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Magic Burns: Kate Daniels, Book 2



Synopsis

In the second book in number-one New York Times best-selling author Ilona Andrews' Kate Daniels series, tempers - and temperatures - are rising! A mercenary in magic-torn Atlanta who cleans up after magic gone wrong, Kate Daniels has seen it all - and some things she couldn't even have imagined. Normally, waves of paranormal energy ebb and flow like an ocean current. But once every seven years, a paranormal flare comes and brings magic like a tidal wave. Now Kate faces problems on a much bigger scale: a divine one. When Kate sets out to retrieve a set of stolen maps for the Pack, Atlanta's paramilitary organization of shapeshifters, she quickly realizes the stakes. During a flare, gods and goddesses can manifest and battle for power. The stolen maps are only the first contest in an epic tug-of-war between two gods hoping for rebirth. And if Kate can't stop their cataclysmic showdown, the city may not survive.

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Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is way better than the first book and I'm glad I gave this series another chance. I bet there was a new editor because this book flowed much better than the first. I only liked the first book okay, which got better toward the end which was why I gave this series another chance. Magic Burns on the other hand was good and makes me want to read more of Kate Daniels. I like a strong heroine who doesn't think she is the best at what she does so when she gets hurt it isn't shocking and annoying. I also like to see characters who care about others. Kate taught Bran how to be a real hero, which was cool in my book. I'm also intrigued with how the

relationship with Kate and Curran might develop. This book had me laughing out loud several times. Narrator was okay, she was a little over dramatic at the end.

This book was the perfect example if you feel the author has good bones to her story, take the time to read the next book in the series and see how you feel. In "Magic Bites" the story felt awkward to me and I wished to have read more background on the heroine, Kate Daniels. Also, I wondered how the city of Atlanta had gotten to such a state of confusion and chaos....well, in this excellent second tale, "Magic Burns," not only do we learn both of the above, we are taken on a journey to try and restore Atlanta, at least in the hearts of it's current citizens. Kate Daniels, suddenly finds herself petitioned to do several jobs at once. All the jobs lead her to what easily could be a battle to the death. The Magic is into a fluctuation that releases a potent 'flare' every seven years. When magic lets loose the conditions in Atlanta are crazed. Buildings melt, shape-shifters have difficulty holding their 'human' shapes and more. It drives persons insane. The flare is upon them, this time precious maps held sacred and close by the Pack are stolen and Kate's help is needed to retrieve them. What she finds is Gods and Goddesses fighting each other using Atlanta as their battleground. It will take Kate's powers, the Pack, The People, and the Witches to try and expel these 'foreigners.' This is a fast pace, action packed, emotional book. Now, I really understand the power of Ms. Andrews pen.

I was wrong . This book has everything and urban fantasy needs to be absolutely and completely believable. It has well-rounded characters. It has a fantastic plot that twists and turns more than a captured snake and it has just a touch of romance that makes the reader wonder what is going to happen between Kate and Curran next. Not to mention the smart and sassy dialogue that just keeps getting better and better . You can bet your bottom dollar I am going to read the whole series that all of the side novellas as well .

Plot Summary: Kate has settled into her new job at the Order, when the Pack asks her to track down some stolen survey maps. She takes the job, despite her reluctance to ever see the Pack's alpha, Curran, again. While finding the maps, Kate also finds an orphaned teenage girl, whose mother was part of an amateur witch coven. The entire coven has disappeared, and Kate keeps finding clues that these wannabe witches may have opened the door to earth for something hugely powerful and not so nice. I inhaled this book like a ravenous dog treated to a sausage. By the time I had finished, my eyes were blurry from focusing on small print for too many hours nonstop and I had

a monster headache, but I have zero regrets. Since there was no way I was going to bed until I finished "Magic Burns," I must assign it my top rating. I think it's safe to say that this series has captivated me completely. Does this mean that Andrews added a real romance to the plot? Sort of. The small sign posts Andrews had posted in book one regarding Kate and Curran have turned into big, blinking road blocks that shout, "Warning, Romance is Eminent." Maybe by the next book they'll get somewhere, but to be honest, I am in no hurry. Courtship does not come easy for characters like these, and I fully expect that hell will freeze over before Kate submits to any of Curran's alpha-driven demands. Someone is going to have to bend over backwards to make this relationship work, and I can't wait to see who it will be. All the characters we met in "Magic Bites" are back in Kate's life, and the story moves along at a good clip since Andrews doesn't have to build everyone from scratch. This book closes with an awesome battle between the Pack and a freaking god no less, which resembles a battle scene from "Lord of the Rings" in my head. If I could have seen this on the big screen, I would have been jumping up and down, throwing popcorn, and having a fabulous time. It's kind of hard to do all that while reading 200+ words a minute, but you get the idea. This story absorbed me like an amoeba eating its dinner. Go buy it now, so you can be amoeba food too.

I was hoping for a little bit more from book 2. I wanted some structure and consistency with this author's creation. However, like book 1, I kept getting the feeling that she is "making it up as she goes along." It's pretty good...but it lacks a more organized concept.

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