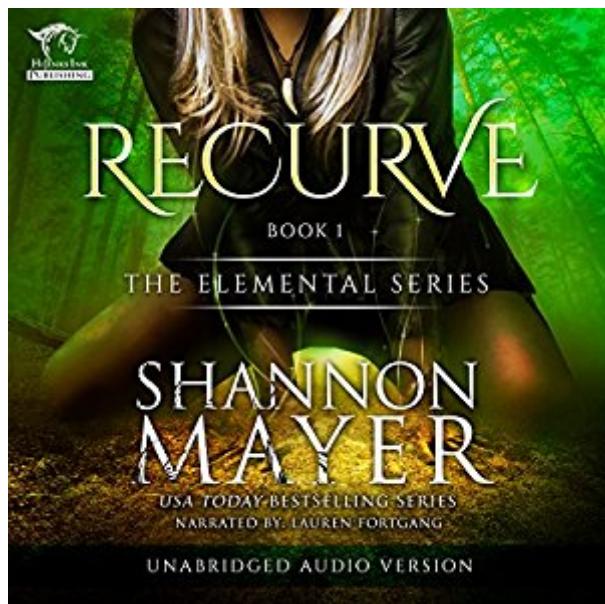


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# Recurve: The Elemental Series, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

"My name is Larkspur, and I am an Elemental." My people use the power of the earth to sustain life and defy our enemies. I should be at my father's side as a royal princess. But as a half-breed, bastard child, that isn't going to happen. I've been accused of attacking the queen, my wicked stepmother, and my life is suddenly on the line. I have only two options left to me: banishment, or training to become one of the King's Elite Guards, an Ender. Option one will kill me. Option two is meant to break me, but is the only way to survive. Did I mention I have no power like the rest of the elementals, and my connection to the earth is worth next to nothing? Could things get any worse? Of course they can. Welcome to being an Elemental.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is the start of another great series. We are lead to believe Lark is the weakest member of the her family. That she cannot contribute to her society. But Lark is a hero in the making, people underestimate her and that may be her greatest asset. Shannon Mayer is creative and is building a world and characters that you want to learn more about. Her imagination has created an alternate world that is vivid and as much a part of the story as the characters.

This Elemental series stars Larkspur, the Destroyer. A princess half-breed, part Spirit and part Earth Elemental. She is also training to be an Ender, a protector of her people. She deemed weak in the eyes of her family and left live as an outsider amongst them due to the manipulations of the queen. She finds her inner strength in time to save her people. I highly recommend reading this series.

Recurve is the first book in the series, Breakwater is the second book and I believe there is a total of five books in the series that I know of, possibly six but not positive about that. Can't wait to start the next book!

This is the tale of Larkspur, an elemental, who I had the pleasure of meeting in Ms. Mayer's Rylee Adamson series. Larkspur is the illegitimate daughter of the king who is married to an evil queen. An evil queen who killed Lark's mother and brother and blocked Larkspur's memories and abilities. She is known in the kingdom as "useless" and weak, but as she comes of age and hits rock bottom, she struggles to learn the truth of her dreams and awaken her abilities to save her family and the people in the kingdom. I really love Shannon Mayer's style of story telling and recommend this young adult book to all who love magic, grit, action mixed in with their fantasy

It took some time for me to really delve into the story that Mayer weaves in Recurve. The lack of explanations in the beginning was frustrating, however when the plot started to develop I was quickly enthralled. I could not put this book down. The characters seem shallow at first, but with time it becomes easier to picture each individual as you read. The end of this novel left me satisfied, even so I was left craving so much more. I would have been happy if this book had been a thousand pages long. As far as a parental rating, this book contained some adult language, mild references to sexual activity, and descriptive scenes of violence.

Decent read, and I bought the next book in the series, but it is a bit formulaic and predictable. Hoping the next book will be better.

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Ugh I finished this in a day. While I was at work I kept thinking abt this book. This is one of her best

work. I thought I loved Riley but in some ways Lark has her beat. This book has you from the very beginning. Loss of innocence via the death of her family. You root for lark and just want something good to come her way. Great to see the allies starting to come to her aid in unlikely places at the end. Interested to see what role Ash will play in her life. This is a must read. Hands down. I loved that it was unlike anything I read in a while. I can't wait till the next installment comes out and I pray it's sometime soon as this is a world I loved getting lost in.

WOW I love this book, OK I love all the Rylee and now the Elemental Series books. How can you describe this book and not give too much away. I love the glimpse of the different Elementals and how Lark can see what they plan on doing before they do it to help give herself an advantage when she thinks she has no powers. I can not wait to read more of Lark as she learns her true powers. The knowledge of what really happened and not being able to tell anyone for the fear of how Lark would be treated - wow, that kind of secret has got to be a hard one. Lark and Griffin O'Shea - oh wow do I love that twist. I can't wait to see where that goes. I can't wait to read more.

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