

Storm Glass (Harbinger #1)
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When school lets out and your summer reading schedule opens up, you venture into the jungle of Amazon's book sales and discover a previously unknown treasure. You buy the book and practically devour it; then you return to Amazon to pounce on the sequel. What has previously been an unfamiliar book to you now becomes a favorite adventure. Such was my experience with *Storm Glass*, by *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Jeff Wheeler.

Though twelve-year-old protagonists Cettie and Sera have never met, their fates are about to intertwine. While struggling with personal demons—figuratively and literally—the girls must navigate the turmoil of a society that has strict expectations for all individuals no matter their statuses. But for reasons beyond Cettie and Sera's understanding, powerful forces are targeting them, forces that few adults seem to believe in or comprehend, forces that are dragging the girls into a game that is bigger and more dangerous than they imagined. . . .

In one word, this novel is *intelligent*. Part steampunk fantasy, part political drama, *Storm Glass* stands out from the masses. Three-dimensional characters amaze, delight, confuse, and enrage you. Wheeler's breathtaking imagery transports you to a spectacular world. Set in a universe of arcane magic, societal prejudice, mysterious enemies, and captivating beliefs, this novel makes you contemplate the world—and the people—you think you know.

-Suzanne Uchytel