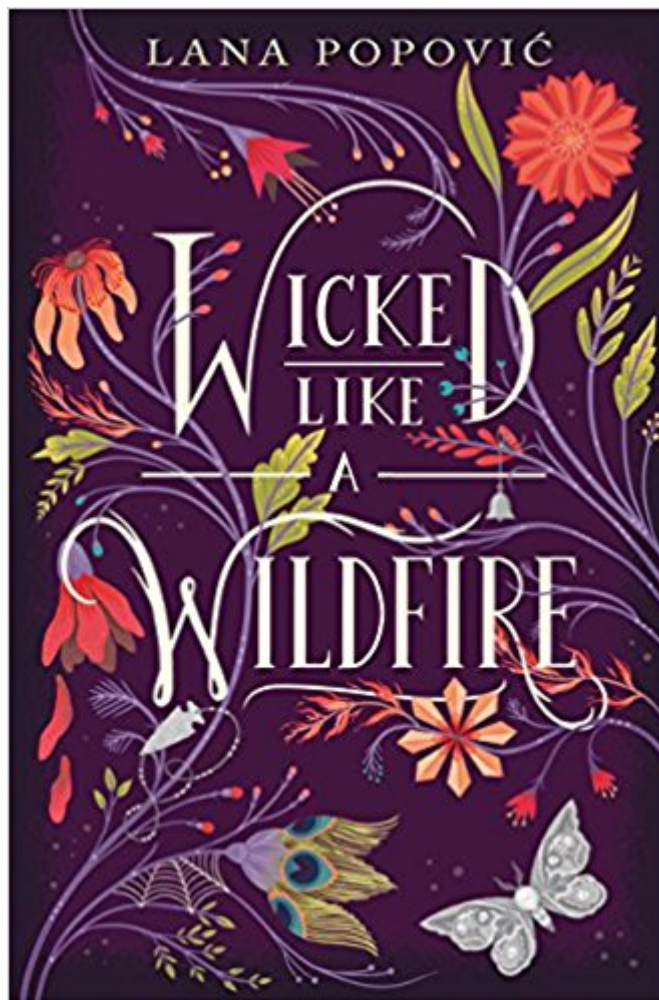


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# Wicked Like A Wildfire



## Synopsis

“Lush. Delicious. Bewildering. And darkly magical. Popovic has created a world that you tumble into from the very first words and wish you could stay in forever.” —Evelyn Skye, author of *The Crown’s Game* “Wicked Like a Wildfire was like devouring a succulent fairy fruit” it will rob your time, settle into your dreams, and leave you starving for more.” —Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of *The Star-Touched Queen* Fans of Holly Black and Leigh Bardugo will be bewitched by Lana Popovic’s debut YA fantasy novel about a bargain that binds the fates “and hearts” of twin sisters to a force larger than life. All the women in Iris and Malina’s family have the unique magical ability or “gleam” to manipulate beauty. Iris sees flowers as fractals and turns her kaleidoscope visions into glasswork, while Malina interprets moods as music. But their mother has strict rules to keep their gifts a secret, even in their secluded sea-side town. Iris and Malina are not allowed to share their magic with anyone, and above all, they are forbidden from falling in love. But when their mother is mysteriously attacked, the sisters will have to unearth the truth behind the quiet lives their mother has built for them. They will discover a wicked curse that haunts their family line “but will they find that the very magic that bonds them together is destined to tear them apart forever?” *Wicked Like a Wildfire* is the first in a two-book series. Readers will be rapt with anticipation for the sequel.

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"Love makes us even brighter than we are, until the gleam grows into a roman candle, impossible to contain. Everyone can see us shine with it, then, and it's the nature of the human beast to fear what it doesn't understand." • - Lana Popović, *Wicked Like a Wildfire*

What would you do with the power to influence beauty in the world around you? If you are anything like me and love stories with many details that it drags you right in, this is a great book for you. *Wicked Like a Wildfire*, written by Lana Popović, is an engrossing tale that hooked me from the beginning with her descriptions of the world around two twins and their mother. Twins, Iris and Malina, each have a different gleam, a power that manipulates the beauty around them. Their mother forbids them using their gleams and tells them to keep it secret and above all else, not to fall in love, as their lives could be put into danger. The story follows Iris, who has the gleam of making kaleidoscopes from the objects around her, mainly flowers. When the twin's mother is attacked, it is up to them to learn of her past and make a future for themselves with that knowledge. This book definitely captures the world, set in modern day Montenegro, and describes everything with such feeling and detail. I have read other's reviews which stated that they disliked how detailed *Wicked Like a Wildfire* was, but it made the setting pop up around me and see, smell, hear and want to touch everything Popović described. The pages flew by as I was enthralled by the book and the surprise twists and turns it took. I would recommend this book to those who love magic, witches, captivating details, and of course, love. This book was recently released on August 15th, 2017.

*Hibiscus Daughter #1*  
 Author: Lana Popović  
 Genre: Young Adult Fantasy  
 Reviewed by: Kelsey Batchelor on 8/23/2017 on

Like the book cover, this story is a work of art. This has to be the most detailed story I think I've ever read. Rich in magic, beauty, mystery and sacrifice. The ending; talk about being left hanging!!! I am greatly looking forward to the sequel.

[Disclaimer: I received a free e-copy ARC of this book from Edelweiss. Thank you to the publisher!]5 out of 5 stars. Where do I begin with this spellbinding novel? Perhaps that reading this compares to a piece of melting chocolate on your tongue. Or the fact that the prose, the story, and the characters felt like sunshine by the sea. Honestly, this book felt REAL. The imagery, the descriptions, the story were so engrossing that I could not tear myself away. This is a story of women, of beauty, desire and love. Malina and Iris are twins, born with special talents: Malina can sing what others feel while Iris can fracture her surroundings into beautiful gleams. Their abilities, are however, curbed by their overprotective and sometimes violent mother. Then one day, a stranger arrives in town, she has snow white hair but is young and she turns their world upside down. That same day - their mother is brutally attacked and is now dying. In order to save her, Malina and Iris, must uncover their mother's secrets, find their family and discover a terrible curse which their great ancestor put into motion. The story is set in Montenegro and I swear, every time Popovic described it - I felt like I was there, experiencing the sunshine and eating the food. Popovic incorporates local folklore and legends into her book and these are unlike anything I have ever heard before. *Wicked Like a Wildfire* is a book which explores what it is to be a woman, to love, to age, to have children and to lose all. It is a book about how far we would go in order to never experience pain or loss. It is a book about family, and sisterhood and motherhood. All told through incredibly fantastic tale which ends in one of the biggest cliff-hangers I have ever read. It begs the question: how far would you go to protect the ones you love? I will be HIGHLY anticipating the sequel in this beautiful duology.

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