pain hit, it hit hard. If it had not been the end of the book, I may have stopped reading. I will be interested in what others think. I do plan to finish the e-book and read *I Am the Messenger* at some point.

Loved the movie but found the book very hard to read as it is not told by the main character in the story! I read several books a month so I feel that I can give this review!

*The Book Thief* and *I Am the Messenger* are two books by one of my favourite authors and I liked the fact that they were sold together for a quite affordable price. Thanks for this great offer!

*The Book Thief* was an interesting read. Would have given it 5 stars except for the bold print from the grim reaper. *I Am The Messenger* was what brought it up to 4 stars. A nice read. Very pleasant with a message. A message I like.

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